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Message by Parish Priest

My dear Friends,

This week we reflect on the missionary dynamism and attraction of the early Church in Jerusalem. It all depended on the fearless proclamation of the apostles, the heroic courage of the martyrs, intense life

of prayer and solidarity among the early Christians. (Cf 2/4-7)

In the history of the Christian mission, it was the testimony of the life of the individual Christians and the community of believers whose lives drew people to Jesus and his message. It was especially the willingness of martyrs to suffer and die for their faith that convinced the people of the power and truth of the message of Jesus Christ. Today, more than ever, there is a need to make the message of Jesus credible again. Only an authentic witness of radically living the message of the Gospel in our personal lives and in our Christian communities will make this happen. As we are in the Extraordinary month of the Missions, we are called upon to look back into our lives to see if we are like the early Christians. And to introspect and see how we can truly be effective and credible witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We don't have to travel long distances to find people who have lived credible lives as witnesses of Jesus. Our own country has many such witnesses, some very well celebrated, some very obscure. We are very much familiar with St. Alphonse, St. Theresa of Calcutta, St. John the Britto, St. Gonsalo Garcia, St. Kuriakose Chavara, St. Euphrasia, St. Joseph Vaz, Bl. Mariam Theresia, Bl. Devasahayam Pillai, Bl. Augustine Thevarapampil and Bl. Rani Maria. As the Vatican document states, **"Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church"** May the above mentioned holy people inspire and attract more and more people to Jesus Christ.

SCC MEETINGS

St. Alphonsa SCC meeting on 17th Oct. (7:30 pm) Thur.
at Mr. Cyriac residence, No. C-5, A-Block, MS Apartment,
BKS Marg, (in front of Dr RML Hospital Emergency Gate)

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

20th Oct. 2019

English 9:00am

St. Anthony

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Sebastian

SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: 2nd King 5:14-17

Naaman was cured miraculously by Elisha. He wants to offer a gift to the prophet which he rejects because leading another of faith is not for profit.

Response Ps: 98

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: Timothy 2:8-13

Paul writes to Timothy from prison. Though he is imprisoned Paul contends that the Word of God cannot be chained.

Gospel : Luke 17:11-19

Of the ten cleansed only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus. The exemplary behaviour of the Samaritan is further rewarded with the gift of faith leading to salvation.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, make us grateful people.

पहला पाठ: राजाओ का दूसरा ग्रन्थ 5:14-17

एलासय के कहने पर नामन ने यर्डन नदी में सात बार डुबकी लगायी। फलस्वरूप वह अपने रोग से मुक्त हो गया और ईश्वर में विश्वास करने लगा।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 97

प्रभु ने अपना मुक्ति-विधान प्रकट किया है।

दूसरा पाठ: तिमथी के नाम पत्र 2:8-13

संत पौलुस सुसमाचार के कारण बन्दी हैं, किन्तु अत्याचार के कारण हार नहीं मानते। वह बन्दीगृह में भी प्रभु का साक्ष्य देते हैं।

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 17:11-19

दस कोढ़ी येशु द्वारा शुद्ध हुए किन्तु उनमें एक ही गौर-यहूदी था जिसने लौटार येशु को धन्यवाद दिया।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, (St. Luke 17:11-19) we see the incident of the ten lepers as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to which men can sink. This is but one of many such examples of ingratitude that occurred during Christ's public ministry, most of those He miraculously cured forget to thank Him. In today's incident there was one, and he was the one least expected to do so, who had the decency to return and thank his benefactor. This pleased our Lord and led Him to remark on the ingratitude of the others. "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" He was surprised and also sad for their sakes, not for his own. They missed greater graces through this lack of appreciation and gratitude. In all of this it was their own self-interest which came first in the minds of the nine Jews. Once they found their leprosy gone all they thought of was their own good fortune. Their Benefactor was quickly forgotten. The Samaritan's first thought, on the other hand, was of the one who had healed him. He was as delighted as the others with his cure but being generous and thoughtful for others, he felt it his bounden duty to return and thank the man who had done him this miraculous good turn.

