



# Kerala Tidings

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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

My early years in the Society of Jesus were at XTTI, Patna, in the late Seventies. Today XTTI functions as St Xavier's College, Patna. The tabernacle of the Novitiate chapel, still partially preserved as prayer room of the College, has the image of the Swan, with the Sanskrit expression pointing to the mythical bird's capacity to separate milk from water. It is an excellent imagery for discernment, an Ignatian legacy which we are called upon to walk day by day. Both Fr General and Pope Francis periodically remind us of its importance.

Addressing the Provincials gathering at Godavari, Nepal, Fr General particularly referred to his recent letter on Discernment in Common. Our effort to orient ourselves to the call of the *Universal Apostolic Preferences* and our task ahead to complete the Province's Apostolic Plan primarily calls for conversion. A very valuable theme indeed in the Lenten season! It has to become effective at the personal, communitarian and institutional levels. Let me conclude with a quote from Pope Francis' Lenten message for 2020. "If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the 'father of lies,' we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness."

*E.P. Mathew, SJ*

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### MARCH

- 02 : Delhi to Agartala Bishop's House
- 03 : Visit to the School at Jampuijala  
: Recollection talk to the clergy
- 04 : Kumarghat, Tripura
- 05-06 : Jakhama, Nagaland
- 07 : Golden Jubilee of Kohima Region
- 08 : Sameeksha, Kalady by late evening
- 09 : Back at Christ Hall, Kozhikode
- 13 : Province Consult, Christ Hall
- 14-15 : Budget meeting, Christ Hall
- 19-20 : Loyola Aluva
- 21 : ICTA, Kalamassery
- 22-23 : Santhinilayam, Kottayam

## TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**Fr Adhul Ulloppillil** : Assistant Vicar, St Mary's Forane Church, Mullenkolly (Mananthavady diocese)

**Fr Jose Pittappillil** : Assistant Vicar, St Andrew's Basilica, Arthunkal (Alleppey diocese)

**Fr Anto Dionecius** : Vicar, Infant Jesus Church, Nilampur (Calicut diocese)

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## STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS 2020-21

### DEGREE STUDIES

Ajith Thudiyapackal	: Vijayawada
Afin J.L.	: Mangalore
Eby Parankimalil	: Mangalore
Cicil Valiakarottu	: Bangalore
Sebastian Chiriyann Kandath	: Bangalore
Steev J. Palackal	: Kottayam

### PHILOSOPHY STUDIES

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Albin Namattathil	: Satya Nilayam, Chennai
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### REGENCY

Anjo Alappat Palathingal	: Pre-Novitiate, Pachilakad
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Frangle Xavier	: Tripura
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Libin Puthukadath	: Poovar
Sebin Vellamaruthunkal	: Christ Hall

### SPECIAL STUDIES

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### THE IGNATIAN YEAR: TO SEE ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST



The Ignatian Year 2021-2022 already has an official logo to be used in all activities and information about this event. It was

designed by the Spanish architect Emilio Ortiz Zaforas. It presents in Latin the name of the Founder of the Society of Jesus, "Ignatius", which Iñigo de Loyola adopted years after his conversion in 1521. The cross is visible in the center of the word, and it also points to the classic emblem of the Society, "IHS". The S at the end of the name doubles as the figure 5 at the beginning of the number 500 in a logo that, in a contemporary graphic, connects Ignatius' old signature with our days by means of a new design. Thus, it wants to combine the epoch of Ignatius' conversion with the motto chosen for this celebration: **"To see all things new in Christ"**.

### RETREAT FOR FORMED JESUITS

Dates : 02 (even) -10 (afternoon) May 2020  
 Venue : Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur  
 Director : Fr Francis Pudhicherry (GUJ)  
 Formed Jesuits from South Zone Provinces are welcome to join this retreat.  
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## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

February came with many joyful occasions and celebrations. The community had its picnic to Peruvayal near Mavoor and enjoyed the hospitality of the DSS sisters. The Christ Hall staff also had a day of picnic to Karayathumpara near Kakkayam, to be followed by the SRC staff also going on a picnic. The community celebrated the birthday of **Fr K. J. Thomas**, Superior, and honoured **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** for securing an MBA in Finance from Pondicherry University. Christuraja School had its Annual Day on February 14 under the guidance of Fr K. J. Thomas, its manager. The children made the day memorable with their creative cultural expressions. On the last day of the month we welcomed **Fr Abraham Adappur**, the senior-most Jesuit in the province, to our community. **Fr Thomas Anthraper** and **Br Sebastian Valiamattam** are admitted to Nirmala hospital as they grew weaker.

