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Samphran, Thailand: People offer flowers to the Holy Spouses on the occasion of its feast day.

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Feast day of St. Francis Xavier Church in Trang

On last Dec. 15, 2020, the Novitiate family attended the feast day of St. Francis Xavier at Stigmatine Trang Community. The community gratefully welcomed them with their best accommodation through the actual presence of Fr. Yuttana (the school director) and Fr. Mark Sitichai, CSS (Church's Pastor).



The people offering flowers to their patron saint.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Joseph Prathan, SDB and was concelebrated by some Stigmatine and guest priests. The celebration was well attended by the parishioners as well as visitors together with the minor seminarians of the Surathani Diocese. It was rather quick and simple celebration. After the Holy mass everyone immediately proceeded to the dining area for lunch. During lunch time, everyone joyfully shares food and smiles to each other as they ate together. The novices had given the chance also to meet and greet some of the Sisters and Parishioners who attended the celebration. We are very thankful for the community for inviting us in their feast day celebration.

It was just indeed a day of blessing. St. Francis Xavier Pray for us. - Nov. Revin



Phuket Community Christmas Party 2019



Christmas is best celebrated in the family, be it your biological family or in a community you now consider your own family. In the community the spirit of joy and sharing is always observed. Here in our community at Phuket we are glad to confirm this reality.

On December 23, few days prior Christmas day we celebrated our community Christmas party. It was formally attended by Fr. Peter Pakpoom and Fr. John Pipat, CSS together with some other visitors. The Christmas party took place at Stigmatine community house which was wonderfully organized by Bro. Sujin, CSS.



Everyone prepared their individual gifts for their Christmas buddy, which was mainly the reason why the atmosphere of joy and love filled each other's hearts as we shared our smiles, joy and gifts. The celebration was rather simple yet joyous for everybody was enthusiastic to have the merry making.

It was just indeed a very joyful night. Everyone was sharing the joy of Christmas. - Nov. Revin



Christmas Eve Celebration at Assumption Church



December 24, 2019, Tuesday– Parishioners of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Phuket, Thailand celebrated the Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord through a Holy Mass at 7:00 in the evening which was presided by Fr. Krittapat and concelebrated by Fr. Wattanasak, Fr. Jeerasak and Fr. Reby. Fr. Paul, the Pastor, stressed in his homily that “Christmas is a celebration of God’s Love... for God loved us

so much that He gave us Jesus, His only Son. We, human must be grateful to God by doing good things to one another. And every time we do good, we celebrate God’s love, we celebrate Christmas.” The Eucharistic celebration was said in Thai and was attended by many believers, Thais and foreigners alike. After the Holy Mass a simple dinner was served which everyone enjoyed. Fr. Paul, CSS also announced and handed the awards to the winners of the mini Nativity Crib and Star Making Contests. Amongst the recipients were the masterpieces created by the novices. At the other corner of the church the gift raffle were done, there were hundreds of items were given by those who participated in the raffle. This year we had another happy, meaning and successful Christmas eve - thanks to everyone. - Nov. Damian





Christmas Caroling 2019

Christmas is the season of love and sharing. It is the time for the people to buy and share gifts, families gather and sit to eat special food together, and children to sing Christmas carols.

Here in the Novitiate Community we also prepared some Christmas carols for the people especially the parishioners of the Assumption Church. We grabbed this opportunity to greet them a Merry Christmas and wish them Happy New Year.

Singing Christmas Carols to them is also a sign of expressing our gratitude for their endless support in our community. But let us be reminded that singing a Christmas carol is not only for the purpose of bringing joy and happiness to the people, but it is also a sign of rejoicing because Jesus, who is the Word, was born into flesh and is now dwelling in us. - Nov. Toon



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The New Year is a regular anniversary for Catholics and is practiced by people all over the world to commemorate the coming of the New Year which replaces the old year. They have passed the one year period and will start a New Year. The New Year celebrations are usually celebrated very lively, some even deliberately forget for a moment the hard life and problems to celebrate the turn of the year: old and new. A moment also to thank the Lord for the past year and praying to guide us through the new year ahead. The tradition is always routine: blowing trumpets and lighting fireworks at the exact time of the clock on the number 12 or on a digital clock showing the combination number "00.00".

These were done also in our novitiate community together with the parishioners of the Assumption church here in Phuket. The celebration was started by a Mass at Assumption church presided by the Pastor, Fr. Paul Krittapat. The rest of the celebration was done in the novitiate community which includes the following: dinner and the giving of gifts done by raffle. Our collaborators were also present and mostly received the raffle gifts. There were dancing and singing too by the parishioners after the speech of Fr. Pakpoom. And finally, fireworks were lit to welcome the new year outside the house where Fr. Paul Krittapat led the prayer for the new year. – Nov. Damian

Shared Moments during the Annual Community Travel

DAY 1 (Jan. 12, 2020)

It was the start of the community travel from the south to the northernmost of Thailand. Everyone was in place and ready to chase thrill towards the long journey. We left the Novitiate house at exactly 1pm with the matching chill vibes of country songs in the van after a prayer. Just because the travel was almost a day to reach certain provinces, we needed to stop by Chumphon to find a resort for our sleepover. We stopped by Chalicha Resort and enjoyed the rest of the night with their best accommodation then continue travelling early in the morning.

