

Reach Out

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Parish Newsletter

MARY THE NEW EVE



From the PASTOR'S DESK

editorial team has come up with a soul- believers. raising and mind- tranquilizing theme "Mary our Mother is our New Eve". As Marian Russian spiritual writer gives new description devotees we can assign so many attributes to of EVE as Everlastingly Venerable Elevator her as she is the indispensable part of our meaning thereupon that Mother Mary is the existence and salvation

by our Mother Mary. As our Pope shared "in to raise sinners to heaven. and through Mary our Mother we perceive as well as experience favour of our redemption commenced era of sinfulness upon human



My dear parishioners, it's always divine because through Mary God makes His grace to write about our Mother Mary. Our blessings and presence available for the

It's indeed interesting to note that Russey, a Salvific Counselor for all the time to come . Our spiritual quest is at all times rewarded Mary our Mother has divinely imbued power

> It's worth-reflecting that old EVE race whereas our Mother Mary brought forth the epoch of blessings and our salvation. Fr. Grimm Bill fondly states " Be brave to venerate Mary and She will for sure, nudge you, edge you and keep you closer to God and His angels.

> So my dear brothers and sisters let us make a firm resolve to venerate our Mother Mary with great sense of devotion and piety so that we too may remain closer to God

May God in and through Mother Mary bless you and your family.

God bless you.





PARISH SCHEDULE

Confessions: Everyday half an hour before mass or on request

Children's Sunday school:

8.00a.m. mass in the Church followed by Catechism for children.

Mass Schedule:

OLVC: Mon to Sat:

6.45a.m (Mass followed by popular devotions)

7.00p.m. (Popular devotions followed by Mass)

Every Sunday:

7.00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine. 8.00a.m. Children's Mass (English -OLVC)

9.30a.m. Mass (English - OLVC) **5.00p.m.** Mass in Konkani (OLVC) 4th Sunday: Mass in Hindi at

4.00p.m. 4th Sunday: Mass in Tamil at 6.00p.m.

Little Flower: Mass on Saturday -7.30p.m.

* The above schedule were pre-covid schedule. During lockdown all church services are suspended

Intercessory Prayer(Eng): 4th

Sunday of the month: 2.00p.m. -

Night Vigil: 4th Saturday of the month 8 p.m.-10p.m.

Charismatic Prayer:

1st Monday (Tamil) - 3.00pm -5.00pm

Wednesday (English) - 7.30p.m -8.30p.m.

Thursday (Konkani) - 5.00p.m -6.30p.m.

1st Friday Adoration: 6.30p.m

Church Office:

Weekdays:

9.30a.m to 12.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.

Thursday & Sunday Office will remain closed. (In an Emergency contact the Parish Priest)

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My First Encounter with Jesus



- Ethan Fernandes. Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Community.

My first Holy Communion was such a wondrous day for me, united with Jesus Christ the saviour who gave his life

for me. The love, the grace, the strength, He saved me from my sins and guides me in the path of truth. The presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a blessing to keep my faith strong and provides nourishment to my soul and makes me whole. By receiving Jesus

I am purified and have come in union with God. I would like to thank my Sunday school teacher, my God parents and parents as they prepared my journey in a thoughtful way. The efforts, time, energy and thoughts that they have put in me so that I learn my prayers and I am ready to enrich my soul.

The pandemic has again brought a gap but the joy and all spiritual gifts that I've received. my spiritual communion with Christ has brought me closer to Him... and my journey has only began.

> Thanks once again to all for the support and help given to me.

My Jesus and Me



- Garrison Mendonca **Immaculate Conception** Community

First Holy Communion is a religious ceremony performed in church by Catholics when a child celebrates the first time that they accept the bread and

wine (also known as the Eucharist). The bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ. After this special occasion, the child is more deeply initiated into the Catholic Church. The children and their parents prepare for this special day by attending attending Mass. Family, Godparents and forme. friends of the family are invited to celebrate,

along with the church-going community that gathers together each week.

