## **REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

#### **5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:**

FIRST READING:- A reading from the Book of Isaiah (58:7-10)

Prophet Isaiah tells his fellow -Jews that God commands them to practise charity towards their needy neighbours. It is only by doing so, they can prove their love and loyalty to God.

**RESPONSE**:- Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING: - A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-5)

St. Paul tells his Corinthian converts, that his success was not due to any of his merits but to the Spirit and the power of God, which was made manifest among them.

**GOSPEL :-**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew (5:13-16)

Christ calls his followers the 'Salt of the earth' and the 'Light of the World'. Thus Christ puts his followers on the same level as himself.



#### वर्ष का पाँचवाँ रविवार

पहला पाठः नबी इसायस का ग्रंथ ५८:७-१०

सच्ची धर्मिकता इसमें है कि हम भूखों को रोटी खिलायें, बेधर दरिद्रों को अपने यहाँ ठहरायें पद्दलितों का उद्धार करें और सब प्रकार के अन्याय से दूर रहें। उन्हीं कार्यों से हमारी ज्योति उशा की तरह फूट निकलेगी और ईष्टार हमारी सहायता करेगा।

अनुवाक्यः भक्त धर्मियों के लिए अंधकार का प्रकाष है।

दूसरा पाठः कृरिंथियों के नाम संत पौलूस का पहला पत्र २:१-५

आप लोगों का विष्वास किसी मानवीय प्रज्ञा पर नहीं, बल्कि ईष्वर की षिक्त पर आधारित हो आप जितना कमजोर और समझहीन हैं उतना आप जितना पवित्र आत्मा प्रकाष डालेगा।

सुसमाचारः सन्त लूकस का सुसमाचार २:२२-४०सन्त मत्ती का सुसमाचार ५:१३-१६

ज्योतिस्वरूप प्रभु येसु सभी ईसाइयों को ज्योतिस्वरूप बनाना चाहते हैं ताकि वे अपने भले कार्यो द्वारा संसार में चमकते रहें तथा उनके कार्य को आगे बढ़ाते रहें।

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **LEO FLORISTS:**

Specialists in: Church Decoration for Marriages and Marriage Anniversaries, Wedding bouquet, Car Decoration & Office Arrangements.

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#### FREE CLINIC AT MARIA BHAVAN BASEMENT:

#### **ACCUPRESSURE TREATMENT:**

There is free clinic for accupressure treatment every Saturday from 09:00 am to 01:00 pm.

#### HOMEOPATHIC TREATMENT:

Free homeopathic treatment is available every Saturday from 04:30 pm to 06:30 pm.

### **Thought for the Week**

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

Saint Dominic Savio

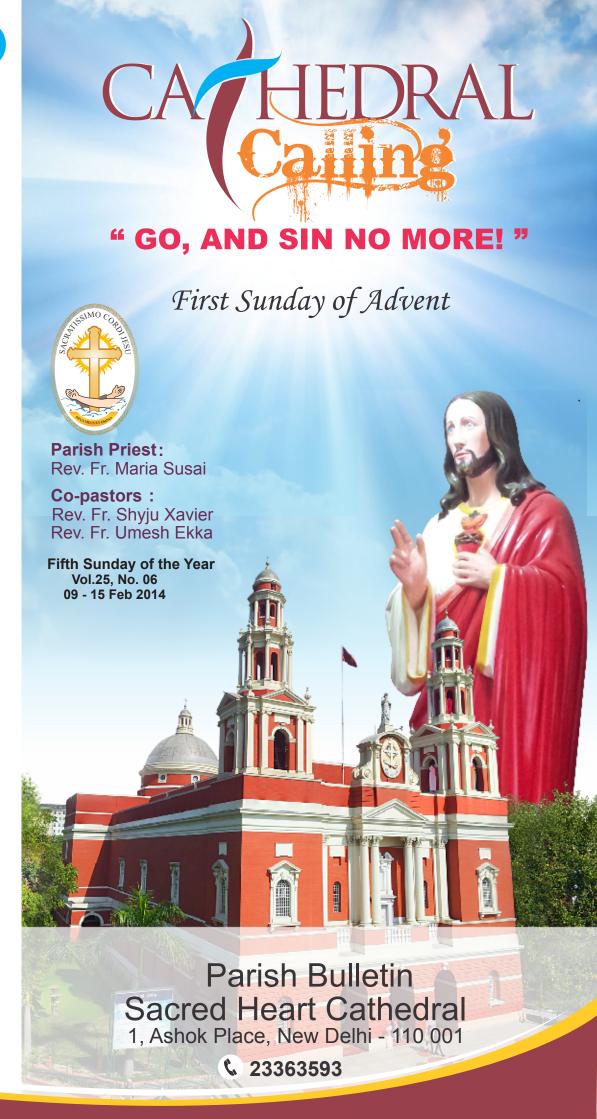
#### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

That the International Community may be ever more aware of the urgent duty to bring an end to the trafficking in human beings.