How many of us are numbered amongst these ungrateful ones? Many of us think of God only when we are in difficulties. While things are going well, when there is no sickness in the home, when our business is prospering, when there is peace all around us, how many times in the week do we say, "thank you, God, you are very good to me." When trouble strikes we rush to church, we implore God to have pity on us, we make novenas to our special saints. This is not wrong. What is wrong, however, is that we forgot to thank God all the time that He was giving us spiritual and temporal favours.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no admixture of sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. God has already done His part in preparing this heaven for us. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God (as well as from men) is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

14/Mon: Rom 1:1-7/ Ps 98/ Lk 11:29-32

15/Tue: Rom 1:16-25/ Ps 19/ Lk 11:37-41

16/Wed: Rom 2:1-11, Ps 62, Lk 11:42-46

17/Thu: Rom 3:21-30/ Ps 130/ Lk 11:47-54

18/Fri: 2Tim 4:10-17b/ Ps 145/ Lk 10:1-9

19/Sat: Rom 4:13,16-18/Ps 105/ Lk 12:8-12



The Rosary is a
school of Prayer.
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school of Faith.

~Pope Francis~



PARISH NEWS

1. Today there will be the second collection for the Seminary Fund.
2. **Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday.**
3. **MONTH OF ROSARY:** The month of October is dedicated to Mother Mary. There will be Rosary every day in front of the Grotto at 06.00 pm followed by Mass at 06.30 pm. All the parishioners are requested to join in this devotion.
4. Today there is a seminar for all the parish Council members from 9 am till 2 pm. Archbishop wants all members to be present for the seminar.
5. There will be the meeting of the Catholic Association soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.
6. Today we are celebrating the **Legion of Mary SUNDAY** in our parish. Thanks to all members for the dedicated service of the Church.
7. Rosary making competition. All are encouraged to make Rosaries at home. The last date to submit the Rosary to the parish office is 26th October.
8. **MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is the World Mission Sunday. It is an opportunity for us to pray for the missions and support it financially. That day in order to raise fund for various missionary activities, SCC Units of our Parish will be putting up various food stalls from 7.30 am to 01.00 pm. Mission Sunday Calendars and envelopes are also available.
9. On 2nd of November we are making a memorial Garden for all the departed ones from our families. You are requested to submit the photographs of your beloved ones by the 26th of October.
10. Thanks to St. Alphonsa SCC Unit for animating the English Mass and all the Legion of Mary members for animating the Hindi Mass.
11. Next Sunday's Liturgy for 9.00 am Mass will be animated by St. Antony SCC Unit and 10:15 am mass will be animated by St. Sebastian SCC unit respectively.
12. Next Sunday we will have the second collection for the Mission Sunday. Please bring back the Mission Sunday envelopes by next Sunday.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

World Mission Sunday

- October 20, 2019 -

“The celebration of World Mission Sunday gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission for the life of the Church. It helps us to reflect on missions worldwide, where specific missionary challenges are different from ours. Mission Sunday is indeed a gift to the Church. This day reminds us that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however, different our situations may be.”

Prayer to St. Luke



Most wonderful St. Luke you were animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love. In faithfully detailing the Humanity of Jesus, you also showed His Divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit, instructor of the faithful, help me to understand Christ's words and faithfully apply them in my life. Amen.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 14th Oct. 2019

St. Callistus I, pp

Tue: 15th Oct. 2019

St. Teresa of Avila

Wed: 16th Oct. 2019

Ss. Hedwig & Margaret M.

Thu: 17th Oct. 2019

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Fri: 18th Oct. 2019

St. Luke

Sat: 19th Oct. 2019

St. John de Brebuf

Bible Quiz

1. Mary was greeted by St. Gabriel the Archangel to announce the birth of the Son of God. What was her reply to this greeting?
2. The prayer "Hail Mary" is

Last Week's Answer

1. Nebuchadnezzar
2. Babylonia
3. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

one of the most loved Marian prayers. The portion of the response which says "holy Mary, Mother of God" was based on the words of which character in the Bible.

3. There are four Marian dogmas confirmed and approved by the Catholic Church. Which of the following is not a Marian dogma?