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Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

This Sunday the Lord places before us three **“Lost Cases”**: the lost Sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. In each case there is great rejoicing

when the lost one is found, except in the story of the prodigal son where the older son is not rejoicing. What are the lessons we can learn from the attitude of the older son. One pertinent question that must rise in our mind as we read the parable is why did Jesus include the older son in the parable? Probably because he wanted to show that he was against the self righteous pharisaic attitude of the leaders of that time. The older brother's pride highlights the disparity between his own virtue and his brother's vices. One brother fed on pods of pigs and the other brother had full of un-forgiveness, resentment and jealousy.

The Lord today reminds us that we are precious to him but do we appreciate the preciousness of our life. Do we respond to the generosity of the heavenly Father positively by becoming generous towards our brothers and sisters? Do we hold grudge against our fellow beings when they are forgiven? This is our challenge, whether we are tempted to pursue sin in the world like the prodigal son, or sin while at home like the older brother. If I am running from God, then I can learn much from the prodigal son. If someone needs my forgiveness and acceptance, I can learn much from the father. And if I feel like I am not getting my fair share and that a “big sinner” is being too much mercy, I can learn a lot by studying the angry response of the older brother.

SCC MEETINGS

St. Alphonsa SCC meeting on 19th Sep. (7:30 pm) Thurs.
at **Mrs. Elsama Jose** residence, 676, Baba Kharak Sing Marg

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 Liturgy22nd Sep. 2019

English 9:00am

St. Thomas

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Mother Teresa

SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Though God's anger blazed against the Israelites for so quickly deserting him by making the molten calf, the pleadings of Moses for kindness are accepted by God.

Response Ps: 51

I will leave this place and go to my Father.

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:12-17

By Paul's own admission he has formerly blasphemed and persecuted the Church out of ignorance. Thus Paul can be trusted when he says that Christ has come to the world to save sinners.

Gospel : Luke 15:1-32

Responding to the murmuring of the Jewish authorities about Jesus' association with the sinners, Jesus tells three stories about the lost and found which are among the most enriching in the Gospel tradition.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, forgive us our sins.

पहला पाठ: निर्गमन ग्रंथ 32:7-11,13-14

मूसा ने अपने भइयों की ओर से ईश्वर से क्षमा माँगी और परम दयालु ईश्वर ने अपनी प्रजा को दण्ड देने का विचार छोड़ दिया। इससे यह स्पष्ट हो जाता है कि मध्यस्थ प्रार्थना कितनी महत्त्वपूर्ण है। हम भी मध्यस्थ प्रार्थना करें।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 50

मैं उठकर अपने पिता के पास जाऊँगा।

दूसरा पाठ: तिमथी के नाम पत्र 1:12-17

संत पौलुस ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देते हैं और अपने प्रति ईश्वर की दया का वर्णन करते हैं।

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 15:1-11

आज के पहले पाठ के विषय है इस्त्राएलियों के प्रति ईश्वर की दया। दूसरे पाठ में संत पौलुस अपने प्रति ईश्वर की दया की चर्चा करते हैं। प्रस्तुत सुसमाचार में येशु पापियों के प्रति ईश्वर की दया के विषय में दृष्टान्त सुनाते हैं।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

The Prodigal Son may be one of the most well known Gospel stories, not only among Christians, but the world in general. We all know how upsetting and frustrating it is to lose something. We keep on searching until we find them and there is a sense of relief and joy when we find them. We might even go and tell others we have found what we had lost.

Today's Gospel passage puts before us the experience of being lost and found by God. Jesus uses not one but three images to describe for us the lengths God goes to in order to find us when we ourselves are lost. The parables also describe how God rejoices when we are found.

In the Gospel, we see that the shepherd, the woman and the father all have in common losing, searching, finding and celebrating. Each of them had lost something that was precious to them and how happy they were when they had found it!

