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February 24

Bible Quiz # 54

The Book of Judges

(Chapters 16 - 20)

1. How did Delilah finally discover the source of Samson’s strength?

2. How many people died when Samson pulled down the temple of Dagon?

3. What motivated Micah to build his own shrine and hire a Levite as priest?

4. What does Judges 17:6 reveal about Israel’s spiritual condition?

5. Why did the tribe of Dan steal Micah’s idols and priest?

6. Why did Israel go to war against the tribe of Benjamin?

7. Why did Israel suffer losses on the first two days even though God approved the battle?

8. What finally caused Samson to reveal the secret of his strength to Delilah? Choose the correct answer.

A. She promised him freedom

B. She threatened to leave him

C. She pressed him daily until he was vexed to death

D. She offered him riches

9. What did Micah believe would happen when a Levite became his priest? Choose the correct answer.

A. His crops would multiply

B. God would do him good

C. He would gain power over Israel

D. He would stop paying taxes

10. What shocking action did the Levite take after his concubine died? Choose the correct answer.

A. He buried her in Bethlehem

B. He sent her body in pieces to the tribes of Israel

C. He fled alone to his home

D. He offered sacrifices for her

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THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.

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THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

THE CLEAN OF HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

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Melinda Frederick

Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays

20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting

with the pastor, at the parents’ convenience,

one month prior to the desired Baptism date.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after

10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should

call the office at least six months prior to the

anticipated date of the wedding to begin the

marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:

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Youth Faith Formation:

Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

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Weekends:

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Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

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MASS Intentions

Saturday, February 7th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

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†Whalen Kiffe †Gene Bosworth †Alberta LeBlanc
†Velma & Eldridge Williams †David Stansbury
†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Thomas Beadle
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, February 8th
7:30 am

†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
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†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell †Perry & Helen Landry
†Joey Hepler Family †Choker & Greg Cart.

10:30 am

†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
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†All St. Bernadette Priests †Rose Lipari
†Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins †Carlo Streva, Sr.
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased.

At Santhome Cathedral, kneeling at the tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle, faith became personal again. This was no abstract apostolic claim — this was a man who touched the wounds of Christ and then crossed oceans to proclaim Him. Thomas preached where he was not expected, where he was not welcomed, and where he would eventually be martyred. Praying at his tomb, I felt the weight of apostolic succession not as privilege but as cost. The Church in India was born not from comfort, but from blood, perseverance, and fidelity.

That same fidelity echoed at St. Thomas Mount, where Mass was offered overlooking a city alive with noise, movement, and contradiction. There, the Cross stood quietly, reminding us that Christ is not intimidated by chaos. He enters it. He redeems it.

In Vailankanni, the Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health felt like the heart of the pilgrimage. Mary is loved here not as a distant queen, but as a mother who walks barefoot with her children. Watching pilgrims crawl on their knees, whisper prayers through tears, and press their foreheads to the cool stone, I was reminded that the Church is most alive where people bring their wounds without pretense. Mary gathers the broken without explanation. She heals not always by removing suffering, but by staying close to it.

Throughout the journey, in nearly every place we visited, we were welcomed with a shawl placed gently around our shoulders. This simple gesture spoke volumes. The shawl is a sign of honor, protection, and belonging. It says: you are received, you are respected, you are not a stranger here. Over time, those shawls became a visible sign of something deeper — the Church wrapping herself around her sons, reminding us that wherever Christ is present, we are home.

That sense of belonging became especially tangible when we visited Fr. Thainese’s family and Fr. Henry’s family and religious community. We were not treated as guests, but as family. They welcomed us with open hearts and generous hands, preparing an abundant spread of food with joy and pride. Their love language was unmistakably service. In giving, they revealed Christ. In feeding us, they honored us. In serving without hesitation,



Father Clint Trahan and Father Jared Suire with Fr. Thainese’s siblings.

they preached the Gospel without words. Traveling though villiages, seminaries, and parishes — Sacred Heart shrines, Loyola College, Kalaiyarkoil, Idaikattur — we encountered a Church sustained by simplicity and sacrifice. Priests serve tirelessly. The faithful walk far for Mass. The Eucharist is never assumed. It is longed for.

At the tomb of St. John de Britto, martyrdom ceased to be a historical concept. It became a challenge. His witness confronts any temptation toward a comfortable priesthood. He did not die because he was careless, but because he was faithful. The land remembers him. The Church still breathes because of men like him.

In Kochi, the tomb of St. Alphonsa revealed sanctity born of suffering embraced, not escaped. In Kolkata, standing at Mother Teresa’s tomb, silence preached louder than words. Her life proclaimed that love given freely is never wasted, even when unseen.

And finally, in Agra and Delhi, amid monuments of power and beauty, the Church stood quietly again — small, ancient, persistent. The Taj Mahal may capture the eye, but it is the Cross that captures the heart.

This pilgrimage did not offer answers so much as purification. It taught us to carry less, love more, and trust deeper. India did not simply host Christianity —it witnessed to it. And in doing so, it changed us.

Fr. Clint Trahan, pastor & pilgrim

A Reflection of Fr. Clint Trahan’s Pilgrimage to India



A welcome banner to Fr. Jared and Fr. Clint was hanging in front of Fr. Thainese’s family home in his village, Mathurakanmai.



Our Lady of Rosary Church in Father’s village.



To walk the soil of India as a pilgrim is to discover that the Gospel does not arrive loudly. It arrives humbly. It takes root quietly. And then, over centuries, it bears fruit that is deep, resilient, and often hidden.

From the moment we stepped onto Indian soil, weary from travel and disoriented by time, the pilgrimage began not with grandeur but with surrender. Rest itself became prayer. And even the practical realities of the journey — packing, unpacking, repacking, moving from place to place — became unexpected teachers. Carrying everything we owned, even for a short time, revealed how little we truly need. What weighed us down was not always necessary. The pilgrimage gently asked us to carry less — not only in our luggage, but in life. It was a quiet lesson in detachment, simplicity, and trust.