*Jomon*

### ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

The community had a two-day picnic to the verdant plantations of Wayanad - a welcome change from the



scorching sun of Kozhikode. The trip to Meppady, Ambalavayal and finally the proverbial hospitality of the Pachilakad community left sweet memories on each one of us. It was a highly relaxing, refreshing and enriching outing for all of us.

On February 19, St Joseph's witnessed a special gathering of all the retired teachers of the school. The programme was organized by Mr Thomas Mathew, the present headmaster who is retiring from service on March 31. It began with a concelebrated Mass by 10 priests, with **Fr Kallepallil** as the main celebrant. A good number of his former colleagues spoke on the occasion showering accolades on him. Mr Thomas Mathew profusely thanked the Jesuits for enabling him to serve with pride in this prestigious Jesuit institution. The function ended with a sumptuous and varied dinner for all.

The Junior School Annual Day – FIVE FINGERS – was celebrated on February 7 in the school quadrangle. **Fr Ramlat** managed to get his own teacher and mentor Prof. V. Madhsoodanan Nair, the renowned Malayalam poet, as the chief guest for the day. He kept the audience spell bound with his erudite speech especially meant for the mothers. Reminiscing the good old days at St Xavier's Thumba, he praised the Jesuits for their erudition and commitment to the cause of education. This function was inaugurated by our Provincial. Later, the Junior School conducted the first **Fr Mathew Nampiaparambil** Memorial Basketball Tournament February 14th to 17th. Fr Mathew's younger brother and his family were present for the finals between C. M. C High School, Elathur and Bhavan's School, Perumthurithy and the latter lifted the prestigious trophy.

*Joseph Edassery*

### SARVODAYA, EACHOME

This year the school day celebrations had the halo of a farewell as three veterans are all set to say goodbye to Sarvodaya - **Fr Wilson Puthussery**, the Head Master, Ms Alice teacher, and Ms Rukmini (office staff). A large contingent from Varapuzha was present for the function which was presided over by **Fr P. T. Mathew**, the Acting Provincial. Mgr Abraham Nellikal, VG of Mananthavady diocese, inaugurated. Sarvodaya published a school magazine for the first time in its history (titled "Kedavilakkukal") and it was

released during the School Annual Day by Fr. P. T. Mathew.

Sarvodaya auditorium has been furnished with rubberised flooring, thanks to **Fr Bastin's** managerial skills. Ten scouts and guides students received *Rajapuraskara* award this year. One of our candidates scored distinction and two others first class in the Higher Course in Catechesis-HCC 2 conducted by the Chair of Christian Studies, University of Calicut. Sixty tribal students from SSLC and Higher Secondary classes are attending the Residential Camp in the school in preparation for their final exams. **Fr Biju George** was away in Lumen helping the Editorial board of *Ezhuthu* magazine. **Fr Anil** went to attend a course in "Financial Management and Legal Compliances for Registered Societies" at JDV, Pune. As soon as he returned he took up the supervision of the digging of a well in our property across the road. It is a valuable help as the School-well has dried up and we are experiencing acute water shortage already.

*Ed Thomas*

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

Both the Novice Master and Fr Socius went to attend a Meeting of Superiors and Consultors at Christ Hall, and **Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy** was away in Mangalore directing a month-long Ignatian Sadhana for the Tertians of Bethany Congregation. In the absence of all three of them, **Fr Shin Kallungal** graciously served as the Acting Superior of Loyola Community. Thank you, Fr Shin. In order to improve our facility in English, we were given special classes and we decided to keep English as our primary medium of communication from February 1. Fr Jacob took classes for the second years on the Constitutions of the SJ' and **Fr Rachans** enlightened the first years on the Spiritual Exercises. On 23rd we went on a community picnic and visited the tomb of **St Mariam Theresa** and also spent some memorable time on Cherai Beach. It also happened to be the birthday of novice **Poly Martin**. We were initiated to the Lenten Season by Fr Prasad Theruvathu OCD with an inspiring talk on the importance of growing in virtues.

