**Message by Parish Priest**

My dear Friends!

Happy New Year. May 2020 be a year of hope!

“Hope” is again at the heart of Pope Francis latest World Day of Peace message for the year 2020, which opens with the statement: “Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family”. Hope, writes the Pope, is “the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable”.

Pope Francis acknowledges how “the terrible trials of internal and international conflicts, often aggravated by ruthless acts of violence, have an enduring effect on the body and soul of humanity”. “Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace”. On the other hand, writes Pope Francis, “Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities”. That journey of reconciliation “calls for patience and trust”, says the Pope. “Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for”.

The world does not need empty words, continues Pope Francis, “but convinced witnesses, peacemakers who are open to a dialogue that rejects exclusion or manipulation”. Peace is a process that requires enduring commitment, he adds. “It is a patient effort to seek truth and justice, to honor the memory of victims and to open the way, step by step, to a shared hope stronger than the desire for vengeance”.

Finally, Pope Francis refers to the recent Synod on the Pan-Amazon Region. “Faced with the consequences of our hostility towards others, our lack of respect for our common home or our abusive exploitation of natural resources, we are in need of an ecological conversion”, he writes, one that will “lead us to a new way of looking at life”. The Pope concludes with a renewed call “for a peaceful relationship between communities and the land, between present and past, between experience... and hope”.

Let us earnestly pray for our country this year that there may be peace among all sections and religions of the country. May the Prince of Peace bless our country.

**Parish Priest**

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Mass Timings**Saturdays**

6.00 pm (Eng)

Anticipated Mass

Sundays

6.30 am - English

7.30 am - Malayalam

9.00 am - English

10.15 am - Hindi

11.30 am - English

4.00 pm - Hindi

6.00 pm - English

Weekdays

6.30 am- English

1.00 pm - English

6.00 pm - English

Tuesday evening

Mass is in Hindi

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

11th Jan. 2020

English 9:00am

St. Alphonsa

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

In a magnificent text addressed to the exiles returning from the Babylonian captivity, Isaiah tells them that the temple city of Jerusalem will exult and the glory of God will be revealed.

Response Ps: 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Paul writes that the mystery concerning the Gentiles has now been revealed.

Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men from the East reach Herod's palace to enquire about the new born King.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, reveal your glory to us.

पहला पाठ: इसायास ग्रंथ 60:1 - 6

पृथ्वी और राष्ट्रों पर घोर अंधकार छाया हुआ है। लेकिन एक विश्वासी पर प्रभु येशु की ज्योति चमकती है जैसे सच—लाइट लगी हो। वह उसी प्रकाश से अंधकार में चमकता रहता है।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 71

हे प्रभु! पृथ्वी के सभी राष्ट्र तेरी आराधना करेंगे।

दूसरा पाठ: एफेसियों के नाम पत्र 3:2-3,5-6

सुसमाचार के द्वारा यहूदियों के साथ गैर—यहूदी भी एक ही विरासत के अधिकारी बनाये गये हैं। एक शरीर के अंग और येशु मसीह—विषयक प्रतिज्ञा के सहभागी।

सुसमाचार: संत मती 2:1-12

ज्योतिषी लोग बड़ी तकलीफ सह कर येरुसालेम और बाद में बेथलेहेम पहुँचे। प्रभु येशु के दर्शन पा कर वे आनंद विभोर हो गये और अपनी-अपनी भेंट चढ़ा कर तथा विश्वाय में दूढ़ हो कर वे खुशी से अपने घर लौट गये।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, अपनी महिमा हम पर प्रकट कीजिए।

REFLECTION

The gospel of today presents the arrival of the Magi seeking the newborn Child. The Epiphany is manifestation of the good news of God's love. On this feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that God accepts those who approach God in simplicity of heart. Many wonders accompanied the birth of the Savior. One was the appearance of the star that brought the Magi. They came with simplicity of heart to adore and render homage to our new King lying in the manger. Let us, likewise, love Our Savior in simplicity of heart, having but one aim and object in all we do. Simplicity is nothing else but a pure and simple act of charity which has only one end in view, and that is to obtain the love of God. The heart full of sacred love has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts, their silence and their speech, their action and their contemplation, their work and their rest equally sing God's praises. They do all their deeds, great or small with great love. Such were the lives of the saints.