I received my first Holy communion on 14.02.2021 along with 38 children at OLVC. We were so thrilled and waited eagerly for this day to receive Jesus in our heart. receiving Jesus in our heart, we thanked the Lord Jesus. Due to pandemic, we could not invite our near and dear ones. But all have prayed for us. I want to thank each and everyone who prepared us to receive Jesus. After the mass, we had a small function with our dear ones and I was so happy to receive blessings and gifts from them.

No doubt, I will remember this special day Sunday School classes and regularly for the rest of my life and it's a memorable day

Moved By Hope



- Fabio Rodrigues Immaculate Conception Community

Hope is a thing that enables you to move and encourages you to move forward in your life. Hope and life are friends of

each other - one relates to another and another relates to one. When we have hope. we are more likely to see the opportunities that come our way. When we have hope, we hope.

are more likely to choose a path that leads to something positive. Hope is a feeling of desire for a thing to happen. If you have hope in your life, you can move forward in your life. By hope you can trust anyone. Moving By Hope means moving forward in future by hope that is by desire, moving by hope helps you in moving forward in your life. Many people like Bill Gates, Greta Thunberg, Severn Cullis Suzuki etc, moved by hope in their lives, so if we want to move in our life we have to move by

Mary, The New Eve



- Rena Fernandes. Std VIII

Mother of all. Mary undoes

Eve's disobedience in Genesis.

in salvation history - the New Eve, the New other created human being will ever have Ark of the Covenant, and the Queen of the such an elevated role.

Eternal Davidic Kingdom, Mary's role as the "New Eve" was the Holy Spirit working through her to bring each of us closer to Mary's "yes" to God's call God's merciful love. Her devotion to Christ was her commitment to and humble acceptance of God's plan gently becoming "the New Eve", the unites all people, as she works to share the Mother of the Church and the deep joy and peace. United by baptism, we are all brothers and sisters of Christ, sons what Eve did in the Old Testament. Mary with and daughters of God. Mary is our perfect her Yes and submission unties the knot of model. Mary is seen as the highest created being. She was the pure and perfect vessel for In a full understanding of her biblical roles Christ's Incarnation, the Mother of God. No

Expressing Gratitude to Soldiers for Serving our Country

- Christlin Mathias

members in the armed forces.

protect the nation from terrorists.

I am able to sleep peacefully as the borders

are well protected by the Indian soldiers. These soldiers are doing selfless and Thanks to all the veterans and active unconditional service at the Indian borders.

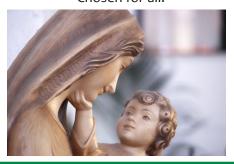
We all are so very safe and sound in our Thank you so much for the sacrifices you houses. Credit for this sense of security goes have made to serve the country. You stay only and only to our bravest and most away from family for months or years, to courageous soldiers. Any natural calamities and they are available.

A big salute to the forces. JAI HIND!

Mary, Our Mother

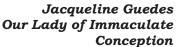
Mary, beautiful thy name So blessed and resilient The blueprint for relationships, The affection for framework, The partnership of construction, The pillar of assurance.

Begotten of the Lord, Betrothed, untouched by man, Full of grace, Chosen for all.



The eyes of sorrow, The hands of prayers, The heart of love, The soul of hope.

Being a perfect structure Being a patch for the action Being the connection of network Being the guard of the path Mary, beautiful thy name so blessed and resilent.





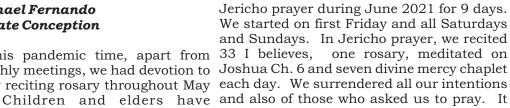
Spiritual Activities Conducted During Pandemic

- Mr. Raphael Fernando **Immaculate Conception**

During this pandemic time, apart from online monthly meetings, we had devotion to Joshua Ch. 6 and seven divine mercy chaplet our Lady by reciting rosary throughout May each day. We surrendered all our intentions

participated every day. Since the 2nd wave pandemic seriously affected many people,on Tuesdays we focused on saying different type of corona virus rosary exclusively those who are affected and involved in helping to eradicate thesickness. We prayed various intentions and offered to Mother Mary and many of us experienced spiritual blessings.

Further, we also prayed the



was good experience that we

unitedly prayed.

