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Dear Parishioners!

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on the eighth of September. Usually it is the custom of the church to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death as this is truly their birth into everlasting happiness. Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception and is the firstborn of the redeemed. Her nativity is a cause for great joy as it is considered the "dawn of our salvation"

It is generally believed that the date of September 8 was chosen to celebrate the Nativity of Mary since the civil year began in Constantinople on September 1. Scholars believe that this date was chosen since it was symbolic that the "beginning" of the work of salvation should be commemorated near to the beginning of the New Year. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary was later fixed at December 8, nine months prior.

**The primary theme portrayed in the liturgical celebration of this feast day is that the world had been in the darkness of sin and with the arrival of Mary begins a glimmer of light.** That light which appears at Mary's holy birth pre-announces the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World. Her birth is the beginning of a better world:

The second theme of Joy is announced at the beginning of the Mass, **"Let us celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord."** It is with these two themes of both the approach of light and joy that the faithful senses the great happiness and festive nature on this beautiful feast of Mary's birthday.

May the celebration of the birthday of our Mother Mary fill our lives with light of Christ and fill our hearts with Joy. Happy Birthday Ma.

## SCC MEETINGS

**St. Anthony SCC meeting on 12th Sep. (7:00 pm) Thurs.**  
at **Ms. Rekha Tom** residence, No K-6/1, Udyan Marg.

**St. Mother Teresa SCC meeting on 12th Sep. (7:30 pm) Thurs.**  
at **Shri. Sabestsin Kiro** residence, No. S-2/301, M.S. Apartment, Curzon Road.

## Message by Parish Priest

## Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

## Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. 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

15<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019

English 9:00am

St. John Paul II

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Francis Xavier

SCC Unit

# ((( SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION )))

## 1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

The author affirms that we cannot learn the counsel of God or discern his will because our understanding is limited. But there is no need to despair because God gives us wisdom and the Holy Spirit.

## Response Ps: 90

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

## 2nd Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Writing to Philemon Paul acknowledges the master's right to the slave, but adds that Onesimus has become a Christian and so should consider him as a brother.

## Gospel : Luke 14:25-33

The parable of the man desiring to build a tower and the king going to war teach us the lesson that if we cannot finish, then better not to start. This applies also in the case of becoming a disciple of Jesus.

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, make us your true disciples.

## पहला पाठ: प्रज्ञा ग्रंथ 9:13-18

प्रज्ञा-ग्रंथ के मन में यह संदेह है कि 'कौन ईश्वर की हच्चा जान सकता है?' इसलिए वह नम्रतापूर्वक ईश्वर से प्रर्थन करता है। यदि हमारे मन में येशु की शिक्षा पर विश्वास करें, तो हमारे मन में संदेह उत्पन्न नहीं होगा।

## अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 89

हे प्रभू! तू पीढ़ी-दर-पीढ़ी हमारा अपश्रय बना रहा।

## दूसरा पाठ: फिलेमोन के नाम पत्र 9:10,12-17

संत पौलुस ने बन्दीगृह में ओनेसिमस नामक एक दास का जो अपने स्वामी के घर से भाग गया था, ईसाई धर्म में दीक्षित कर उसे उसके स्वामी के पास वापस भेज दिया।

## सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 14:25-33

प्रभु येशु अपने शिष्यों से माँग करते हैं कि, तुम ऐसे व्यक्तियों को त्याग दो जो तुम्हारी धार्मिक साधना तथा विश्वास में बाधा डालते हैं—वे चाहे तुम्हारे माँ-बाप, भाई-बहन या पड़ोसी ही क्यों न हों।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## REFLECTION

Brothers and Sisters,

We as Christians, are disciples of Jesus and we have to imitate his life to follow him on the way he chose on earth. That is not a simple affair. It is a project for the whole of life that requires preparation, discernment and firm decision. The vocation to be a disciple is a choice able to change or to upset even our deeper social relationships. Because it is an exclusive choice to which Jesus is the only reference. But, how can we understand this radical appeal of Christ? Would he teach us to hate our own and our family members? It would be a paradox with all his teaching and his mission. Because all his life is an expression of great love and love is not only the synthesis of his teaching, but also his own commandment to those who follow him. Then, what does to hate or to carry the cross mean in this context? As attentive as we are, we can understand that not to hate those that we must love for Jesus, means to be free, before every social relationship which can prevent us from loving Christ and serving him with all our heart; free before material goods, free before power and free before all human relationships. That is the detachment. Then, we need to build another type of relationship with Christ, carrying the cross, that means, accepting all kinds of difficulties that the detachment can cause around us. That is the attachment.

