

## REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY

“17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR”

**FIRST READING:-**A reading from the Book of Genesis(18:20-32)

Abraham enters into a personal conversation with God, during which he intercedes with Him to spare the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorah.

**RESPONSE :-** On the day I called, you answered me , O God.

**SECOND READING: -** A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colosians(2:12-14)

St. Paul tells his converts that the actions they went through in their baptism were not empty symbols but actual facts . Through baptism a Christian dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to live a new life in Christ.

**GOSPEL :-** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (11:1-13)

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray ‘ the Our Father’ and to pray with confidence and persistence for all their spiritual and temporal needs to the heavenly father.



**वर्ष का सत्रहवाँ रविवार**

पहला पाठ: उत्पत्ति ग्रन्थ १८:२०-३२

जब हम दूसरों के लिए निवेदन करते हैं तो ईश्वर हमारे प्रति उदार बनता है और हमें सब बातों में सम्पन्न बना देता है।

**अनुवाक्य:** हे प्रभु! जिस दिन मैंने तुझे पुकारा, उसी दिन तूने मेरी सुनी।

दूसरा पाठ: कलसियों के नाम संत पौलुस का पत्र २:१२-१४

सन्त पौलुस हमें बताते हैं कि ईश्वर ने हमारे अपराधों को क्षमा किया है और हमारे विरुद्ध जो बन्धपत्र था, उसे क्रूस पर ठोक कर रद्द कर दिया है।

**सुसमाचार: सन्त लूकस का सुसमाचार ११:१-१३**

तुम्हारा स्वर्गिक पिता माँगनेवालों को पवित्र आत्मा प्रचुर मात्रा में प्रदान करेगा।



## PARISH NEWS

# THANKSGIVING

*“The Lord has done marvels for me”*

*“He was better to me than all my hopes;*

*He was better than all my fears;*

*He made a bridge of my broken works;*

*And a rainbow of my tears.*

*He emptied my hands of my treasured store,*

*And His Covenant love revealed,*

*Oh, tender and true was the chastening sore,*

*In wisdom that taught and tried,*

*Till the soul that He sought was trusting in Him,*

*And nothing on earth beside.*

*He guided by the paths that I could not see,*

*By ways that I have not known.*

*I read from the past, that my future shall be*

*Far better than all my fears,*

*in the Covenant care of my God.”*

*- A Devotee*

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

29/Mon 1Jn 4:7-16; Ps 34; Jn 11:19-27

30/Tue Ex 33:7-11; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43

31/Wed Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; Mt 13:44-46

01/Thu Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53

02/Fri Lev 23:1,4-16, 27,34-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58

03/Sat Lev 25:1,8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12

# CATHEDRAL

## Calling

**“ GO, AND SIN NO MORE! ”**



St.Alphonsa  
(Feast on 28th July)



**Parish Priest:**  
Rev. Fr. Maria Susai

**Co-pastors :**  
Rev. Fr. Shyju Xavier  
Rev. Fr. Umesh Ekka

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## SUMMER MASS TIMINGS

### SATURDAYS:

**Cathedral : 6.30 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English)**  
(Weekday Masses at 6.00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.)

### SUNDAYS:

Cathedral :	06.30 a.m.	—	English
	07.30 a.m.	—	Malayalam
	09.00 a.m.	—	English
	10.15 a.m.	—	Hindi
	11.30 a.m.	—	English
	04.30 p.m.	—	Hindi
	06.30 p.m.	—	English
Carmel :	07.30 a.m.	—	Hindi
Mater Dei :	07.00 a.m.	—	Hindi
ISI :	07.00 a.m.	—	Hindi

Apostolic Nunciature : 07.30 & 10.00 a.m.—English

### REFLECTION:

It seems to us a strange request: “ Lord teach us to pray.” Jews prayed everyday since childhood. Why would they ask him now to teach them to pray? The meaning of it seems to be this: they were asking him for a distinctive prayer as his disciples. John’s disciples had a special kind of prayer, but Jesus’ disciples apparently did not. In answer to their request he taught them the “ Our Father.” This makes it very special: it is not just any prayer; it is a distinctively Christian prayer.

