

JAN 2012

The naming of the Child Jesus

“ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb” Luke 2:21

We are the Sharers of Christ’s Sonship

“ But to all who received, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God” John 1:12

The Baptism of Jesus reveals His divine Sonship

“In those days, Jesus came from Nazereth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the river Jordan” Mark 1:9

Christ’s Presence is sought by His followers

“And Moses said to God, “ If your Presence will not go, do not carry us up from here” “ Exodus 33:15

God suffers with those who suffer

“ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean””. Mark 1:41

FEB 2012

The world experiences God’s goodness & Providence

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor gather into barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” Matthew 6:26

Christ saves us from human sinfulness

“ And that He (Jesus) might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the Cross, thus putting to death and hostility through it” Ephesians 2:16

God, Through His Son provides Holistic Healing

“ When Jesus heard this, He said to them, “ those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I has not come to call the righteous, but sinners”” Mark 2:17

WE share the victory Jesus gained through His Obedience

“ Blessed anyone who endures temptation, such a one who has stood the test and will receive the crown of Life, that the Lord has promised to those who love Him” James 1:12

March 2012

Jesus calls His disciples to suffer as He did

“ He called the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “ If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up the cross and follow me”” Mark 8:34

The true Glory and Authority of Jesus

“ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “ This is my Son, the beloved; Listen to Him” Mark 9:7

Humble service & Self-sacrifice show true Greatness

“ Not so with my servant Moses; he is entrusted with all my house..... and he beholds the form of the Lord”. Numbers 12:7&8

Weakness & Foolishness of the Cross reveal God’s wisdom & Power

“For God’s foolishness is wiser than the human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength” I Corinthians 1:25

APRIL 2012

Jesus Offers His life to save the World

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed.” Isaiah 53:05

The Lord is Risen: He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

“ He is not here, but has risen; Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee.” Luke 24:06

Resurrected Jesus offers us Joy, Peace, Power & New life

“When Jesus had said this, He breathed on them & said to them, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they shall be forgiven them; if you retain any, they are retained.”” John 20:22-23

We are the witness to Christ’s resurrection

“And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” Acts 5:32

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

“ I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” John 10:11

MAY 2012

We are to show love to others as God is love

“ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” I John 04:16

Jesus promises the Church with the Spirit of Truth & Love

“ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” John 14:26

The ascended Lord upholds and unites us with Him

“ I am not asking You to take them out of the world; but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.” John 17:15

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability” acts 2:4

JUNE 2012

God is the Holy Trinity

“ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you.” John 17:7

Christ our Lord possesses the unique authority

“They were astounded at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” Mark 1:22

The Church shares Christ's authority to heal sickness & sin

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the Name of the Lord.” James 5:14

We enjoy the spiritual freedom in Christ

“Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.” Deuteronomy 5:15

JULY 2012

Christ's messenger living in contact with Him receives His authority

"And He appointed twelve, whom He also named apostles, to be with Him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons." Mark 3: 14-15

Denying the truth of God is the spiritual peril

"But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." Mark 03:29

God produces great results from insignificant beginning

"God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are." I Corinthians 1:28

Mary Magdalene shows the example of devotion

"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her." John 20:18

We bear witness to the healing mercy of God

"And immediately Saul began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, "He is the Son of God"." Acts 9:20

AUG 2012

The life-giving power of God

"And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this, they were overcome with amazement." Mark 5:42

God's messengers receive varied reception

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James & Joseph & Judas & Simon, and are not His sisters here with us? And they took offence at Him" Mark 6:3

God multiplies the gift of the generous giver

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." II Corinthians 9:6

Jesus is the Bread of Life

"Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

SEPT 2012

Jesus institutes Baptism and the Lord's Supper

"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" Romans 6:11

God's judgment is just and merciful

"She said "No one Sir". And Jesus said " Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."
John 8:11

All things are possible through faith

Jesus said to him, " If you are able! – All things can be done for the one who believes" Mark 9:23

Larsous of the cross for daily life

"For He (Jesus) was teaching His disciples, saying to them " The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands and they will kill Him, and three days after being killed, He will rise again." Mark 9:31

The family: husband and wife

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife." Mark 10:7

OCT 2012

The family : parents and children

" Children , Obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

The spiritual danger of trusting the wealth

" When the young man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions." Mark 10:22

Faith is the beginning of a pilgrimage

" Jesus said unto him, " Go, your faith has made you well " Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. " Mark 10:52

God mercifully reforms His Church through the Reformers

" But woe to you Pharisees ! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others." Luke 11:42

NOV 2012

We owe to God our ultimate loyalty

“ Jesus said to them, “ Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God, the things that are God’s. “ and they were utterly amazed at HIM” Mark 12:17

God teach us the great commandment

“ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30

God gives us a generous spirit

“ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but the widow out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:44

The good confession made by Jesus Christ Himself

“ Jesus answered, “ My Kingdom is not from the world. If My Kingdom were from this world, My followers would be fighting to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it, My Kingdom is not from here.”” John 18:36

DEC 2012

Let us watch for Christ in patience and hope

“ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” Luke 12:40

Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament

“ Then He (Jesus) said to them, “ These are my Word that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets , and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”” Luke 24:44

The message of John the Baptist

“ John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Mark 1:4

Christmas endeavours to welcome Jesus whose likeness we share apart for sin

“ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that He might create in Himself one new humanity in place of two, thus making peace.” Ephesians 2:15

The family life

“ The, He (Jesus) went down with His parents and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.” Luke 2:51