In July we had the ICU prayer with one intention only. During the nine days we completed reading 4 Gospels, participate in online mass, prayed nine Divine mercy chaplets with novena and exposed blessed sacrament. Since we didnt have access to church, we spent our time in prayer as one community and family.



Independence Day Celebration

- Anna Fernandes Member- Civic & Political Cell

The 15th of August dawned amidst Patriotic songs and infinite fears. The Government protocol on one hand and an individual's fear of contracting the infection on the other. Nevertheless the Civic and Political Cell of OLVC, understanding and knowing all restrictions decided to have the Independence day Celebrations

following all precautions.

The day began with mass as we all know it is a day of dual celebrations the feast of The Assumption of Mama Mary and the Independence Day. After mass the Civic and Political Cell members and a few youth along with Parish Council Members attended the Flag hoisting. rains tried to deter the enthusiasm. but the Eucharist had strengthened each one to move ahead with gusto. Our youth Leander Paes, the anchor of the program briefed us on the proceedings of the event. The Chief Guest Rev Fr. Arul Manickam O

Praem hoisted the flag and Fr. Anthony Moses lead us in prayer. We all felt blessed and proud as citizens of a great country that embraces diversity. As we sipped a hot cup of tea along with snacks, we were reminded of the good old times when we celebrated the flag hoisting amidst a large patriotic crowd. We realized our follies and we prayed to the Almighty to return our true freedom from the shackles and fears of The Pandemic.



GO to St. JOSEPH

- Maxima Serrao

JOSEPH' was based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Patris Corde' – "With a Father's heart". It helped to understand and values in our daily life.

of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the Papal Magisterium than Joseph, her spouse.

the Universal Catholic Church',

Venerable Pius XII proposed him as 'Patron him to the Vatican when he was elected Pope. of Workers' and

Saint John Paul II as 'Guardian of the Redeemer'.

"Patron of a happy death".

Now 150 years after his proclamation as Patron of the Universal Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX on 8 December 1870, Pope Francis has shared some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, St Joseph, who is so close to our own human experience.

In his Apostolic Letter titled, PATRIS Heart' Pope Francis felt the need even more OLVC Nerul. during this pandemic. We used these reflections as a basis for this session.

A ROLE MODEL FOR LAITY: St. Joseph comes across as an apt MODEL in the way we The Office for Lay Collaboration in Ministry live our lives in the family, in the society and (OLCM) was delighted to present an online in the Church and so we looked at St Joseph session for 20 participants from our parish, in his role as a father and saw what we can on 12 Aug 2021. The session 'GO TO ST. learn from him as; a Beloved Father, Tender Loving Father, Obedient Father, Accepting Father and Creatively Courageous Father.

Thereafter, we looked at St. Joseph as a appreciate the life of St Joseph and how one ROLE MODEL OF FAITH HOPE AND LOVE could reflect on various attitudes and through the qualities of, Acting without qualities of St Joseph and incorporate these expectation, Sanctity of work, Model of discernment and faith, Protector of the WHY ST. JOSEPH: After Mary, the Mother family, Availability and resourcefulness. Finally concluded the session with St. Joseph the Sleeping Saint.

Pope Francis, who had a statue of a Blessed Pius IX declared him 'Patron of sleeping St. Joseph on his desk for decades, brought the statue he had in Argentina with

"Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: **Pray for this problem!"** said Pope Francis. "Do not forget St. Joseph who sleeps! Jesus slept with the protection of Joseph."

The session ended with a PRAYER and a vote of thanks. On behalf of the participants, Bro Theo D'sa thanked OLCM for hosting this CORDE, which means, 'With a Father's interesting session for the parishioners of



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

- Pia Goes

In January 2021, Pope Francis announced the World day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated each year on the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

Our parish, celebrated this day on Sunday, 25th July 2021, with the Holy Eucharist, 21 senior citizens attended.

motivated and informative pep talk on how meaningful connection. Spending time with we seniors should take care of our health. A zumba session for seniors was conducted by pleasures of life, especially when they are Ms. Olinda, which was enjoyed by everyone, who got an opportunity to shake a leg and granny, grandpa, papu, nanu and even

loosen up the "creaky joints" with some "clumsy moves", though Olinda was the one with "perfect moves".