In the Gospel, Jesus is in the company of those he feels happiest with; the tax collectors and sinners. But typically the self-righteous Pharisees lodge their formal complaint, 'look this man even eats with sinners.' While they complain, the sinners are happy to sit and enjoy the company of Jesus. Jesus takes this opportunity to tell them some stories in which both groups are represented. He shares with them the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the infamous lost son. He presents them with these deeply tender images of God to show that whenever we stray from God's compassion and love, (being lost), God always searches for us in order to find us, heal us and bring us home. All we have to do is realise and admit that sometimes we do wander off and get lost. We are asked to recognise our need for God, and then begin our journey home where God will rejoice and celebrate. The shepherd, the woman and the father went to great lengths to find what they had lost. They never gave up until they found their most precious belonging. God never gives up on us. God loves each of us personally, passionately and intimately. When we can admit and recognise that we have lost our way, God comes running to find us. Like the father, God sees us coming a way long off, is moved to pity, clasps his arms around us and kisses us tenderly. God rejoices when we return to home to where we belong. In the Old Testament, the Prophet Zephaniah describes God with this powerful image, 'God is in our midst, he will exult with joy over you' he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.' Our God is a dancing, forgiving and compassionate God. May we waste no more time in being lost and hurry home to join in the feast and celebration. Our God is waiting for us!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

16/Mon: 1Tim 2:1-8/ Ps 28/ Lk 7:1-10

17/Tue: 1Tim 3:1-13/ Ps 101/ Lk 7:11-17

18/Wed: 1Tim 3:14-16/ Ps 111/ Lk 7:31-35

19/Thu: 1Tim 4:12-16/ Ps 111/ Lk 7:36-50

20/Fri: 1Tim 6:2c-12/ Ps 49/ Lk 8:1-3

21/Sat: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/ Ps 19/ Mt 9:9-13



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. Thanks to all the people who came to help in cleaning the Church yesterday.
2. 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.
3. Our Parish Feast will be celebrated on the 29th 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 25th September. Please note that the Masses in all Mass centers will remain cancelled on 29th September. 6.30 am and 4.30 pm Masses remain cancelled too. Please note parking on that day will be outside the Cathedral Campus.
4. Vidyajyoti College is organizing Laity Seminar on 2nd October. All are welcome to participate in it. For details please refer the notice board.
5. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on the 12th of October. All those children who have finished the 10th Standard of Catechism classes are eligible for the Sacrament. Today is the last day to register the name of the children for the confirmation.
6. Jesus Youth Delhi is organizing a musical evening on the 8th October at 4 pm in St. Michael's School Pusa Road. For details kindly refer the notice board.
7. Youth United For Christ is organizing National Youth Convention called KAIROS 2019 from 26th October till the 29th 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. Today is the last day to register.
8. We **appreciate** all members of St. John Paul II and St. Francis Xavier SCC unit for animating the Liturgy for 09.00 am & 10:15am Mass respectively.
9. Next Sunday's Liturgy for 9am Mass will be animated by St. Thomas SCC unit and 10:15am mass will be animated by St. Mother Teresa SCC unit respectively.
10. For details regarding the SCC meetings in your respective areas during the week, kindly refer the Cathedral Calling.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

FEAST OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
29TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

DATE	TIME	THEME	READINGS	MAIN CELEBRANT	ORGANISERS
26/09/2019 Thursday FLAG HOSTING	06:15 p.m	Compassionate Heart of Jesus	Ex 33:19-23 Col 3:11-14 Mt 9:35-38	Msgr. Susai Sebastian Vicar General Archdiocese of Delhi	Religious Communities Youth SCC'S
27/09/2019 Friday	06:30 p.m	Healing and Forgiving Heart of Jesus	Sir 28:2-5 Eph 4:31-32 Mt 9:1-8	Fr. Alphonse Shah Dean Central Deanery	Catechetical Deptt. SSVP & Choir
28/09/2019 Saturday	06:30 p.m	Sacrificing Heart of Jesus	Is 1:11-17 Phil 2:5-11 Jn 19:31-37	Fr. Jervis D'souza Deputy Secretary Gen.. CBCI	Legion of Mary Altar Servers
29/09/2019 Sunday	09:30 a.m	"Learn from me, for I am Meek and Humble of Heart"	Deut 7:6-11 1Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	Most Rev Vincent Concessao Emiritus Archbishop of Delhi	Parish Council Catholic Association

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 16th Sep 2019

Sts. Cornelius, pp & Cyprian

Tue: 17th Sep 2019

St. Robert Bellarmine

Wed: 18th Sep 2019

St. Joseph of Cupertino

Thu: 19th Sep 2019

St. Januarius

Fri: 20th Sep 2019

Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong

Sat: 21st Sep 2019

St. Matthew

Bible Quiz

1. What does the name 'Yeshua' Mean?
2. Which prophet said a king would be born in Bethlehem?
3. What country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus live in until king Herod had died?

Last Week's Answer

1. From the dust of the ground,
2. Eden
3. To work it and take care of it.
4. From one of Adam's ribs
5. Adam