*Praveen & Rins*

### SAMEEKSHA / ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The community celebrated the birthday of **Fr T.V. John** on February 27. **Fr Xavier Tharamel** presented a paper on "Christian Models of Pluralistic Engagement"

at the National Conference organised by St Joseph's Pontifical Institute, Aluva. Xavier attended "Dharsana Samanvayam", a day-long consultation of the religious representatives to promote interreligious harmony in contemporary India, convened by Muni Narayana Prasad at Advaita Ashram, Aluva. The *Dharmasameeksha* lecture on "Women in the Islamic Perspective" was given by Dr. Mufeeda Kaeed. At another *Dharmasameeksha* dialogue, Sr Dr Noel, CMC spoke on "Women in the Bible and in the Church." The *Jnanasameeksha* group had a three-day session on the Synoptic Gospels guided by Sr Dr Udaya, CHF. Distinguished visitors to Sameeksha included **Fr Amrit Rai, SJ**, Regional Superior of Nepal, **Fr John Savard, SJ**, Rector of Loyola, Maryland, and **Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara** who came to visit **Fr George Nedungatt**.

Atmamitra had a fruitful period of engaging with the young and old alike. It got entry into new Schools across Kerala. Two one-day seminars were conducted for the students of the two Jesuit schools in Kozhikode, St Joseph's HSS and St Joseph's Junior School. Programmes were organized for college staff at Media Village, Changanacherry and for students at MES College, Kunnukara. Our *Ignite NLP* Programmes are reaching the masses, and we had new batches at Kanyakumari (*Thozhamai Illam*), Sulthan Bathery (*Shreyas*) and at Pariyaram (IRC). The last one was under the auspices of Samskruthi, thanks to **Fr Immanuel Koyan**, and it had 55 participants. We hosted the first ever **Gaminar** (two-day Seminar on Games) for trainers and teachers. It was attended by 47 trainers and teachers from all over Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and every participant appreciated it. **Fr Toby** addressed the Professors of Carmelgiri Seminary and the Rectors of Minor Seminaries (Latin Rite) of Kerala on motivating young people.

*Toby*

### AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The Award Day of the school was celebrated in a grand manner. **Mar Jose Pulickal**, the newly appointed Bishop of Kanjrapally, was the chief guest. Presidents of the gram panchayath as well as the district panchayath addressed the students. **Fr George Sebastian** gave a thought provoking message on this occasion. Our LP section conducted a beautiful sports meet with colourful displays. **Fr Binoy Jacob** addressed the

parents on Effective Parenting. Parents appreciated his talks. Samanvaya Jesuit community invited the School Staff for a gathering over tea on 12 February. **Fr Stephen**, Superior, welcomed them and briefed them on the history of Jesuit presence in Kanjirappally. 50 students of SSLC and Plus Two stayed in the school to prepare for the public exams under the supervision of **Fr Varkeychan**. **Frs Jose Pittappillil** and **Athul Ulloppillil**, the newly ordained priests, were with us and they celebrated Mass for the students in the school.

*Varkeychan Mecheril*

### LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM

It is difficult to believe that so soon we have arrived at the fag end of the academic year in Loyola School. We have six retirees this year -- Ms Soni George, Ms Elizabeth Mathew, Ms Vineeta Pant and Mr Ajayakumar from the teaching staff, and Mr George and Ms Lissy from the non-teaching staff. The school and the PTA arranged touching farewell functions for them.



The fourth round of the Loyola College Golden Jubilee Memorial Lecture was delivered by Mr Sitaram Yechury – the General Secretary, CPI(M) – on the theme, "Challenges of Indian Democracy – A Contemporary Perspective" on 18th February. An intercollegiate fest was hosted by the MAPM Department on the 28 February. Around 160 students from different colleges in Kerala participated. Shri Soorya Krishnamoorthy addressed the gathering stressing the need for concern for others. He gave away the prizes too.

*Devassy*

### VIDAYANIKETAN (SICJ), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The beauty of nature was deeply experienced by us when we visited Shembaganur for our ecology course.

We were guided by **Fr John Britto Bonventre, SJ**. After the course we visited Madurai Meenakshi temple and Thirumalai Nayakkar Mahal. On our return, we began our preparations for the 26th Academy Day. Fr Lenin Fernandez (director of youth ministry of the Archdiocese, was the chief guest for the Academy Day 2020. We put up a mime on the recent agitations of CAA, and it was appreciated by the audience. A documentary titled **Jesuit Juniorate 101** prepared by the juniors is available on the youtube. We got a chance to attend the CRI meeting where Rev. Dr. Susai Packiam, Archbishop of Thiruvananthapuram, was the guest of honour. At present we are getting ready for the Assistency-level ADF exam.