If we look at the prayer closely we find that there is no mention of any of the Christian mysteries! There is no mention of Jesus, nor of his passion, death and resurrection, there is no mention of the Trinity... What sense can we make of this? It is because this was Jesus’ own prayer. In prayer he was seized by a single awareness: the Father, he was not thinking about himself. When we pray the Our Father we are not praying to him, but with him; we are praying his prayer. We are so close to him that we can not see him; like him, we see only the Father. We are, as it were, inside his head, looking out through his eyes; seeing the Father, and seeing the world as he sees it. We are totally identified with him- we are indeed his disciples. We are praying through him. All our prayers end with the phrase, “ through our Lord Jesus Christ...” At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say,

“ Through him, with him, in him....”

If Jesus sometimes seems absent it is because he is everywhere. He has drawn the whole world into his heart.

## PARISH NEWS

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:

August 2nd is the First Friday of the month. There will be Divine Mercy devotion and Mass at 03:00 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

The sacrament of Confirmation is postponed to Saturday 17th August, 2013 due to the installation of Bishop Franco as bishop of Jalandhar on 4th August, 2013.

### FAREWELL PROGRAMME:

The Archdiocese is organizing a Farewell cum Felicitation programme for Bishop Franco who has been appointed Bishop of Jalandhar by Pope Francis. It will commence with the Holy Mass at 5.30 pm at the Convent of Jesus and Mary Hall on Thursday 30th July, 2013. We request you to kindly attend this programme in large numbers.

### FELICITATION OF THE STUDENTS :

As usual, on Independence Day, students who have secured 70% and above marks in the Xth and XIIth exams, will be felicitated by the CA of the Parish. Eligible students should submit a copy of the attested mark list along with a copy of the Church Support Fund Card to the CA members on or before 4th August, 2013.

### CORPUS FUND:

Every year, with an aim to encourage our children, we felicitate students who excel in exams. Parishioners/well - Wishers, who are willing to sponsor this noble cause, may kindly contact the Parish Fathers. Contribution more than Rs. 25,000/ will be used as a corpus fund.

### PROGRAMME FOR THE YOUTH:

Boys and girls who would like to participate in the sports and cultural events conducted by the Archdiocese, kindly give your names to Fr. Shyju. The age limit is 16-30.

### ALPHA COURSE:

Alpha course- an 8 week programme designed to help catholics explore and rediscover their faith- will be conducted in our Parish from Thursday, 22nd August onwards. For details, kindly see the Notice Board.

## पल्ली सूचनाएँ

### दैवी करुणा की भक्ति

०२ अगस्त महिने का पहला शुक्रवार है। उस दिन दोपहर ०३:०० बजे दैवी करुणा की भक्ति होगी।



### दृढीकरण संस्कार

बिशप फ्रैंको का पदारोहण ४ अगस्त २०१३ को जलंधर में होने की वजह से बच्चों की दृढीकरण संस्कार स्थागित कर दी गई है। अब यह संस्कार १७ अगस्त २०१३ को दिया जायेगा।

### विदाई समारोह

महाधर्मप्रांत की ओर से गुरुवार ३० जुलाई शाम ५.३० बजे जीजस एण्ड मेरी स्कूल हॉल में बिशप फ्रैंको का विदाई समारोह रखा गया है। आप सभी अमंत्रित हैं

### धर्मशिक्षा कार्यक्रम

हम उन पल्लीवासियों के लिए अलग से धर्म शिक्षा की क्लास रखना चाहते हैं जिन्होंने अब तक किसी कारणवश पवित्र दृढीकरण संस्कार और अन्य दूसरे संस्कार ग्रहण नहीं किये है। कृपया अपना नाम पल्ली के पुरोहितों को दें।

### विद्यार्थियों का सम्मान

प्रत्येक वर्ष की भांति इस वर्ष भी हम हमारे बच्चे जो १०वीं और १२वीं क्लास में ७० प्रतिशत से ज्यादा अंक लेकर आये हैं उन्हें १५ अगस्त को सम्मानित किया जायेगा। हकदार विद्यार्थी ४ अगस्त तक अपनी अंकसूची और फैमिली कार्ड के साथ कैथोलिक एसोशिएन के सदस्यों के पास जमा करें।

### युवाओं के लिए प्रोग्राम

लड़के और लड़कियाँ जो विभिन्न प्रकार के खेलों और सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों में भाग लेना चाहते हैं अपना नाम फादर शैजू को दे। उनकी उम्र १६-३० तक की होनी चाहिए।

### अल्फा कोर्स

२२ अगस्त २०१३ से अल्फा कोर्स हमारे पारिश में रखा गया है ज्यादा जानकारी हेतु नोटिस बोर्ड देखे।



*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.”*