

## horoscope

### ARIES: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19)

This week, embrace confidence and creative expansion. Sunday, the Leo moon in your creative sector harmonizes with Neptune in your sign, inspiring artistic expression and vivid dreams. The sun in your sign makes a supportive aspect to Jupiter in Gemini, boosting your communication skills. This is an excellent time for networking. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 12th house, helping you gain mental clarity after a period of mental confusion. Venus connects with Saturn in Pisces encouraging emotional maturity.

### TAURUS: (Apr. 20–May 20)

This week, focus on inner reflection and career growth. Sunday, the Leo moon in your home sector harmonizes with Neptune in Aries, bringing nostalgic emotions and a desire for comfort. The Sun-Jupiter cosmic connection enhances your financial intuition. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 11th house, helping to clear up any miscommunication in friendships and collaborations. Venus, sits next to Saturn in Pisces, helping to strengthen your long-term goals.

### GEMINI: (May 21–Jun. 21)

This week, expect a communication surge and social expansion. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 3rd house enhances self-expression, aligning beautifully with Neptune in Aries. With the sun harmonizing with Jupiter in your sign, your optimism and confidence are high. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 10th house of career, clearing professional misunderstandings. Venus sits with Saturn in Pisces, encouraging strategic career moves.

### CANCER: (Jun. 22–Jul. 22)

This week, financial insights and emotional growth take center stage. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 2nd house highlights money matters, while Neptune in Aries encourages trusting your intuition when it comes to career matters. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 9th house, making travel and education plans easier. Venus connects with Saturn and supports your long-term vision.

### LEO: (Jul. 23–Aug. 22)

This week, step into the spotlight with bold self-expression. Sunday, the moon in your sign makes a positive aspect to Neptune in Aries, heightening your creativity and intuition. The Sun-Jupiter supportive alignment boosts your charisma and ability to make a strong impression. Step into the spotlight. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 8th house, resolving financial and emotional uncertainties. Venus sits with Saturn in Pisces, deepening intimate connections.

### VIRGO: (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)

This week, focus on self-reflection and personal development. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 12th house makes a supportive aspect to Neptune, encouraging deep spiritual insights. The Sun-Jupiter harmonious alignment inspires personal growth and educational pursuits. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 7th house, clearing relationship misunderstandings, while Venus sits next to Saturn, strengthening your commitments. The coast is finally clear for you to have some serious

conversations.

### LIBRA: (Sept. 23–Oct. 23)

This week, focus on relationships and personal equilibrium. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 11th house enhances social connections, making it an ideal time for networking or socializing with people you love. The Sun-Jupiter harmonious aspect expands your perspective, encouraging new collaborations. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 6th house, clearing up workplace miscommunications. Venus sits with Saturn in Pisces, urging discipline in health and daily routines.

### SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21)

This week, focus on career growth and emotional clarity. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 10th house shines a light on public recognition. The Sun-Jupiter positive match-up favors financial opportunities. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 5th house, clearing up creative or romantic confusion. Venus sits with Saturn and deepens emotional bonds. Tuesday, the Leo moon disagrees with Uranus in your 7th house, stirring unexpected developments in partnerships. Adaptability is key. Watch your ego.

### SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)

This week, adventure, ambition, and home matters take center stage. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 9th house sparks curiosity, making it a great time for travel or learning. The Sun-Jupiter harmonious aspect enhances luck in partnerships. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 4th house, resolving home and family matters. Venus sits with Saturn and pushes you to set stronger foundations. You may feel inspired to make an important change to your home.

### CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)

This week, focus on transformation and strategic planning. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 8th house deepens emotional awareness, while the Sun-Jupiter positive aspect supports productivity. It's a good day to get organized for the week. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 3rd house, clearing up communication mishaps. Venus sits with Saturn and refines your messaging. A serious conversation with a loved one may happen this week.

### AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)

This week, nurture close relationships and financial stability. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 7th house enhances partnerships, while the Sun-Jupiter positive connection helps to improve romantic and creative endeavors. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your 2nd house, resolving financial confusion. Venus sits with Saturn and urges disciplined budgeting. Make a long-term financial plan for your future.

### PISCES: (Feb. 19–Mar. 20)

This week, focus on personal growth and productivity. Sunday, the Leo moon in your 6th house of routine boosts work efficiency, while the Sun-Jupiter positive match-up enhances your home life. Monday, Mercury goes direct in your sign, clearing mental fog and improving self-expression. Venus sits with Saturn and refines your personal boundaries. A hard truth about a relationship may help you in the long run.