*Sebastian Chiriyann Kandath*

### **AADI, ATTAPPADI**

There was a court case going on against **Fr P.S. Antony** and a group of activists for picketing the Coco-Cola company at Plachimada as part of the anti-Coco-cola movement. Fr Antony was also imprisoned for 12 days for the same agitation. Finally, after nine years of trial and innumerable appearances in the Court, all of them were acquitted. Fr Antony must be congratulated for standing with the people in their struggle for justice. One-day training was given to our staff together with those of our collaborating organisations on the 'Protocol for Protection of Minors and Women'. There was also one-day annual evaluation and strategic planning of AADI with the staff. Lok Manch organised two-day training for the staff of AADI and three other organisations. Fr Antony participated in the Province JESA core team meeting at Sneharam, Anjengo and also in the 1st death anniversary Mass of **Fr Augustine Kallunkal** who had worked at AADI some years ago.

*Mathew Aarthayil*

### **XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKKAD**

We started the month with our Parents Day celebration. Family members of the prenovices were invited to the XTC, and cultural programmes presented by the prenovices made the day colorful. We were fortunate to participate in the parish feast at the Pallikunnu Lourdematha Church. Dr Sr Shanti FCC offered us a one-day course on Psychosexual Integration. Fathers from St Joseph community, Kozhikode joined us for a day. We also had visits by Fr Bobby Jose ofm Cap, **Fr Provincial** and some Jesuits. We celebrated the birthdays of

**Frs V.C. George, Deepak Edattu**, and three prenovices - **Simson, Charis** and **Jenu**. Fr Vinod, parish priest of Kaniyambatta parish, led us through a day of recollection as we began the season of lent.

*Danish, David*

### **ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR**

#### **ARNOS FEST 2020**

The 288th death anniversary of Arnos Padiri and 320th year of his arrival in India will be celebrated in March 2020. It is going to be a collaborative venture of Arnos Padiri Academy, Arnos Forum Thrissur and St Xavier's pilgrim church, Sampalur. The celebrations will begin on 15th and conclude on 22nd.

The State-level 'Puthen pana recital competition' will be held on 15th at Sampalur church. On 20th we have the Requiem Mass, Pushparchana and Public meeting at Trissur which will be attended by many public dignitaries. On 21st, a *Torch Rally* will be taken out from Puthenchira parish where Arnos Padiri started his ministry as secretary to the **Archbishop Don Joao Ribeiro SJ**, and proceed to Sampalur. The culmination of **ARNOS FEST** will be on March 22nd. Solemn High Mass, Seminar on Arnos Heritage, unveiling of the Arnos Statue, Public meeting and Cultural Programme are the highlights of the day. As a literary genius and a pioneering Indologist in Kerala, Arnos Padiri has been recognised by the literary world as well as the general public. We invite you all to come and participate in Arnos Fest 2020.

*George Thenadikulam*

### **LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA**

Loyola School has been approved as a centre for the ICSE BOARD EXAMINATION, and this academic year our 10th class students will be able to write their exams in their own school. It is a glad moment for all of us. There are 20 students writing their Board Exam this year. Teachers of St Michael Nursery School Kannur, under the leadership of **Fr Dominic Madathaniyil**, made a short visit to our community as part of their excursion to Trivandrum. Our school was the venue of a drawing competition organized by Bhavana Library, a reputed institution in Trivandrum District.

*Manesh*

### **GNANODAY, PATNA**

We the Juniors went on '**Mokama Tirth Yatra**' on 2nd of February. It helped us to experience the simple faith of



ordinary people coming from different parts of India. It also gave us a wonderful opportunity to introspect our own Christian faith. We had a study of the Pauline letters under the guidance of Fr Peter Ignatius. Within days, he took us on another pilgrimage through the 13 letters of St Paul. Through insightful thoughts and energetic jokes he made the class lively and enjoyable. The celebration of the parish feast was another memorable experience. **Fr E.P.Mathew**, Provincial of Kerala, visited us in February and his presence was very inspiring. On 23rd of February we put up two 'One-act Plays' (in English & Hindi), and both the plays were related to the present situation. Many religious priests and sisters were invited to our performance. In February, we also had a study tour and we visited historical places like Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Nalanda.

*Ajith Xavier*

### SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

A national seminar on 'Semiotics, Semantics and Truth conditions' was conducted on February 14 in which speakers from different parts of the country presented papers. The second- year philosophers were busy preparing their dissertation. **Fr Conrad Norohna** (BOM) conducted a 'Child Protection Workshop' for the first years in the last week of February.