Pope Francis says, instituted the World day for grandparents and the elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received". He also reminds us that, grandparents are the links between the

different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life. It is necessary to bridge the gap between the elderly and the younger generation, so it is essential to have a intergenerational dialogue. The elderly do not fourth Sunday of July, coinciding with the have the capacity to save themselves. Pope Francis emphatically urges and reminds young people, adults and our society to join hands and save the elderly.

Grandparents and grandchildren share a After mass Dr. James Dsilva gave a very strong and loving bond, a unique and grandchildren is a wonderful reminder of the blessed with nicknames.... nan, pop,

> "toughy". So dear grandparents continue enjoying every moment with your naughty, cheeky and adorable grandkids.

> The session ended with tea and a take away brekky packet.

> Continue praying during family prayers and at the Eucharistic celebration for the elderly in the world and especially of our parish for their good health, peace of mind and safety.



Holy Mother of God, New Eve

- Ramchandran Lourdes

"The New Eve".

We have to start at the very beginning: Genesis. What Eve read in Genesis 3:20. Because

of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God, sin life through Mary." and death entered the world, and all of Eve's

children are born in original

But Mary's role in salvation history beautifully illustrates how God makes all things new. Through the obedience of Mary, the handmaid of the Lord, Jesus Christ entered the world as man to reverse

the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Christ, the Son of Mary, offers a new life of Have you ever heard grace to all who believe in Him. All who accept someone refer to Our Lady as Christ's invitation become His brothers and sisters, and become the spiritual children of Mary, the New Eve.

Many Fathers of the Church clearly saw the did in the Old Testament. We connection between Eve and Mary, and would frequently claim: "death through Eve,

Pope Paul VI wrote in his Credo of the

People of the God in 1968: "We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the New Eve. Ark of the Covenant and Eternal Oueen of David's Kingdom, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of the members of Christ.



Vianney Sunday Celebration

- Sheldon Dsouza

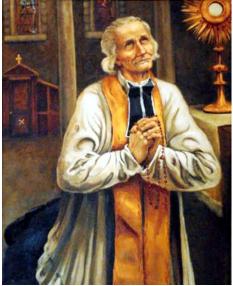
In August we celebrated Vianney Sunday, the feast of St. John Marie Vianney, the was in fear of death recalling at the same time patron of Parish Priests (also extended to all what happened to the "poor soul" Uzzah who priests). On this day, we show our gratitude tried to simply steady the Ark of God's towards our priests and thank God for them. presence, and he was struck down by the In our own parish we have a parishioner who Lord. When a priest touches the Sacred Host, has been recently ordained to the priesthood this is who he touches. I started looking at the and another a seminarian. However, not Office of Priesthood as the Tent of Meeting or always do we hear about this attitude of the Holy of Holies in the Temple where only gratitude towards our priests. Unfortunately, the High Priest was allowed to enter. Many we also hear about many things about them will say, that when God is with you, why that make us wonder in disbelief and worry or bother. But do we really understand sometimes disgust. Hence, I decided to share who this God is? Can we afford to take him so my own reflections about this Office (not the casually? It wasn't His anger that dissuaded people holding the office).

had this inclination of joining the Priesthood, and rather educate the people around, His but over the years, life happened, and I reality, lest we be spewed out of His mouth for

decided to not pursue this inclination. The decision to not join the Priesthood was from a scene of a movie I have seen a countless times, but never really pondered on - the scene of the Burning Bush. If Christ is the same God who appeared to Moses in the fire of that bush which illuminated it but did not consume it. then when I touch the which Host after consecration becomes the Body and Blood of the same Christ Jesus, who am I and what am I to even

consider this office, where among other things I get to touch "this" God. This isn't some pious reflection as seen in Psalm 8:4. I me but His sheer splendor and majesty that Those who know me personally, knew that I made me choose to stand outside the Tent

> our lukewarm attitude (Rev. 3:15). Our priests are frail and weak just as we are. Of the many burdens they carry, they carry the burden of having to face God, the same One, who spoke with Moses Face-to-Face. I wonder, how many of us would want to be in that place? I was feared out of my wits. These men were not. It is not a place of power. It is a place of great trial. Hence, let us not only pray for them from a distance but help them by our words of affection.