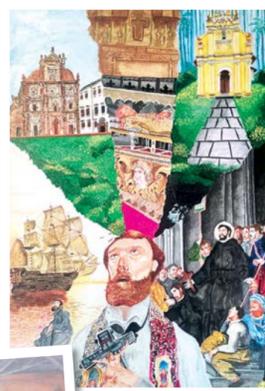
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## An art exhibition on St Francis Xavier at Borim

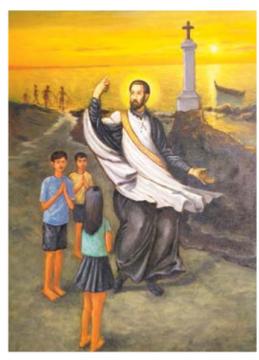
'Goencho Saib, Goenchea Akaran' is an art exhibition by the Parish Pastoral Council of St Francis Xavier Church, Borim under the auspice of the parish priest Fr Victor Ferrao to celebrate the birthday of their patron saint on April 7.

Being in the Jubilee Year, the parishioners of Borim have decided to also celebrate the Jubilee of the Artists. The exhibition intends to beautifully blend the spiritual significance of St Francis Xavier with the rich cultural and artistic heritage of Goa, creating a platform for local artists devoid of their religious bindings to express the depth of their relationship with the Saint. This inter-religious fusion of the sacred and the everyday highlights the true Goan ethos of being hospitable, conscious and harmonious living.

Featuring 21 professional Goan artists and 14 emerging young talents from the surrounding villages of Borim, the exhibition will offer a dynamic interplay of experience, expression and newer perspectives. The exhibition aims to transcend the conventional depiction of St Francis as a distant figure from the past, instead bringing him into



the present day, reflecting the enduring connection between the people of Goa and their Patron Saint. By centering on both the sublime and the mundane aspects of Goan life, it provides a space for the artists to highlight the intimate profound reflection of the sacred and cultural bond that ties Goans to their Patron Saint. Thus creating an opportunity for both seasoned and aspiring artists to contribute to the legacy of Goan spirituality and creativity. The unique approach taken by the



artists—focusing not on who St Francis Xavier is, but on what St Francis Xavier represents to each individual artist—adding a deeply personal and introspective layer to the exhibition. The exhibition is curated by Raymond Pereira, a painter/printmaker practicing in his studio Ray's Atelier based in Colva. He is presently working as an assistant professor in Visual Arts at Nirmala

Institute of Education, Panjim. The artists choose to represent St Francis Xavier in myriad ways: through vivid landscapes reflecting the missionary work and travels of the Saint, through portraits that emphasize his relevance in the modern world. Also, significantly through abstract, symbolic and contemporary interpretations that capture the spirit of hope, devotion, celebration and resilience he embodies. The artists employed a variety of mediums to bring their visions to life, from traditional oil painting, acrylics, charcoal to mixed media. The diversity in both medium and perspective offers a multifaceted portrayal of St. Francis Xavier, making the exhibition not just a display of art, but a deep, reflective experience for both the artists and the audience.

In a significant expansion of the event, the exhibition will also travel to parishes across Goa where St Francis Xavier is the patron saint, fostering a deeper connection with communities throughout the region. This initiative resonates with the Jubilee 2025 theme, inviting participants to embrace the role of being Pilgrims of Hope, as it allows each artist to express their unique pilgrimage with the Saint, offering a rich and varied spiritual journey spreading the Good News through the universal language of art.

The exhibition will run from April 8 to 13, from 10 am to 5 pm, providing ample opportunity for visitors to engage with the artworks.

## A spiritually enriching experience at Chotanagpur Youth Lenten Retreat, Raia



The annual Lenten Retreat for the Chotanagpur Youth Group Goa organised by Arnold Seva Kendra (ASK, Goa) in collaboration with Chotanagpur Youth group, was held at SVD Seminary, Raia, providing a spiritually enriching experience for all participants. The retreat commenced with a vibrant praise and worship session led by Fr Cranston, followed by uplifting animation songs conducted by Fr Michael Pereira.

Two insightful sessions on 'Life and Living for God' and 'Need to return to God' were conducted by Fr Anthony and Fr Suman, inspiring the youth to deepen their faith and commitment to God. A significant highlight of the retreat was the sacrament of Confession, where the participants experienced the profound mercy and forgiveness of God. Following this, the youth embarked on the Way of the Cross on the SVD Seminary

Mountain, climbing with devotion and prayer as they reflected on the path Jesus walked while carrying the cross. This solemn journey culminated in a deeply moving Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Fr Anthony on the hill, creating a truly spiritual atmosphere. The retreat concluded with a special adoration session, where the youth spent time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

### Geet Ramayana

Geet Ramayana will be organized by Ravindra Bhavan, Margao under Swaranand on the occasion of Ram Navami. This special program is based on the songs from the Ramayana, written by G D Madgulkar and composed by Sudhir Phadke and will be presented by Marwa Creative Trust Goa. Ambar Miringkar, a talented singer from Goa, will be performing. He is a disciple of Pune's well-known classical singer Pt Vijay Koparkar. **Venue: Ravindra Bhavan, Margao** **Date: April 6** **Time: 6 pm**

