



Tamil Catholic Association USA

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Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to
give.
Then He set about His
work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment
on Himself;
He made us clean and
new.
He could have saved
Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our
price for sin;
He paid it out of love.
Our Lord died on Good
Friday,
But the cross did not
destroy
His resurrection on Easter
morn
That fills our hearts with
joy.
Now we know our earthly
death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is
best.
So we live our lives for
Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank
you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

The Clock and the Compass

What are the 'first things' in your life? Are these receiving the care, emphasis and time you really want to give? We cannot gain control of everything in life by doing things faster, better and harder. Our desire to control everything in our life leads to too much stress and crisis of balance between personal life and work. This gap widens when we use the traditional time management approach. We are always doing things that are urgent and not spending time on things that are important in our life. When you do things that are urgent you are

working on pressing problems meeting deadlines, where as you plan and prepare to work on things that are important. Quality of life has no quick solutions, no shortcuts, only a path. What we need is a compass and not a clock. A path to be followed using a compass guiding you by principles. Reflect on what you do and why you do, rather than how fast you do it. The why you do things should be based on principles of life – to live, to love, to learn and to leave a legacy.

Francis Dhanaraj
Vice President- TCA USA

Long-term Project

As you all know, we have undertaken a charitable project to provide education assistance for deserving students in India.

We are pleased to announce that we are ready to accept applications for students' sponsorship for academic year 2009-10. If you would like to recommend/sponsor a student, please visit our website

www.tamilcatholicsusa.org/forms.

The application form should be submitted by **30th April 2009**.

Please note that we have a very tight timeline, so we will strictly follow the deadline.

With great support from our members, we started this project two years back. But, unfortunately, we were not able to attain our goal to sponsor a student due to certain constraints identified later in the

process at that time.

For the past few weeks, we have been working towards streamlining our process and thanks to your patience and support, we are confident that we will attain our goal this year.

If you have questions/concerns, please contact us by one of the following means:

1. Email tamilcatholicsusa@yahoo.com with the Subject as "Long Term Project - Student Sponsorship".
2. Call John Lawrence Jesurajan at 862 432 3324, or Francis Dhanaraj at 215 855 4036.

-- TCA Long Term Project Team



Editor's Note:

Spring has finally come! I wish you all a happy Easter and I hope you like this issue. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me at tcanewseditor@yahoo.com; I'm always open for suggestions! Also, if anyone would like to help with the newsletter (printing, writing) please contact me. Thank you and enjoy!!

Sibyl Medabalimi

RAP: Palm Sunday

The RAP team has done a wonderful job in organizing Palm Sunday. It was a well planned and well organized event.

Joseph/ John Lawrence/ Amal and team- You made the real difference in this year's Palm Sunday celebration. Siluvai Pathai and the songs made the worship more meaningful. Thanks for all your efforts and time.

Fr. Guna, special thanks to you for the Inspiring Mass/procession and blessings.

~ Francis X

We were really blessed to start the Holy Week in such a great spiritual way. Appadiye India ku kondu poiteenga.

~ Vijayanthi & Benno

"A Day full of Spiritual Feeling". We will make this happen every year in a better and meaningful way. Siluvai Pathi was the highlight of the event. It was truly meditative and the pictures displayed were truly appropriate and amazing.

~ Joseph Selvanathan

This event was a rememberable and spiritual one.

~ Josephine Clement

The complete service was so touching and meaningful. God's presence was felt throughout and felt healing in body and mind.

~ Florence George

Incredible! Absolutely Incredible! his disciples, and the disciples believed.

The women came to the tomb and noticed that the big stone had been rolled away. The tomb was open and naturally they were very upset. They wondered what had happened. They looked inside, a young man was sitting there and he was dressed in white. He said to them: "Jesus is not here. He has been raised from the dead by the Power of God."



"Incredible, absolutely incredible!" they thought.

This was a new situation now; they didn't know how to react, and at first they didn't tell anybody, but ultimately, they decided to tell the disciples. "We were in the tomb and the body was not there and a young man said, 'Jesus was raised from the dead!'" And what was the disciples' response?

"Incredible. Absolutely incredible. Unbelievable. It couldn't have happened!" And so they ran to the tomb to see for themselves and it was empty!

That same night, Jesus appeared to

Joy filled their heart...it was incredible. But Thomas was not there, and when the disciples told him: "Thomas, Jesus was raised from the dead and you should have been there." And Thomas said, "Impossible! I can't believe it." Well, the next night, Jesus appeared to them and Thomas and he no longer said "Impossible" but said,

"Incredible! Absolutely incredible!"