Legion of Mary - Centenary 2021

- Br. Donny David OLVC Praesidia Legion of Mary

On 7th Sept 1921 The Legion of Mary, began in a poor and old part of Dublin. A property know as Myra House in Francis Street. Amongst the lay people the guiding spirit was Mr. Frank Duff, who has rightly

In great measure the remarkable success which has attended the Legion of Mary in so many parts of the world, under the widest variety of circumstances and in so many diverse works, has sprung, under the generous hands of Mary, from the excellence of its organisation. Its system not only enkindles the spirit of apostolic zeal in its members, but directs it to most effective service. The Legion draws its inspiration from Devotion to Mary.

While insisting on the spirit of humility and obedience in all its members, it encourages the initiative of the individual in its system of reports and discussion. Through the control exercised over the activities of all its members by the weekly Presidium meeting and the supervision of individual Praesidia by the higher councils, it gives every opportunity for a campaign of planned action.

Membership of the Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who lead edifying lives and who are prepared to fulfil each and every duty which Legion membership involves. Persons International Association of the Faithful. wishing to join the Legion must apply for membership to a Praesidium. No candidate thanksgiving.

can be accepted without the sanction of the spiritual director. Active Membership requires the following: 1. The punctual and regular attendance at the weekly meeting of the Praesidium, and the furnishing there of an adequate report on the work done. 2. The daily recitation of the Catena. 3 The performance of a substantial active been recognised as founder of the Legion of Legionary work, in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. 4. The observance of an absolute secrecy in regard to any matter discussed at the meeting or learnt in connection with Legionary work. Auxiliary members are basically praying members, they commit to praying a daily rosary and the Tessera. Their daily prayers put the army behind the active members who go out into the community. Without their prayers, we would not be successful in our works.

Our parish OLVC legion of Mary was St. Louis Marie de Montfort's book True founded on 14th July 2013. Legionaries have visited Orphanages, Hospitals, Old age homes, Eucharistic communion to the sick and Home bound, Mass for sick and home bound, rendered service when requested and house to house visits.

> The Legion of Mary is really a system that is ahead of its time, one hundred years ago, and it is possibly more necessary today than ever, especially during this pandemic.

> On 27 March 2014, the Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Bishop Josef Clemens, delivered the decree in which the Legion is recognised by the Holy See as

> It is time of joy, celebration and of



Parish Vision: That every parishioner works & grows towards a participative servant church in the Mission of Jesus

Mary Our Mother, Pray for Us



- Tina Ramachandran Immaculate Conception Community

"God said: 'Let us make man

image, as we know, was defaced in man when and made her the New Eve in this new work of humanity committed original sin by creation. disobeying God at the beginning of human history. We recognize this story as the Fall of was not only free of original sin, but, being original sin.

Given Christ Jesus' intimate relationship unlike the First.

with Mary as her Son, the Church has reflected since the early centuries on Mary's holiness. A crucial question arising from this reflection was whether God would permit the woman that was destined to be the mother of the Holy One to be subjected to the universality of original sin as all people are. Mary was uniquely privileged with the preservation from all stain of original sin from the first moment of her conception.

But, how was the Immaculate Conception possible and why was the Immaculate Conception

necessary? God had created Adam and Eve sinless: from the very first moment of cooperate with God's grace, which calls us all God-Who wanted to do something new for intercession assist us in attaining holiness humanity-manifested His power, wisdom, and salvation.

and goodness in bestowing upon Mary total sinlessness from conception as He granted to the First Eve. He chose to do so given that Mary is an integral part of God's new creation of humanity through Christ. This "singular in Our image, after Our grace and privilege" was given to Mary by likeness," (Gen 1:26) after virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ her Son. which He created Adam and The New Adam essentially redeemed Marv Eve and all of humanity. Sadly, this divine from the initial moment of her conception

In addition, the Blessed Mother of our Lord humanity. Yes, it seems that we had it all in full of grace, was also free of all actual, or the beginning, but lost it all because of personal, sin in her life for the glory of her beloved Son. The New Eve was impeccable,

> Since sin separates us from God, it was right and iust for Jesus Christ to be conceived in a pure and sinless temple.