### Penitential Procession of Saints

The Penitential Procession of Saints (Santanchem Pursan) which takes place in the fifth week of Lent, will be held on Monday. The Auxiliary Bishop of Goa, Most Reverend Simão Fernandes will be the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration, followed by the procession of the Saints, beginning with the Tau and Crossed Arms, a symbol of the Franciscan Order, followed by 31 statues, including that of the Patron of the Archdiocese, St Joseph Vaz. The Life Size Statues of the Saints will be kept open for the public veneration on April 7, 8 and 9 at St Andrew's Church, Goa-Velha. On Tuesday, April 8, there will be Masses at 7 am, 9 am and 4 pm, and on April 9 at 7 am in the Church. **Venue: St Andrew's Church, Goa-Velha** **Date: April 7** **Time: 4.30 pm**

### Art class

Get creative through collage by learning the art with Polish art therapist Wiktor Salicki. **Venue: Carpe Diem Art Centre - Majorda** **Date: April 6** **Time: 11 am - 1 pm**

## Perpetual Profession of the Sisters of the Helpers of Mary in Goa

Br Malvino Afonso

The Eucharistic Celebration of the Perpetual Profession of seven Sisters from the Society of the Helpers of Mary took place at Nitya Seva Niketan, the Provincialate of the St. Francis Xavier Province in Rivona. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Bishop Simão Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman. Fr Romeo D' Silva dean of Sanguem deanery, Fr Mario Pereira, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Rosary Church and other priests concelebrated the Eucharistic celebration. The seven Sisters who



made their perpetual vows are Sr Anita Harnodkar (Karwar Diocese, Karnataka), Sr Gloria Mascarenhas (Karwar Diocese, Karnataka), Sr Margaret Diggekar (Karwar Diocese, Karnataka), Sr Mini Hembram (Balasore Diocese, Odisha), Sr Bijeswari (Berhampur Diocese, Odisha), Sr Sahaya Lourd

(Kottar Diocese, Tamil Nadu) and Sr Shobha Albert (Vellore Diocese, Tamil Nadu). Their final profession was received by Sr Pushpy Alappadan, Superior General of the Society of the Helpers of Mary. Sr Leena Nazareth was the liturgical commentator while Yolanda

Carvalho with the Parish Youth of Rivona led the liturgical singing. Sr Monica Lobo anchored the felicitation programme. Sr Gladys D'Souza, the Provincial Superior of the Southern province, commended the newly professed sisters for their courage and dedication.

## Herald Gaming Console

### Dilbert

### Garfield

### Wizard of id

### crossword 4812

**ACROSS**  
1- Jeanne \_\_\_\_ (French saint); 5- \_\_\_\_ Miserables; 8- Supplements, with 'out'; 12- Eastern nanny; 13- Greek goddesses of the seasons; 15- Tablet; 16- Dorothy's dog; 17- What you put on snooze; 18- Brainchild; 19- An organization; 22- Butterfly catcher; 23- Camera type, briefly; 24- Sound quality; 26- Remove the color from; 29- Late-night flight; 31- Rhyming boxing champ; 32- Suckle; 34- Fine fur; 36- Pulls; 38- Carryalls; 40- Bring up; 41- Conductor Zubin; 43- Japanese dish; 45- 'Wheel of Fortune' buy; 46- Flight of steps; 48- Run chore; 50- Jekyll's alter ego; 51- Crew tool; 52- Hit-show sign; 54- Encircling; 61- Tart; 63- Noise; 64- Switch ending; 65- Chuck; 66- Curved letters; 67- Nothing in Nogales; 68- Editor's note; 69- LAX posting; 70- Prepared to drive;

**DOWN**  
1- Info; 2- OT prophet; 3- Phoebe; 4- Select; 5- 'Damn Yankees' role; 6- Part of QED; 7- Delhi dress; 8- Prefix with center; 9- Chili ingredient; 10- Robert \_\_\_\_; 11- Blind piece; 13- Butch, e.g.; 14- Act badly; 20- Family; 21- Agrees tacitly; 25- Close by; 26- Depressed spirits; 27- Tower for the

guidance of mariners; 28- \_\_\_\_ Perot; 29- Baseball's Pee Wee; 30- Oxlike antelope; 31- 24-hr. bank feature; 33- Poker legend Ungar; 35- Before, to Burns; 37- Hang around; 39- Burial clothes; 42- Helps; 44- Persia, today; 47- Employ again; 49- Fervent; 52- Grounded fleet; 53- Underground part of a plant; 55- Red flower; 56- Corrosion; 57- Draft rating; 58- Dies \_\_\_\_; 59- Lymph \_\_\_\_; 60- Incite; 62- Queue after Q;

**solution 4811**

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### sudoku 4812

**Instructions for Sudoku**  
9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

**solution 4811**

3	5	9	2	7	4	6	1	8
6	8	2	1	5	3	4	7	9
7	1	4	9	8	6	3	2	5
8	3	1	6	9	7	5	4	2
5	2	7	4	1	8	9	6	3
9	4	6	5	3	2	7	8	1
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4	6	5	8	2	9	1	3	7
2	9	3	7	6	1	8	5	4