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Message by Parish Priest



We Christians reflect upon and celebrate the baptism of Jesus in significant ways: liturgically, at the conclusion of the Christmas season; devotionally, as the First Luminous Mystery of the Rosary; and theologically, as the scriptural prism for the meaning of Christian baptism. Narrated in each of the four Gospels, the baptism of Jesus marks the inauguration of His public ministry — His emergence from a life of seeming obscurity into a life of growing popularity on account of His preaching, miracles, healings and proclamation of mercy and forgiveness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River and into His mission of redemption through this public religious act. The descent of the dove symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus receives as the Christ, Greek for “the Anointed One.” In Christian baptism, we become adopted children of the Father, members of the Church, the Body of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Baptism washes away our original sin and claims us for the kingdom of God. Through this saving sacrament, God fills us with sanctifying grace, with the fullness of the Trinitarian life. To understand the meaning and implications of our baptism is to fundamentally grasp our identity, vocation and mission as disciples of the Lord Jesus and members of the household of God. In Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, we see Him anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, we hear the Father proclaim His fundamental identity as the beloved Son, and we perceive Jesus' mission as one of humility, a self-emptying love and sacrificial identification with everything in us that was lost, broken and dead. We spend time and energy seeking a lost object to the extent that we value it. I will spend much more time looking for my wallet or cell phone than I will a misplaced magazine. How infinitely valuable we must be to the Lord God that He sent His own Son to seek and save us in the valley of death! The whole Christ-event finds clarity of mission when Jesus is submerged in the waters of the Jordan at the hands of John the Baptist.

SCC MEETIN

Our lady of Mount Carmel SCC meeting at Italian Embassy, Gyan Prakash 16/1/19, at 7 pm.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. J. John Britto

Fr. Sampath Kumar

&

Dea. Richard

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 (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

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

20th Jan 2019

English 9:00am

St. Alphonsa

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

Our lady of Mount
Carmel SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Is. 42:1-4,6-7

In this song of the servant, Isaiah describes the servant as one neither breaking the bruised reed nor quenching the smoldering wick. he shows a gentle respect for others.

Response Ps: 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 38

This speech by Peter is the classic proclamation of the gospel to the Gentiles. There is no partiality in God for the word sent to Israel is now preached to others.

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

As Jesus prays to his Father after his baptism, the heaven opens and the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove and the Father speaks to him.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, reveal your glory to us.

REFLECTION

Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment – the real coming of God's Spirit upon him. The Spirit had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross. The Spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him – but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us – of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God. Can we be the type of people whom others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be.

पहला पाठ : इसायास का ग्रंथ 40: 1-4, 6-7

जब यहूदी लोग निर्वासित किये गये थे और अपने देश से बहुत दूर लाये गये थे, तब नबी इसायास ने उन से कहा था कि प्रभु अपनी प्रजा को मुक्त करने आयेगा और उसे अपने देश वापस पहुँचा देगा। हम भी ईश्वर की प्रजा हैं, प्रभु हमें प्यार करता है और पापों से मुक्त करना चाहता है।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 103

प्रभु अपनी सृष्टि में आनन्द मनाये।

दूसरा पाठ: तीतुस के पत्र 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

पतरस का भाषण अन्यजातियों के लिए सुसमाचार का खास उद्घोषणा है। इजरायल भेजे गए शब्द के लिए ईश्वर में कोई पक्षपात नहीं है जो अब दूसरों को सुनाया जाता है।

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 3:15-16, 21-22

बपतिस्मा के समय यह प्रकट किया गया है कि येशु ईश्वर के पुत्र हैं। जो कोई येशु का शिष्य बनकर बपतिस्मा ग्रहण करता है, वह भी ईश्वर का पुत्र बन जाता है।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

मनन-चिंतन

आज, योहन बपतिस्मा द्वारा ईसा का बपतिस्मा, एक असाधारण पत्र था। वास्तव में ईश्वर का आत्मा उनपर उतरता है। आत्मा ईसा के गर्भागमन के समय कुंवारी मरियम पर उतरा था और अंतिम बार आत्मा ईसा के कूसमरण पर उतरा। आत्मा उन्हें नई शक्ति देता है। पर्व इंगित करता है कि कुछ नई घटना है तथा ईसा अति प्रिय एवं पुत्र है, आनन्त काल से तथा निश्चित काल तक। आत्मा उनपर उतरा पर केवल उनके लिए ही नहीं, वह आत्मा को बाद में हमें भेजेगा, क्षमा का आत्मा तथा अच्छे कार्य में दृढ़ता का आत्मा भेजेगा। ईसा अपनी प्रार्थना के बाद आपने आप में एक नई आत्मा को पाया और उसने एक वाणी सुनी जिसे वह कभी नहीं भूलेंगा। वह हृदय तथा आत्मा को पोषित करता है। हम लोगों को हमेशा आगे बढ़ने में मदद करता है। नये जीवन के लिए हमारे अभ्यांतर में तत्पर रहता है। आत्मा ईश्वर के सामर्थ्य को रोटी और दाखरस में उड़ेलता है और सदा-सर्वदा के लिए परिवर्तन होते हैं। यह ईश्वर का प्रेम, ईश्वर के उपस्थिति एवं ईश्वर का सामर्थ्य प्रदान करता है। क्या हम इस प्रकार के लोग हो सकते हैं, जो दूसरे सोचते हैं कि मिलकर अच्छा लगा? ईश्वर की आत्मा को प्रकट करता है नया जीवन को प्रकट करता है नया प्रेम को प्रकट करता है, आसल या वास्तविक जीवन में क्या मैं पूर्ण व्यक्ति हो सकता है?