*Jaison Joseph*

### TRIPURA MISSION

**Bishop Lumen Monteiro** has appointed **Fr Babu Paul** as the Diocesan Director of the Young Catholic Student Movement (YCM). He continues to be co-ordinator of the Diocesan Youth Movement in the North Zone. The first anniversary of our first Nursery school (St. Xavier) in the Mission at our Jamtali village was conducted with variety entertainment performed by the children. The whole village participated in the celebration with great enthusiasm. The Golden Jubilee of our parish pastored by the Holy Cross Fathers was celebrated in a most fitting manner with the participation of all the 18 village congregations, of which 8 are taken care of by us. **Frs James** and **Babu Paul** were actively involved in it leading various committees. Fr Babu Paul has moved to Jampuijala where we are expected to take up a tribal school at the request of the Bishop. Fr James is busy clearing all the hitches and blocks towards the execution of the land deal which is to take place at the start of the

new financial year. We are also trying to get the services of two congregations of Sisters – the Vincentians and Sisters of St Joseph - to be collaborators in our centres. We are eagerly waiting to welcome and celebrate the first visit of **Fr E.P.Mathew**, our Provincial, to Tripura Jesuit Mission. He will be addressing the Clergy of Agartala Diocese on 3rd March. We are happy to know that three young Jesuits are coming to the North East. Most cordial welcome, to all three of them! At Jampuijala School, we have started constructing a semi-permanent residence for the Jesuit community.

*Syriac Panjikaran*

### JEA - LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME



JEA of Kerala Province organised two leadership training programmes for educators from the South Zone Jesuit Provinces in January-February 2020. **Fr John Savard, SJ**, Ed.D, Professor, Department of Education, Loyola University of Maryland, USA was the resource person for both. The first one was for Jesuit educators, and it was held at ISI, Bangalore from 25-26 January. Twenty five Jesuits from the five Jesuit provinces participated, and they found the sessions very thought provoking and insightful. The second training programme was for lay collaborators in our Jesuit schools. It was held in Loyola, Sreekaryam from 1-2 February, and brought together forty school teachers from four Jesuit provinces. Fr John Savard led the sessions with many exercises and reflective sharing. The participants found the programme very useful, reflective and motivating. They also appreciated and acknowledged the generous hospitality of the Loyola community led by **Frs Sunny, Polson, Jose** and **Roy**. **Fr Provincial** was behind it all with his constant guidance and support. JEA is grateful

to all who made this inter-provincial collaboration a great success.

*Tomson Antony*

### LOYOLA JESUIT COMMUNITY, SAN FRANCISCO

It was the first visitation of **Fr Arturo Sosa** to the United States in February after his assuming responsibility as the Superior General of the Society. He addressed the Jesuits from different communities around the Bay Area at the chapel of Santa Clara University, and we Jesuits from San Francisco also attended it. In his speech Fr Sosa insisted on implementing the Universal Apostolic Preferences in every single apostolate of the Society with greater clarity and determination. Apart from his address, Fr General responded to the questions from the assembly. **Fr Scott Santarosa**, the Provincial of the U.S. West, moderated the session. Fr Sosa later presided over the Mass celebrated in our community chapel and gave an inspiring homily. Every one of us had an opportunity to have informal chat with him after the Mass. As a province-wide program, the UWE province has initiated "Conversations That Matter" to foster a better integration of every individual to the community and the mission. Let me add a personal note; I will be accompanying a team of 18 students on Arrupe Immersion Programme to the Dominican Republic, organized by the University Ministry of USF. There is the scary news of COVID-19 that might potentially jeopardize our programme. I seek your prayerful support.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

### OURS IN MEDIA

#### Fr Thomas Karimundackal

1. "A Call to Prophetic Priesthood: A Hermeneutical Reading of Amos 7:10-17," in *VJTR* 84 (2020) 37-51.
2. Reflections on the Liturgical Readings of May 2020, in *God's Word 2020* (Mumbai: St. Pauls India, 2020).

### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Br Joseph C. Kochukunnumpuram (PAT)**, 81/58, on 07.02.2020 at Patna.

**Fr Edwin Rasquinha (BOM)**, 91/60, on 20.02.2020 at Andheri, Mumbai.

Mr Savio Thaiparambil (70), younger brother of **Fr Jose Thaiparambil, SJ**, on 22.02.2020 at Muringoor, Chalakudy.