When God stated, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers," (Gen 3:15) . Her offspring, Jesus Christ, would need her perpetual "yes" to God for His glory. Indeed, "out of honor to the Lord," Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin, and remained sinless throughout her life. Therefore, the Immaculate

Conception is the Holy Temple. It also challenges us to continually Similarly, the Almighty to holiness. May the Blessed Mother's





Obituary

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Grace D'Costa

Member of The Editorial Board of Reach Out

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM - BORN IN CHRIST

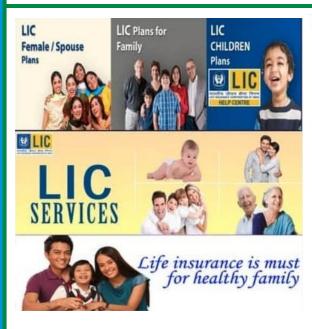
Sr	Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Place
1	04.04.2021	Ropheka	David Raja	Agnas Vidya	101, Unique Apt. Sec.44, Nerul)W)
2	04.04.2021	Amyra	Rexson	Jayshree	G-1, Arihant Apt. Sec. 20, Nerul(W)
3	01.08.2021	Nancy	Alexon	Bernita	Ashwati CHS, B-20, Sec.14, Vashi.
4	22.08.2021	Mercv	Noel	Sandhva	B-201, Olive Complex, Sec.42A, Nerul(W)

MARRIAGE - UNITED IN CHRIST

SI.No.	Date of Marriage	Bridegroom Name	Brides Name
1	07.04.2021	Jonathan Savio	Akshatta
2	29.04.2021	Michael Telson	Merlyn
3	31.05.2021	Rito Pereira	Hafiza Banu
4	31.07.2021	Kenneth Fernandes	Sapna
5	14.08.2021	Ashley Jackson	Alishea
6	21.08.2021	Akshay Zope	Annabelle Mary
7	26.08.2021	Shantanu Sanjay Barge	Diana

BURIAL - RESTING IN CHRIST

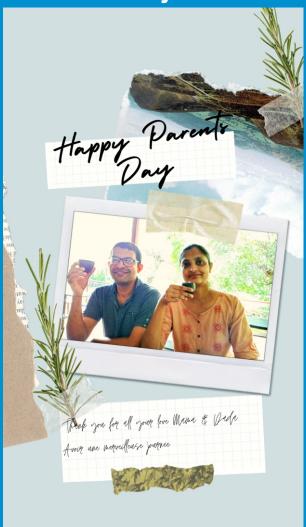
SI.No.	Name	Date of Expiry/Burial	Age
1	Grace D'Costa	10.05.2021	68 years
2	Mary D'Souza	13.06.2021	83 years



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Parents Day Digital Cards by Class 10 of Sunday School















—From your dearest

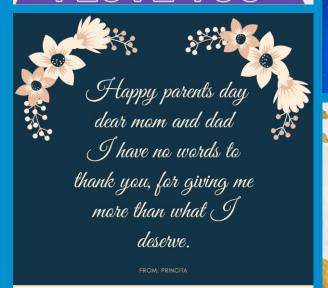
HAPPY PARENT'S DAY. 👼 👼

—From your deares daughter Arulmalar Dhinagaran. •••• My parents have always said, THEY'LL BE THERE FOR ME and they have never let me down.

I AM VERY THANKFUL, MAMA AND DADA FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT AND LOVE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME



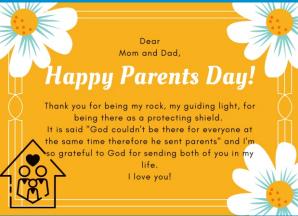




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No amount of appreciation is enough to express my gratefulness to you! Happy parents day mumma and dada!!! I love you ♥







Thank you for being there with me always!

I'm so proud and happy to have amazing parents like you guys.....I love you so much mama.dada