READINGS OF THE WEEK

14/Mon: Heb 1: 1-6/ Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9/ Mk 1:14-20
15/Tue: Heb 2:5-12/ Ps 8:2, 5-9/ Mk 2:21-28
16/Wed: Heb 2:14-18/ Ps 105: 1-4,6-9/ Mk 1:29-39
17/Thu: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-11/ Mk 1:40-45
18/Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11/ Ps 78:3-4, 6-8/ Mk 2:1-12
19/Sat: Heb 4:12-16/ Ps 19: 8-10,15/ Mk 2:13-17
20/Sun: Is 62:1-5/ Ps 95:1-10/ I Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2: 1-12



IN THE SACRAMENT
OF THE EUCHARIST
WE FIND GOD
WHO GIVES HIMSELF.



-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

- 1)Today being second Sunday, there will be a second collection for **Seminary Fund**.
- 2)Today there will be a **combined meeting** of Parish Council & Catholic Association soon after 9am mass at Maria Bhawan Basement.
- 3)**Catechism class will resume from today** for children.
- 4)We are bringing out **New Membership Card** in this week. We have prepared a form; all the parishioners will have to fill up the new form and handover it at Help Desk. The new membership Card will be given from January-2019. From January, 2019 onwards Old membership Card will be invalid. This is only for the parishioners of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Last date to submit the new membership form is 27th Jan, 2019.
- 5)Next Sunday i.e. 20th January-2019, the **Vocation Promotion Camp** will be held at Sahodaya School, Hauz Khas from 9:30 am to 4:00pm.

6)We request all of you to **take care of your belongings** in the Church. While going to receive Holy Communion don't leave your bags/purse/mobiles at the pews.

7)Our **Diocesan Magazines** voice of Delhi and Dilli Vanni are available at the Church book stall. Kindly buy a copy each for your family.

8)Next Sunday 20th Jan-2019 there will be a **Thanksgiving Mass** at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6.00 pm, on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Fr. Agnelo and to pray for his Beatification.

9)Our Parish is organizing a **pilgrimage to Sardhana** on the 09th of February (Saturday), 2019. Seats in the Buses will be allotted on first come first served basis. The charges inclusive of food and conveyance will be Rs.400 per person. All those who wish to join the pilgrimage to Sardhana are requested to enroll their names with the Catholic Association members. Kindly reserve your seats by the 03th of Feb, 2019.

10)We **thank** the SCC Units of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & St. Francis of Assisi and also all those who came yesterday for cleaning the Church.

Dear Justice Kurian Joseph,

On your retirement as Justice from Supreme Court of India, our wish is this:

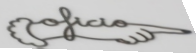
'For the dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy this new journey of your life enriching many more lives with your enabling and ennobling life. Cherish every moment and enlighten young minds.'



Thanks to all associations, benefactors and members of the parish for your untiring help in organizing the Christmas and New Year celebration.

Special thanks to

**Divine Retreat Ashram, NECCORD,
Syro-Malabar Parishioners &
Kripa Satsang members.**



quiz related to Baptism



1) John would prepare the way of the Lord, according to which prophet?

Esaias , Zacharias, Annas,

2) Where did John preach?

The wilderness of Bethabara, Jordan, Ninevah,

3) What was John's main message?

The fruits of the Spirit, loving one's neighbor, Repentance & baptism,

4) What was John's clothing made of?

Eagle feathers, camel hair, rabbit skins,

5) What did John call the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to watch him baptize people?

Generation of vipers, teachers of holiness, blessed assembly, procurers of evil,

6) What did John say about the man who would come after him?

John was unworthy of the man, The man would be an affirmation of John's teachings, John would baptize the man,

7) Who did the people think John was?

Joseph, Elias, the Christ,

8) What is one of the primary purposes of baptism?

To gain more faith, remission of sins, protection from temptation,

9) John said he baptized with water, and that Jesus Christ would baptize with:

Peace, fire and the Holy Ghost, His word

10) Why was John confused when Jesus came to him to be baptized?

Jesus was perfect, John felt unworthy to baptize the Savior

Jesus had already been baptized



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