We may ask, "How can we acquire God's love?" Some people think that a certain art is needed in acquiring sacred love. In fact there is no art other than to set ourselves to the work of loving God, which means applying ourselves to the practice of those things that are pleasing to God, in simplicity, without trouble or concern. Imitate the simple love of doves in their having only one mate, for whom alone they do everything, and whom alone they wish to please. Imitate them also in the simplicity with which they express and show their love. They are happy to rest quietly in each other's presence.

The true means of finding and acquiring holy love is to remain in Christ's presence. In this Presence, let us delight in the joy of experiencing many inspirations and affections because we belong exclusively to God. Like the Magi, let us come close to the crib of the Christ Child. Let us be rich in love for our Savior who desires to show us how to love.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 06 Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2 /Mt 4:12-17,23-25
07 Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72 / Mk 6:34-44
08 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/ Mk 6:45-52
09 Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/PS 72/ Lk 4:14-22
10 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/ Lk 5:12-16
11 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/ Jn 3:22-30



**We pray that Christians,
followers of other religions,
and all people of goodwill
may promote peace and
justice in the world.**



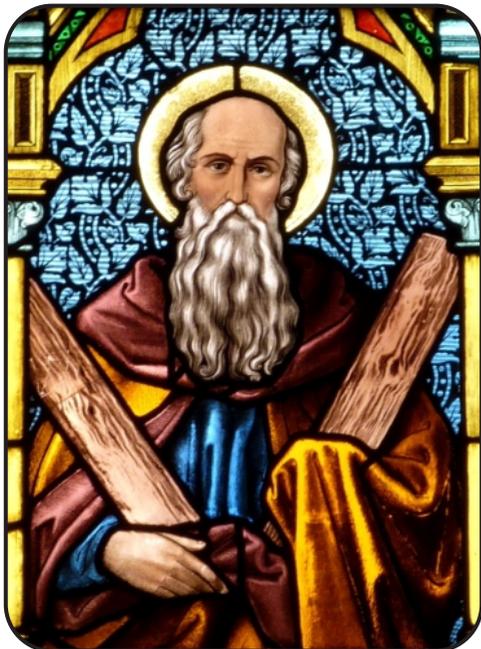
-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. Parish Council meeting which is scheduled for today has been postponed to 19th January, 2020.
2. Next Saturday 11th January, there will be Church cleaning. It's open to all. Kindly be available by 9.30 am.
3. Next Sunday, there will be a meeting of the Catholic Association soon after the 9.00 am mass. All CA members are requested to attend the meeting.
4. We have a children's choir in this parish. All those children who are interested to join the choir are requested to come for practices every Saturday at 3:30 pm at the Maria Bhawan basement.
5. Thanks to St Thomas SCC Unit and St. Mother Teresa SCC Unit for animating the 9.00 am mass and 10.15 am mass respectively. Next Sunday, the 9.00 am mass will be animated by St. Alphonsa SCC Unit and 10.15 am mass by Our Lady of Mount Carmel SCC Unit.
6. Next Sunday there will be Second Collection for the Seminary Fund.
7. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
8. Parish Calendars are available for sale at Help Desk.

**Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest**

St. Andrew's Novena Prayer



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 6th Jan., 2020

St Andre Bessette

Tue: 7th Jan., 2020

St. Raymond of Penafort

Wed: 8th Jan., 2020

St Severinus

Thu: 9th Jan., 2020

St Julian

Fri: 10th Jan., 2020

St William Baurges

Sat: 11th Jan., 2020

St Theodossius

Past Events



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