DAY 2 (Jan. 13, 2020)

As soon as we finished our breakfast we immediately set ourselves in prayer ready for another long hour of travel. For this time we had experienced seeing the beautiful panoramas of the country sides. The ancient temples, the various kinds of Buddha's images along the roads etc. were just fascinating. After a long hour of driving we had finally decided to stop by a certain hotel and have some fraternal chill just to waken the energy before sleeping.

DAY 3 (Jan. 14, 2020)

It was an utterly fine morning; everyone was fully recharged to resume the long travel. We are already half way on our proximate destinations. For this time we did have the chance to experience visiting an antique shop, riding a chariot of horses around the town and sea-side viewing which we really enjoyed much. Prior to that, we had visited also Fr. Winnai and Fr. Philip in their mission area. There we had witnessed how the community worked hard in evangelizing the tribe. After the visit we continue our travel to Fr. Bancho's mission area.



DAY 4 (Jan. 15, 2020)

It was an absolutely cold morning at Fr. Ban-cha's community house in Mae Sai. But even though it's cold we still did visit Sister Joan of the Lover of the Cross Congregation in her community up on the hill. There we had celebrated the Holy mass, ate northern cuisines and enjoyed the scenic views of the community.

After visiting the Sister, we immediately proceeded to our next destination which was the "Golden Triangle" (The border between Thailand, Myanmar and Laos) When we got there we immediately processed out our passports for it's a need if we wanted to cross the borders. After setting all the documents, we finally crossed the borders between Thailand and Laos. There we stayed for 45 minutes roaming around and buying some souvenirs.

Next destination was the border between Thailand and Myanmar. We went there with full of enthusiasm witnessing how the Thai and Burmese people exchange documents across the borders. It was just a very exhausting yet fun day.

DAY 5 (Jan. 16, 2020)

It was completely a long drive again. We spent most of our time listening to the music in the van as we travelled from the north to the central. Just to visit Samphran community and to attend also the Feast day. We arrived at Samphran exactly 8:00pm. We rest the whole night and prepare for tomorrow's adventure in Bangkok City.





DAY 6 (Jan. 17, 2020)

It was a very exciting day for we had our trip to Bangkok city. We invested a lot of time visiting the popular attractions in the city. At least for a moment we experienced the Bangkok city life.

DAY 7 (Jan. 18, 2020)

It wasn't an ordinary day for it was the anticipated feast day of the Holy Spouses Mary and Joseph. Everyone was quite busy preparing for the big celebration. This is the only moment where the ex-seminarians, priests and seminarians meet with each other. The benefactors also renew their obligation to the Stigmatine fund. Other than that, we did have football games also in the afternoon. In the evening we continue the celebration.

DAY 8 (Jan. 19, 2020)

It was a fine cold morning. Everyone set themselves to the holy Mass before travelling back to Phuket. - Nov. Revin

Special thanks to the following:

Fr. Wattanasak for guiding us all the way.

Fr. Krittapat for all the expenses.

Bro. Sujin for his brotherly company.

All communities we visited, thanks for your warm welcome and hospitality.

All the confreres for your prayers and untiring support.

The novices: for the job well done.

THANK YOU
& so much



January 18, Samphran – We celebrated the feast day of our dear patrons, the Holy Spouses Mary and St. Joseph. Celebrated on Saturday nearest to the actual feast day in January 23 for pastoral reasons. As one of the biggest celebrations for all of us Stigmatines and specifically by Thai Stigmatines, we, the novices were privileged to participate and experience this important annual celebration.

From our annual travel (this time in the north of Thailand), we culminated it by attending this celebration which also includes the following activities: The renewal of the benefactors' commitment to the Thai Stigmatine Foundation and the reunion of the Thai ex-seminarians.

The Holy Mass in honor of the Holy Spouses was presided by Fr. Peter Pakpoom and con-celebrated by other Stigmatine priests and other diocesan guest priests. There was a solemn prayer to the Holy Espousals outside the church and the offering of flowers by the people followed.

The celebration followed by meals and sports in the afternoon and culminated after the evening party with Fr. Pakpoom giving words of encouragements and inspiration to all attending people. It was an experience that we will not forget; sharing our experiences with new friends and the inspiration of the Thai Stigmatines in taking good care of their benefactors and the example they set in honoring the Holy Spouses. Happy feast day to all. – Nov. Elias



St. Agnes Feast day - Krabi

Krabi – Last January 25, Saturday we have celebrated the feast day of St. Agnes in Krabi Province, a Stigmatine parish located in the south of Thailand. We, the novices were invited and came two days earlier to extend our help to the pastor Fr. Pattaraphon in preparation for the feast day.

The preparation includes cleaning the church and its surroundings as well as preparing the places for welcoming the people like the rectory and the dinning place for the feast day.



On the feast day, the celebration was participated by a good number of people; parishioners and visitors alike. The Holy Mass was presided by the Vicar General of the diocese Fr. John Baptist Amornkit, replacing on behalf of the bishop who is ill at this period of time. Other Stigmatine priests and diocesan priests also joined the said celebration.

The parishioners and the visitors were reminded by the history of their church community by the Vicar General in his homily. Commending to set as example to the people their community bond and their active participation in building a Christian community in this mostly Muslim population. – Nov. Toon





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dearest Birthday Celebrators

December

2
Fr. Pipat

3
Fr. Romolo

7
Bro. Thanrey

16
Bro. Dandave

29
Fr. Calven

30
Bro. Crizaldy

January

3
Fr. Supachai

8
Fr. Wasan

12
Fr. Manop

15
Nov. Elias

16
Fr. Bancha

19
Bro. Adrian

22
Nov. Kultawat

26
Fr. Admarin