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**Message by Parish Priest**

My dear friends!

We have entered into the Ordinary time of the year. Ordinary time begins on the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which occurs on the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Epiphany (6 January) in places where the latter is a holy day of obligation. It is celebrated on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (1 January), and if this falls on 7 or 8 January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is moved to the following day, the second Monday of the year. The weekdays that follow the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord are reckoned as belonging to the first week of Ordinary Time and the Following Sunday as the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are in the Second Sunday of the Ordinary time.

Pope Francis in his General Audience on 15/01/2020 reflected on St. Paul's journey, which was one with that of the Gospel, is proof that man's journeys, if lived in faith, can become a space of transit for God's salvation,... capable of transforming situations and opening up new paths."

The Pontiff noted that "Luke ends the Book of Acts not with Paul's martyrdom but by describing his tireless proclamation of the Gospel, showing the power of God's word which can never be chained."

He went on to say that "Paul's missionary journeys, culminating in this City, reveal the power of God's grace to open hearts to the Gospel and its saving message." Our Holly Father invites us, "Don't hold back the fear of making mistakes and fear of taking new paths, because our poverty is not an obstacle, but a tool...because God's grace loves to manifest itself precisely in weakness."

Paul even when he was confined by the prison continued to preach the Gospel, may we be able to preach the Gospel despite all the difficulties that come on our way.

God Bless!

**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**

26th Jan. 2020

English 9:00am

Youth Group

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Michael

SCC Unit

# SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

## 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Prophet Isaiah looks forward to the coming of a messiah, who will restore harmony and justice.

## Response Ps: 39

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will

## 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written to teach about God's promises and to sustain our hope.

## Gospel : John 1:29-34

John identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, save your people.

## पहला पाठः इसायस ग्रन्थ 49:3,5-6

ईश्वर हम में से प्रत्येक को सम्मानित करना चाहता है। वह हमको अपनी महिमा कहित करना और संसार की ज्योति बनाना चाहता है। लेकिन यह तभी संभव है जब हम उसकी बाणी सुन कर उसके आचरण करेंगे।

## अनुवाक्यः स्तोत्र 39

हे प्रभु! मैं प्रस्तुत हूँ। मैं तेरी इच्छा पूरी करने आ रहा हूँ।

## दूसरा पाठः कुरिथियों के नाम 1:1-3

संत पेत्रुस ईसाइयों को "संत" बुलाते हैं और कहते हैं कि वे सत बनने के लिए बुलाये गये हैं, क्योंकि प्रभु येसु ने हमारे पापों के लिए अपने को बलि के रूप समर्पित किया है।

## सुसमाचारः संत योहन 1:29-34

योहन का साक्ष्य यह है कि प्रभु येसु ही ईश्वर के पुत्र हैं। वही मेमना हैं जो संसार का पाप हर लेते हैं। वही हैं जो पवित्र आत्मा और आग से बपतिस्मा देते हैं।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## REFLECTION

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we have entered into the liturgical time that we call "ordinary." On this second Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. In today's Gospel the testimony of John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, comes to take away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist accepted and proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Others refused to acknowledge Jesus as Savior. John the Baptist had great humility. The first step into humility is not to seek to be held or esteemed for what we are not. John the Baptist rejected the honours and titles offered him. He could have led others to himself but instead he recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and pointed others to Him.

Now success can be an excellent thing: if we enjoy and rejoice in it because it gives glory to God, who is the author of our accomplishments. Yet, success and ambition are both capable of seducing the human heart. Unfortunately, our human nature is all too anxious to attract whatever is to its advantage. How many of us are greatly taken with worldly elegance, prestige, superiority, and personages? In this we act quite differently from John the Baptist. His spirit was far from that of our times. Walking in humility, he accepted the greatness of Our Lord, and recognized his dependence on the Son of God to guide him.

John the Baptist refused to be moved by pretense. A lover of truth, he suffered martyrdom. While we may not be called to martyrdom, we ought to have the courage to suffer and fight when small temptations present themselves. If we wish to enter the combat against evil, we must be armed with a humility that recognizes our dependence on God's greatness and goodness. If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Saviour: Light to all nations.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 20 Mon:** 1 Sam 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22  
**21 Tue:** 1 Sam 16:9-1-13/Ps 89/ Mk 2:23-28  
**22 Wed:** 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/  
Ps 144/ Mk 3:1-6  
**23 Thu:** 1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/ Mk 3:7-12  
**24 Fri:** 1 Sam 24:3-21/Ps 57/ Mk 3:13-19  
**25 Sat:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/  
Ps 117/ Mk 16:15-18



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. Today there will be the meeting of the Parish Council soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting.
2. Today we celebrate the Laity Sunday.
3. Today the Women Commission of Delhi is organizing an awareness raising program on the theme “Women, towards Dignity and Equal Status” at Yusuf Sadan from 2 pm till 5 pm.
4. Next Saturday all the Associations members of the parish will be going for a trip. Those who would like to join for the trip, please register your name with CA president or Secretary.
5. Thanks to St. Antony and St. Sebastian SCC units respectively for animating the liturgy today.
6. Next Sunday, the 9.00 am and 10.15 Masses will be animated by Youth and St. Michael’s SCC units respectively.
7. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
8. Parish Calendars are available in the Help Desk.

Fr. Lawrence PR  
Parish Priest

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# PRAYER TO ST. AGNES



All-powerful  
and ever-living God,  
you choose the weak  
in this world  
to confound the powerful.  
When we celebrate  
the memory of Saint Agnes,  
may we, like her,  
remain constant  
in our faith.

Amen.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon: 20 th Jan.. 2020**

**Sts Fabian & Sebastian**

**Tue: 21 st Jan.. 2020**

**St Agnes**

**Wed: 22 nd Jan.. 2020**

**St Vincent Pallotti**

**Thu: 23 rd Jan.. 2020**

**St Vincent of Saragossa**

**Fri: 24 th Jan.. 2020**

**St Francis de Sales**

**Sat: 25 th Jan.. 2020**

**The Conversion of Paul, Ap, Feast**

## Prayer for the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese

O God of eternal love and compassion, we thank you for the gift of the Archdiocese of Delhi.

As we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Archdiocese, grant us a fresh outpouring of your Spirit, so that learning from the self-giving love of Christ on the Cross, we might become a Church that makes GIVING of herself to others her joyful vocation. Alive to the needs of others, may we share the Good News of faith, hope, love, joy and justice with all peoples.

With the Jubilee motto, "Love is our norm, and service our lifestyle", we look towards the most Sacred Heart of Jesus to help us make this Jubilee year a time of renewal, where our Parishes and Institutions become signs of God's Kingdom and beacons of God's saving to all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto thine. Mary our Mother, intercede for us as we pray... Remember .....

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