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Message by Parish Priest

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord!

Festal Greetings and Congratulations!

PARISH PRIEST'S CORNER

On 15th August, we celebrate two great events in the Indian Catholic Church: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Independence Day. These twin celebrations, but remind us of one great truth of liberation. The Independence day is celebrated as freedom from foreign rule and domination to self rule and governance. The Assumption may be seen as a freedom from this limited and incomplete life to the bliss of eternal and perpetual life. Both these events are an invitation to each one of us that we need to be liberated from the evils of slavery to sin and selfishness. As the Indian Christian, today we are challenged to stand for truth and to fight for the nation to liberate it from the clutches of ignorance and self-clutches of ignorance and self-centred attitudes.

May this celebration help us to be conscious of the need to be free not only from the external evil forces but also from the selfish egoistic attitudes of our life. May Mary our mother bless us all and lead our Mother Land to truly become a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic, where Justice, equality and liberty of All may prosper.

Bhrat Ma Ki Jai!

Maa Maria Ki Jai!

SCC MEETINGS

St. Alphonsa SCC meeting on 14th Aug. (7:30 pm) Thur. at Mr. Oscar Toppo residence, 12/784, Baba kharaksingh Marg

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. J. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.30 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
4.30 pm - Hindi
6.30 pm - English

Weekdays

6.00 am - English
1.00 pm - English
6.30 pm - English

Tuesday evening
Mass is in Hindi

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy
18th August 2019

English 9:00am

St. Sebastian
SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Anthony
SCC Unit

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this passage the author ponders over the past events such as the Passover, the exodus, and the deliverance at the sea. The author affirms that God saves the righteous and destroys the enemies.

Response Ps: 33

Happy are the People the Lord has chosen as his own.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Instead of offering theoretical explanation about faith, the author gives practical examples of people who have lived the faith such as Abraham and Sarah.

Gospel : Luke 12:32-48

Jesus says that the coming of the son of Man will be unexpected. The disciples must make themselves ready for it by being diligent like the servants who wait for the master's return.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, help us to be faithful.

पहला पाठ: प्रज्ञा ग्रंथ 18:6-9

तूने हमारे शत्रुओं को दंड दिया और हमें अपने पास बुलाकर गौरवान्वित किया है।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 32

धन्य हैं वे लोग, जिन्हें प्रभु ने अपनी प्रजा बना लिया है।

दूसरा पाठ: इब्रानियों के नाम पत्र 11:1-2,8-19

इब्राहीम का विरवास तथा ईश्वर की विश्वस्थता इस पाठ में झलकते हैं।

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 12:32-48

सदा तैयार रहो, क्योंकि तुम जिस घड़ी, मानव पुत्र के आने की नहीं सोचते, उसी घड़ी वह अचानक आ जाएगा।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

In the **Gospel**, our Lord tells the disciples and through them, all his followers, how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgment comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our Lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than of those who received lesser gifts. This teaching of our Lord should make us all sit up and take serious notice. He has taken us into his household. He has made us his "little flock." We are invited guests in his home, his Church, rather than mere servants. He warns us today that we must always be busy about our vocation, about the reason why he invited us into his home. We are Christians, we are members of his Church, for our own eternal good. God, through Christ's Incarnation, has put us on the road to heaven. He is ever helping us on the way. Could we be so blind to our own welfare that we would risk losing the eternal life that God has in store for us, and for which He went to the extreme lengths of love? In our saner moments we would give an emphatic no to this question. Yet, we must look the real facts of life in the face. There are many Christians who are destined for heaven but who, in their folly, have left the only road which leads there, and are now travelling in the opposite direction. Our deaths are sudden and unexpected. However the unexpected death, which we are sure to get, need not worry the ordinary good Christian. It is the unprepared, the unprovided death which must cause us anxiety. It need not, if, when it comes, it finds us living in God's grace, living the ordinary Christian life, doing our daily tasks but doing them as part of our duty to God. We have to take an interest in the affairs of this world, but the interest must never exclude our eternal interest. Instead it can and must help us toward the one real interest that man has in this life, that is, to earn his eternal life. Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God—prayers and church attendance—and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it, if you were told by God that you were to die tonight? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road. If it is not, don't wait for God to tell you when or where you will die; he will not tell you. Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes. Death will be graduation day for the good Christian—not examination day.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

12/Mon: Deut 10:12-22/ Ps 147/ Mt 17:22-27

13/Tue: Deut 31:1-8/ Deut 32:3-4,7-9,12/
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

14/Wed: Deut 34:1-12/ Ps 66/ Mt 18:15-20

15/Thu: Judith 13:18-20; 15:09/ Ps 1 Sam 2:4-7/
Gal 5:1,13-17/ Lk 1:46-55

16/Fri: Josh 24:1-13/ Ps 136/ Mt 19:3-12

17/Sat: Josh 24:14-29/ Ps 16/ Mt 19:13-15



Families, School of Human
Growth That families,
through their life of prayer and love,
become ever more clearly
“schools of true human growth.”

-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. Today is the Second Sunday of the month, there will be a second collection for the Seminary Fund.
2. Today there will be a combined meeting of Parish Council and Catholic Association soon after the 9:00 am mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.
3. We request all the parents to send your children for the Catechism Classes regularly.
4. All the Catechism children are requested to occupy the front pews during the holy Mass.
5. Today the Youth of the parish is organizing a drawing competition for all the Catechism Students.
6. DCRS is organizing the 10th Annual Little Angels and Sub Juniors Retreat on the 12th August at DCC and Yusuf Sadan. For more details please refer the Notice Board.
7. The Universal Church celebrates the feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15th of August. We also celebrate the Independence Day on the same day. It is a day of obligation. The mass timings of the day are as follows: 9.00 am –English mass, offered by His Grace Archbp. Anil Couto. After the 9.00 am Mass hoisting of the National flag and unfurling it followed by a short program. 10.30 Mass in Hindi and 11.30 in English and 6.30 pm in English. Kindly note, Masses at 6.30 am and 4.30 pm remain cancelled.
8. The YCS/YSM is organizing a program called JAMBOREE an introduction to YCS/YSM on the 18th of August in Sahodaya School from 7.30 am till 6.00 pm, for students of classes 7th to 12th.
9. Every year on 08th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother. Novena in preparation for the feast begins on 30th August, 2019 at 6.00 pm at Grotto. As a part of preparation, like previous years, we will go on a pilgrimage to Shrine of our Lady of Health, Masihgarh, Okhla on Saturday 31st August, 2019. Bus Coupons costing ₹20/- are available with the Catholic Association Members. The bus will leave at 4.30 pm. We encourage all of you to join us for the Novena and for the pilgrimage.
10. We **appreciate** all members of St. Thomas SCC unit and St. Mother Teresa SCC Unit for animating the Liturgy for 09.00 am & 10:15 am Mass respectively.
11. **Next Sunday's** Liturgy for 9.00 am Mass will be animated by St. Sebastian SCC unit and 10:15 am mass will be animated by St. Antony SCC unit respectively.

