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'TAKE THE ROAD OF MERCY TO GOD'S HEART'

(From the homily of Pope Francis during the Mass at Casa Santa Marta on Friday 21 September, the Feast of St Mathew, the Apostle, taken from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2018-09/pope-francis-mass-santa-marta0.html>, accessed on 24/09/2018)

Speaking to those gathered at the Casa Santa Marta for Holy Mass, the Pope reflected on the liturgical reading that tells of how Jesus invited Matthew, the tax collector, and other sinners to join him at his table.

"One may think that Jesus lacked the good sense to choose the right people as his followers" Francis said, but then he remarked on how in the life of the Church, so many Christians, so many saints have been chosen by Jesus from the 'lowest ranks'.

Thus, the Pope said, Christians should always be aware of where they come from and they should never forget their sins; they must cherish the memory of the Lord "who had mercy of their sins and chose them to be a Christian, an apostle".

Matthew never forgot his origins

Describing the tax collector Matthew's reaction to the Lord's call, the Pope said he did not dress in luxury, he did not begin to tell others "I am the prince of the apostles, I issue orders... No! He lived the rest of his life for the Gospel".

When an apostle forgets his origins and starts off on a career path, the Pope explained, he distances himself from the Lord and become an 'official'. An official who perhaps does a good job, but he is not an apostle. He is incapable of 'transmitting' Jesus; he is someone who organizes pastoral projects and plans and many other things; he is what he called an "*affarista*" - a "wheeler-dealer" - of the Kingdom of God because he has forgotten from where he was chosen.

That's why, Francis continued, it is important to preserve the memory of our origins: "this memory must accompany the life of the apostle and of every Christian".

We lack generosity, the Lord does not

Instead of looking at ourselves, Pope Francis said, we tend to look at others, at their sins, and to talk about them. This, he said, is a harmful habit. It's better to accuse oneself, the Pope suggested, and keep in mind from where the Lord chose us from.

"When the Lord chooses it is for something great. To be a Christian is a great thing, a beautiful thing" he said.

It is us, the Pope said, who distance ourselves: “we lack generosity and we negotiate with the Lord, but He awaits us”.

The Doctors of the Law were scandalized

When Matthew was called by Jesus he renounced all to follow Him, the Pope said, noting that he invited his friends to sit with Jesus to celebrate the Master. At that table, he said, sat “the very worst of society. And Jesus with them”.

The doctors of the Law, Francis continued, were scandalized. They called the disciples and said: “Why does your teacher eat with these people? Eating with some who is unclean contaminates you”. But, Jesus heard this and said “Go and learn the words: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’. “God's mercy seeks everyone, forgives everyone.

The only thing he asks of you is to say: ‘Yes, help me’. That’s all” he said.

The Mystery of Mercy

To those who were scandalized, Pope Francis concluded, Jesus said that “those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do”.

“The Lord's mercy is a mystery; God’s heart is the greatest and most beautiful mystery. [If you want to make your way to God’s heart, take the road of mercy, and allow yourself be treated with mercy](#)”.

Feast of St Theresa of Avila

Feast of St Theresa’s shrine Mahe is from 5th - 22nd October 2018. The Pontifical Mass is on 15th October 2018. As you know it is one of the important Diocesan Pilgrim Centers. I request all of you to participate in the feast and get blessings from this Great Saint.

Devotion to Mother Mary

The month of October is dedicated to the devotion towards Mother Mary; the woman of the Eucharist and the star of Evangelization. It is through the meditation on Rosary in our churches and families we show our Marian devotion. Rosary has a pivotal place in our family prayer and in our personal prayer. Let us all walk along with Mary by praying Rosary and be rooted firmly in our faith in Eucharist. I urge all of you to regain the culture of Rosary in our families and churches.

Death Anniversary

- The first death anniversary of Rev. Fr Sebastian Kuriyaparmbil is on 7th October 2018. we will have a requiem mass on **Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 5.00pm in Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu**. I invite all the priests of the diocese to join the Eucharistic Celebration and pray for his soul. May his soul rest in peace.

- The death anniversary of my mother (Mariakutty) is on 17th October 2018, please remember her in your prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Birthdays

October	06	H.E. Bishop Joseph Kalathiparambil
	07	Rev. Fr Joseph Nicholas Rev. Fr Paul Percy D'Silva Rev. Fr Denny Moses
	08	Rev. Fr Joseph Chittooparambil, S. J.
	10	Rev. Fr Anto Muringatherry, S. J.
	19	Rev. Fr Jose Mathew, S. J. Rev. Fr Arjun John
	20	Rev. Fr Anto Dioneceius, S. J

We join you dear fathers in thanking the Lord for the gift of life and wish you a very happy Birthday and God's blessings. "*Ad Multos Annos*"

Seminarians formation fund

Mr Joy, Holy Cross Church, Poomala.....	Rs 5,000.00
Mr Saji & Grace, Sacred Heart Church, Kalpetta.....	Rs 20,000.00
Arogyamatha Church, Munderi.....	Rs 6,000.00
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Total	Rs 31,000.00

Deepalayam School of Visually impaired

St Aloysius School, Karanthur	Rs 5,000.00
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BISHOP'S DIARY- OCTOBER, 2018

October 2	:	Meeting with Sr Susheela, Superior General, Apostolic Carmel
October 3	:	Meeting People
October 4	:	Bishop's House
October 5-6	:	Carmelgiri Seminary, Aluva
October 7	:	Aluva
October 8	:	Engaged
October 9	5.00pm:	Requiem Mass, Death anniversary of Fr Sebastian Kuriyaparambil, Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu
October 13	:	Bishop's house
October 14	:	Feast Mass, Little Flower Church, Mavoor
October 15	10.00am:	Feast Mass, St Theresa's Shrine, Mahe
October 16	:	Bishop's House
October 17	:	Death anniversary of Bishop's Mother
October 20	10.00am:	Inaugural Talk, All India Catholic Philosophers Association
October 21	10.30am:	Feast Mass, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam
October 22-26	:	Retreat, Sulthan Bathery
October 27	4.30pm:	Feast Mass, St Jude's Shrine, Chundale
October 28	5.00pm:	Confirmation & Feast Mass, Ayurnikethan Church, Kottakal
October 29	7.00pm:	Home of Love, Generalate