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Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel passage has taken us once again into the famous parable of the Talents. A man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two talents, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Talent was not a coin, it was a weight; and therefore, its value obviously depended on whether the coinage involved was copper, gold or silver. The commonest metal at the Time of Jesus was silver. Jesus' listeners were well aware of the amount of wealth entrusted to each servant.

This parable has a number of messages for us. First of all it tells us that God gives man differing gifts. One man received five talents, another two, and another one. It is not a man's talent which matters; what matters is how he uses it. God never demands from a man ability which he has not got. The parable express that men are not equal in talent; but men can be equal in effort. It is quite remarkable that the man simply entrusted the talents to the servants. He did not tell them what to do with them. Neither did he tell them that he would demand them back on his return. The servants drew conclusions for themselves. Two of them decided to take risk and put them to use. While the third decided to play safe, burying it.

As the man expected his servants to be fruitful we are also expected to be fruitful. We are also expected to appreciate all of the gifts that we have received, not only appreciate them but also use them to their greatest potential. Millions of people passed through this earth. All of them had their own special talents; but only a handful of them dared to try out them. All of them had dreams; but only a score of them looked for their fulfillment. All of them had their own ideas; but only a few of them decided to try them out.

We are all gifted with some strength. The small size of the hummingbird, weighing only a tenth of an ounce, gives it the flexibility to perform complicated maneuvers, such as beating its wings 75 times a second. This enables the humming bird to drink nectar from flowers while hovering, but it cannot soar, glide or hop. The Ostrich, at 300 pounds, is the largest bird, but it can't fly. However, its legs are so strong that it can run at up to 50 miles per hour, taking strides of 12-15 feet.

The second message of the parable is that it tells us that the reward of work well done is still more work to do. The two servants who had done well are not told to sit back and rest. But, they are given greater tasks. One talent was taken away from the man who hid it, and was given to the one who had received five talents. At our work place, at home or at the parish, when we do something good, we are given more responsibilities, instead of being grateful we grumble and complain. Thirdly, the parable tells us that the man who is punished is the man who would not try. The man with one talent did not lose it; but he simply did nothing with it.

Dear friends, the only way to keep a gift is to use it in the service of God and in the service of our fellow men. Let us made an earnest effort in discovering God given talents and making use of it in the service of God and service of fellow peoples.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arokia Raj

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 pm (Eng)

Anticipated Mass

Sundays

9.00 am - English

10.30 am - Hindi

11.45 am - English

6.00 pm - English

Live streaming
of Holy Mass

Sunday:

9:00 am - English

10:30 am - Hindi

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CelebrantEnglish 9:00 am
Msgr. Susai SebastianHindi 10:30 am
Fr. Alphonse ShahEnglish 11:45 am
Fr. SebastianEnglish 6:00 pm
Archbishop Anil

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

This concluding passage from the book of Proverbs sings the praises of a perfect wife.

Response Ps: 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord!

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul invites his Christians to be alert so that they may be ready to meet the Lord when he comes.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The privilege of receiving so many talents and gifts imposes the responsibility of not wasting them but making them fruitful for God's glory.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, make our lives fruitful.

पहला पाठ: सक्ति-ग्रंथ 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

आज के पहले पाठ में सर्वगुणसम्पन्न पत्नी का चित्र अंकित किया गया है। वह जीवन भर अपने पति की भलाई करती है, अपने घर का अच्छा प्रबन्ध करती और दीन-दुःखियों की सुधि लेती है।

अनुवाक्य: भजन स्तोत्र 128

धन्य हैं वे, जो प्रभु पर श्रद्धा रखते हैं।

दूसरा पाठ: थेसलतीकियों 5:1-6

संत पौलुस थेसलतीकियों को याद दिलाते हैं कि प्रभु का दिन चोर की तरह आएगा, इसलिए उनको बराबर, आध्यात्मिक रूप से जागते रहना चाहिए। एक व्यक्ति के लिए प्रभु का दिन उसकी मृत्यु का दिन है और समस्त मानव जाति के लिए, वह अन्तिम विचार का दिन है।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मन्ती 25:14-30

अशर्फियों के दृष्टांत द्वारा प्रभु येशु मसीह हमें यह शिक्षा देते हैं कि ईश्वर की ओर से हमें जो वरदान मिले हैं, जीवन के अन्त में उन सबका लेखा देना होगा।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

The readings of this Sunday teaches us to become aware of God-given talents, abilities and skills and use them fruitfully for the glory of God and for the service of the Kingdom of God.

The first reading suggests that we should be diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with "the fear of the Lord." Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and "brings forth good, not evil"; she "reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy," and she is a portrait of responsible readiness. The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now. We are invited by the Lord to use our talents not just for ourselves but primarily to give glory to God and use all our talents fruitfully for the service of the Kingdom of God and for others. Today's Gospel challenges us to ask these questions: Am I ready to change? Am I using my talents and gifts primarily to glory to God? Am I using my talents to serve my brothers and sisters? We need to do three things if we want to become God's faithful servants: Being ready to change and grow, make use of God-given talents and use them for the service of others and give glory to God.

Let us then make the best use of the talents God has given to us, we will be able to hear Lord saying: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master".

CHURCH NOTICES

33rd Sunday of the year- 15-11-2020

1. SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. There will a combined Mass at 9.30 am followed by procession in Columba's School. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by His grace Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto.