### INDIAN MARTYR, DEVASAHAYAM, CLEARED FOR SAINTHOOD

**Pope Francis** has approved **Devasahayam**, an 18th-century Hindu convert to Catholicism, for canonization. A decree acknowledged a miracle through his intercession that cleared him for sainthood.

Born on April 23, 1712 as Neelakanda Pillai, in the village of Nattalam, Devasahayam served in the palace of southern India's Hindu kingdom of Travancore, which



stretched from what is Kanyakumari District today, right up to Cochin in Kerala state. At Baptism in 1745, he assumed the name 'Lazarus' or 'Devasahayam' in the local language, meaning 'God is my help'. However, his conversion did not go well with the

heads of his native religion. False charges of treason and espionage were brought against him and he was divested of his post in the royal administration. He was imprisoned and subjected to harsh persecution. A Catholic for only seven years, he was shot dead in the Aralvaimozhy forest on January 14, 1752. Sites linked with his life and martyrdom are in Kottar Diocese, in Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu state. His tomb at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Nagercoil attracts large numbers of devotees.

Devasahayam was declared Blessed on December 2, 2012, in Kottar, 300 years after his birth.

In remarks that day during the midday "Angelus" prayer in the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI recalled Devasahayam as "faithful layman". He urged Christians to "join in the joy of the Church in India and pray that the new Blessed may sustain the faith of the Christians of that large and noble country." His canonization will be decided at a later date.

We rejoice with **Fr James Thottakath** and late **Fr J. Kottukappally** of our Province who worked behind the scene for the cause of Devasahayam's sainthood.

*(Courtesy: Vatican News)*

## FATHER RUTILIO GRANDE, SJ, AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS AND FUTURE BLESSED

On 21 February 2020, **Pope Francis** authorized the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints to promulgate the decree on the martyrdom of the Jesuit priest **Rutilio Grande** and his two lay companions, Manuel Solórzano and Nelson Rutilio Lemus.



Rutilio Grande was born in El Paisnal (El Salvador) on 5 July 1928. He first entered the diocesan seminary before joining the Society of Jesus on 5 September 1945. He followed the Jesuit formation in various nations of Europe and

America. He was ordained as a priest on 30 July 1959. While serving as a pastor of a parish, he was also engaged in the formation of young Jesuits preparing for the priesthood. In his active ministry of evangelization in his country, he courageously defended the defenseless. He suffered public persecution and was eventually assassinated on 12 March 1977, alongside the catechist, Manuel Solórzano - aged 72 years old, and the young Nelson Rutilio Lemus - aged 16 years old. They were on their way to El Paisnal from their parish in Aguilares to celebrate the novena of San José. His violent death greatly affected the life of his friend and then Archbishop of San Salvador St Oscar Romero, who in 1980 would also undergo martyrdom.

In a few months, we shall witness the ceremony of beatification of these three new Venerables of the Church.

*(Courtesy: News Flash, SJ Curia)*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### MARCH

02 Thomas Madathiparambil  
03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath  
05 Henry Pattarumadathil  
09 Roy Mathew Thottathil



10 Paul Karinganampally  
12 Saji Arithiyal Puraidam  
13 Mathew Pampackal  
14 Augustine Mekunnel  
14 Frangle Xavier B R  
14 Tomy Issac Baby  
17 George Sebastian Vallocheril  
17 Nibin Vadakkonaparambil  
18 Bony Moozhiyankal  
18 Jose Thaiparambil  
18 Thadeyoos S M  
19 Ajith Xavier Thudiyapackal  
21 Adhul Thomas Ulloppillil  
21 Varghese Anikuzhy  
22 Sebastian Valiamattam  
23 Stevenson Maliekal Cheniyara

### APRIL

01 Dolichan Kollarath  
04 Gracious Stephen  
06 Sebin Jose Thirunilath

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

### MARCH

01 (1990) Mathew Chittilapilly  
02 (2014) George Aikara  
03 (1974) James Montanari  
05 (1989) Chacko Marattukalam  
06 (1989) Joseph Vergottini  
06 (2010) Kuruvila Nalpathamkalam  
14 (1999) Alexander Thannikanirappel  
21 (2017) Joseph Kottukapally  
24 (2013) Jose Vallanattu



Pope's Intentions  
For March 2020

### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in china may persevere in its faithfulness to the gospel & grow in unity.

**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**

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