After three days, Jesus rose from the dead. He offers eternal life to all who believe in him. Belief is knowledge that changes action. Belief in Jesus changes our action. If we believe that he is truly God as he proved through his resurrection, and we believe that he loves us immensely as he proved through his death on the cross, that belief should change the way we live. The belief of Resurrection should lead us to live a life of an excellent Christian faith. Wish you all a Happy and holy Easter!



Florence George,

Secretary – TCA USA

Tamil Mandram

Six of our TCA members have volunteered to dedicate their time and efforts towards this effort and they will be conducting the classes. For the classes, kids will be grouped and a separate class will be conducted for each group. Kids should be at least 4 years old to attend the class.

- Group 1: Ages 4 - 7 (Teachers: Vijayanthi Benno and Punitha Mary Sekar)
 - Group 2: Ages 8 - 11 (Teachers: Florence Christo and Julie Gerald)
 - Group 3 - Ages 12 + (Teachers: Daphne Christine Joseph and Maclin Jayakumar)
- (Group 3 will also include younger kids who can read and write)

For each group, separate curriculum and goals have been set. The volunteers have been working on curriculum/course materials/Teaching materials that will be interactive, exciting and educative.

If you have not registered your child yet, but would like to sign up, please download the form from <http://www.tamilcatholicsusa.org/forms/TCATamilEval.doc> and fill it and send to tamilcatholicsusa@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Please note that this service is for TCA member families only.

TCA Tamil Mandram.

Youth Club

Registration for Youth Club is free for children of registered member of TCA USA in the age group of 12 and above. Registration forms will be available on our TCA USA website

(<http://www.tamilcatholicsusa.org>) after April 12.

Activities planned are given below. These activities are subjected to change based on suggestions given by the Youth club, EC & GB members.

1.Monthly meetings which will be organized and run by kids with guidance from the mentors.

2.College and University visits including meetings with College professors, university graduates.

3.Participating in social work such as blood drive, soup kitchen, visiting senior citizen centers etc.

4.Participating in TCA meetings, ushering in TCA mass.

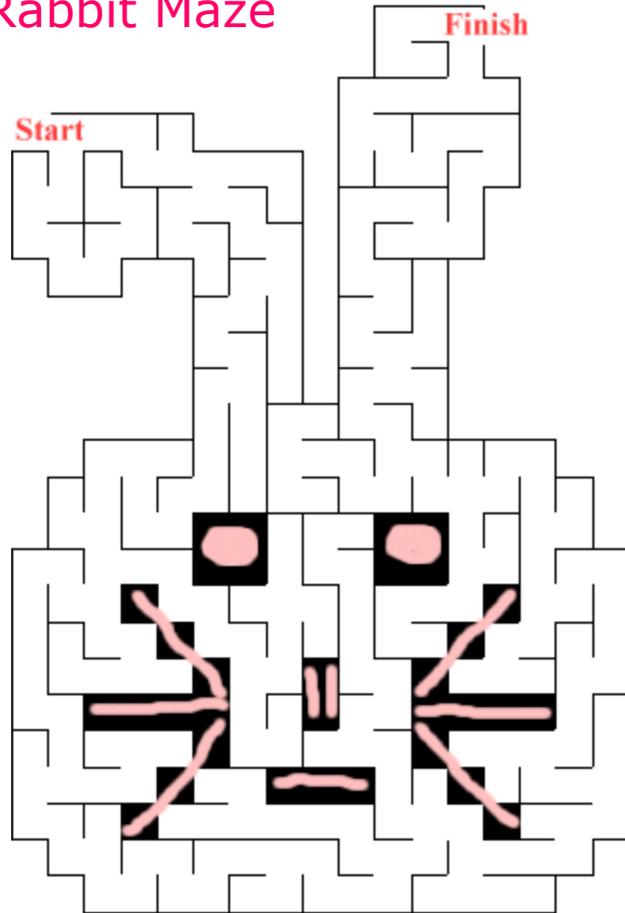
5.Youth club members will provide Tutoring in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Art for need-based kid

6.Participating in seminars and camps run by TCA for the youth club for building leadership, social awareness etc.

Gerald Sebastian and Clement Antonysamy are leading the youth club activities. Please send your comments and suggestion regarding the youth club to their following email addresses:

s_gerald@yahoo.com,
cmraj@yahoo.com or to TCA USA e-mail Id:
tamilcatholicsusa@yahoo.com with subject TCA USA Youth Club.

Easter Rabbit Maze



Holy Week Word Scramble

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