2. MISSION SUNDAY CALENDARS: Mission Sunday calendars costing Rs. 10/- is available at the book stall and Help Desk.

3. CONFESSIONS: Fr. Alberto will be available for Confessions at the Cathedral on every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

4. CHURCH SUPPORT FUND: Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk. Church Support Fund may also be remitted through online. For details kindly look at the Cathedral Calling.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 16 Mon:** Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Ps 1 / Lk 18:35-43
- 17 Tue:** Rev 3:1-6, 14-22/ Ps 15 / Lk 19: 1-10
- 18 Wed:** Rev 4:1-11 /Ps 150 / Lk 19:11-28
or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ PS 98:1-6/ Mt 14:22-33
- 19 Thu:** Rev 5:1-10 / Ps 149 / Lk 19:41-44
- 20 Fri:** Rev 10:8-11 / Ps 119/ Lk 19:45-48
- 21 Sat:** Rev 11: 4-12 / Ps 144/ Lk 20:27-40



We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

-Pope Francis-



Prayer to St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Patron of Widows/ers)

Dear Saint, you were always poor in spirit, most generous toward the poor, faithful to your husband, and fully consecrated to your Divine Bridegroom.

Grant your help to widows and widowers and keep them faithful to their heavenly Lord. Teach them how to cope with their loss and to make us of their time in the service of God our Lord. Amen.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 16 Mon:** St Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude the Great.
- 17 Tue:** St Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18 Wed:** The Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul, Aps
- 19 Thu:** St. Agnes of Assisi
- 20 Fri:** St Felix
- 21 Sat:** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WINTER - MASS TIMINGS

NOVEMBER - MARCH

**Saturday: Cathedral 06:00 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English),
(Weekday Masses at 06:30 a.m.and 06:00 p.m.)**

Time	Place	Language
07:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Malayalam
09:00 a.m.	Cathedral	English
10:30 a.m.	Cathedral	Hindi
11:45 a.m.	Cathedral	English
06:00 p.m.	Cathedral	English
07:00 a.m.	JMC	
07:00 a.m.	CJM	

Note:

On Fridays 6:00 pm Mass will be in Hindi

Wednesday:

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Succours and Benediction

Friday:

**Devotion to Sacred Heart and Benediction,
Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm**

**On every First Friday of the month:
Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00 pm**

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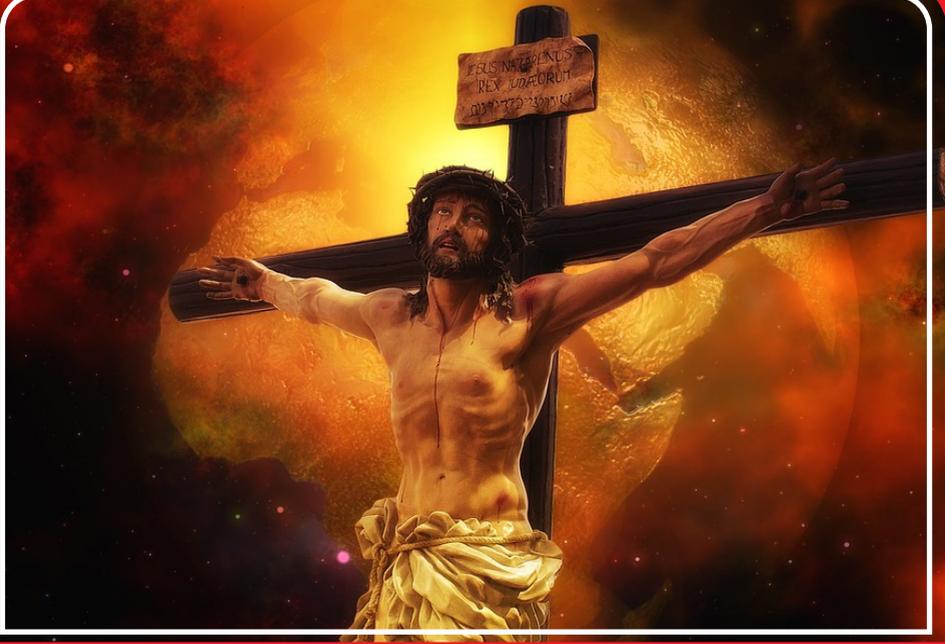
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“प्रभु! हम किसके पास जायें!
आपके ही शब्दों में अनंत जीवन का सन्देश है।”
योहान 6:68

हे प्रभु, तू हमारे लिए क्रूस पर मर गया ताकि हमें जीवन प्राप्त हो और परिपूर्ण जीवन प्राप्त हो। हम अपने पापों को स्वीकारते और स्वयं को तेरे चरणों में सौंपते हुए तेरी दया की भीख मांगते हैं। प्रभु हमारी रक्षा कर कि हम कोविड-19 महामारी से नष्ट न हो जाएं। तेरी असीम दया और प्रेम पर ही हमारा भरोसा है।
आमेन

“Lord, to whom shall we go? you
have the words of eternal life.”
John 6:68

Lord Jesus, you died for us that we may have life and have it in all its fullness. We surrender our lives to you confessing our sins and begging for your mercy. Save us Lord from this terrible COVID-19 pandemic lest we perish. We trust in your infinite kindness and love. Amen.