Only like this can we be disciples of Christ and open ourselves to a large possibility for a universal love. So, we can really love men, not as blood-brothers, but much better, as brothers in the Lord. In other words, to be disciples means therefore, to love people not according to human considerations, but according to God's will, or to watch men not with human eyes but with God's eyes; because human considerations exclude whilst God's views include. Loving men or any other creature more than God can exclude even God from the cycle of relationship, but according to the love of God all the world is embraced, as Jesus showed us on the cross. Jesus knows that such a project is difficult to achieve, but not impossible. That's why he proposes that we take time, to discern and experience its strengths, if they allow us to follow him.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

9/Mon: Col 1:24-2:3/ Ps 62/ Lk 6:6-11

10/Tue: Col 2:6-15/ Ps 145/ Lk 6:12-19

11/Wed: Col 3:1-11/ Ps 145/ Lk 6:20-26

12/Thu: Col 3:12-17/ Ps 150/ Lk 6:27-38

13/Fri: 1Tim 1:1-2,12-14/Ps 16/ Lk 6:39-42

14/Sat: Num 21:4b-9/ Ps 78/ Phlm 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17



Oceans contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, and also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them are threatened for various reasons. Creation is a project of love given by God to humanity. Our solidarity with the "common home" is born from our faith. Let us pray this month that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

—Pope Francis—



## PARISH NEWS

1. Today being the second Sunday of the month there is a second collection for the Seminary Fund.
2. Next Saturday is the Second Saturday of the Month. We will have the Church Cleaning from 9.30 am.
3. Today there will be the meeting of the Catholic Association soon after the 9 am Mass. Those members who are not regular for meetings kindly give in writing if you are not interested in coming for the meeting.
4. Parents of the Catechism students are requested to send the children regularly for the Catechism and to make sure that the children occupy the front pews in the church during the Mass.
5. Today we celebrate the Birthday of Mother Mary. There will be Rosary in the evening at 5.45 in front of the Grotto. Followed by solemn Mass of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6. To mark the Girl Child day the youth of the parish is organizing a poetry competition for the girls of age group 13-17. Those who would like to participate kindly register your name with the Catechism teachers or with the members of the youth group today itself. The theme of the poem should be the Existence and Celebration of Womanhood. The venue for the completion is the Maria Bhawan basement. Time 10.15 am.
7. Our Parish Feast will be celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. There will be combined mass in the morning at 9.30 followed by procession. Lunch coupons costing Rs 30 will be available with the help desk. Last date to buy the coupons is 25<sup>th</sup> September.
8. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. All those children who have finished the 10<sup>th</sup> Standard of Catechism classes are eligible for the Sacrament. Today is the last day to register the name of the children for the confirmation.
9. Youth United For Christ is organizing National Youth Convention called KAIROS 2019 from 26<sup>th</sup> October till the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The venue is Jeevan Jyothi Ashram Burari. All the Youth members are expected to attend this convention. From our parish at least 50 Young people are expected to register for the same. Last date to register is 15<sup>th</sup> September.
10. We **appreciate** all members of SHC Youth and Velankkanni Matha SCC unit for animating the Liturgy for 09.00 am & 10:15am Mass respectively.
11. Next Sunday's Liturgy for 9am Mass will be animated by St. John Paul II and 10:15am mass will be animated by St. Francis Xavier SCC unit respectively.
12. For details regarding the SCC meetings in your respective areas during the week, kindly refer the Cathedral Calling.

Fr. Lawrence PR  
Parish Priest

# The Clover Prayer



God our Heavenly Father, You have given us life through the Death and Resurrection of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ;

Jesus, our Saving Lord, You came into a world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings;

Holy Spirit, The Breath of God within us, You guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our conviction;

Saint Peter Claver, who became an example for us, You showed us the Love of God, the light of Christ, and the Strength of the Holy Spirit; We pray now that all we say and do, in your honor, be a continuation of your work here on earth.

St. Peter Claver, Pray for Us.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER



Dear Father,  
Wishing you a  
Happy  
Birthday

Your holy  
service to the

Lord touches so many hearts and  
inspires so many lives.

God Bless you with Peace and joy as  
you Celebrate your birthday on  
10th Sep, 2019 and another year of  
faithful service in Christ.



Join us  
on 14<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019.  
Saturday  
9:50 am onwards

## Church Clean Up



## CHURCH SUPPORT FUND

Kindly pay your Church Support Fund  
regularly at the Help Desk.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

*Mon: 5th Sep 2019*  
**St Peter Claver**

*Tue: 10th Sep 2019*

**St. Nicholas of Tolentino**

*Wed: 11th Sep 2019*

**Sts. Protus & Hyacinth**

*Thu: 12th Sep 2019*

**Holy Name of Mary**

*Fri: 13th Sep 2019*

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Sat: 14th Sep 2019*

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

## Bible Quiz

1. How did God make Adam?
2. Where did God plant a garden?
3. Why was Adam put in the Garden?
4. How did Yah make Eve?
5. Who Named all the birds and livestock?

### Last Week's answer

1. Eli
2. Taking care of sheep
3. Three - Shem, Ham, and Japeth
4. Moses
5. Joseph