That in the Missions the lay faithful may recognize the need to serve their own country with greater commitment also in its political and social life.

## **READINGS OF THE WEEK**

10/Mon 1kns 8:1-7; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56 11/Tue 1Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13 12/Wed 1Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 36; Mk 7:14-23 13/Thu 1Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30 14/Fri 1Kgs 11:29-32;12:19; Ps 80: Mk 7:31-37 11/Sat 1Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10



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### **WINTER MASS TIMINGS**

#### **SATURDAYS:**

Cathedral: 6.30 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English) (Weekday Masses at 6.00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.)

#### **SUNDAYS:**

Cathedral	:	06.30 a.m.	_	English
		07.30 a.m.	_	Malayalan
		09.00 a.m.	_	English
		10.15 a.m.	_	Hindi
		11.30 a.m.	_	English
		04.30 p.m.	_	Hindi
		06.30 p.m.	_	English
Carmel	:	07.30 a.m.	_	Hindi
Mater Dei	:	07.00 a.m.	_	Hindi
ISI	:	07.00 a.m.	_	Hindi

Apostolic Nunciature: 07.30 & 10.00 a.m.—English

#### **REFLECTION:**

Light is the key word that we find in the first and third readings of today. In the second reading Paul, from his own experience enlightens us that real light does not come from 'wise' reasoning and clever sophistry but from the cross of Jesus. The light which comes from the cross and shines in our lives should lead us to those people among us who are 'hungry', 'afflicted', and 'homeless', in order to be in the presence of 'Jesus Christ and Him crucified' who came as light to dispel darkness.

The function of light is to shine, to illumine. The light of faith which we have received is not to be kept hidden but to shine and spread around. Just like light which illumines, guides, and gives warmth, just like salt which purifies, perserves and gives taste our Christian life is meant to enkindle the goodness in others and promote its growth.

"As light, we are to provide illumination so that the talents and hopes of others can be seen and acted upon. As the light of our families and neighbourhoods, of our parishes and religious communities, we are to speak and act in such a way that people do not crash into one another with anger and spiteful words - as Isaiah wrote, with 'false accusations and malicious speech'.

In short we are to be always instruments of peace, warmth, love, trust, confidence, respect, dignity, care and concern.

(Courtesy: "New Horizon Homilies" by Philip John & Premdas, SSP)

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY:**

Today is celebrated as Holy Childhood Sunday. There will be a second collection taken at all Masses. The money will be sent to Holy Childhood Society. The envelopes are also available outside the Church.

#### **COMMON CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME:**

The next batch of the Common Catechetical programme meant for those who, for some reason or the other, have not yet received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, will begin shortly. We request all such candidates to kindly give their names to the Parish Fathers.

#### **ALPHA COURSE:**

The next session of the Alpha Course, designed to help Catholics explore and rediscover their faith, will begin on Thursday, the 13th of February, 2014. Kindly see the Notice Board for details and to register for the course.

#### **CHURCH SUPPORT FUND:**

Kindly pay your Church Support Fund to the members of the Catholic Association every Sunday. Supporting the Church financially is the obligation of every Catholic family.

#### **HEALING MINISTRY WEEK:**

The Healing Ministry week is being observed from 6-12 February 2014. 11th February is the "World Day of the Sick". This year's Healing Week theme is 'You are precious in God's sight'. Kindly Pary for the sick.

#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Feasts in the coming week: 11th February, Our Lady of Lourdes, 14th February, Saints Cyril and Methodius

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

There are many vacancies in Delhi Catholic Archdiocesan Schools. Application forms must be collected from the concerned School Offices between 1st and 10th February and submitted by hand to the Education Office, Yusuf Sadan between 10th to 15th February. For details contact the Parish Fathers.

# पल्ली सूचनाएँ

लडको के लिए हॉस्टल सविधा

बहु अकबरपुर रोहतक में लड़के बच्चों के लिए हॉस्टल सुविधा उपलब्ध है इसमें अंग्रेजी माध्यम के तीसरी से पाँचवी कक्षा के बच्चों को ही लिया जायेगा।

र जनवरी और २३ जनवरी को यूसुफ सदन में सुबह ११बजे टेस्ट होगा। यह उन बच्चों के लिए बहुत ही लाभदायक होगा जिन घरों में बच्चों को पढ़ाई के अच्छे महौल नहीं मिलते हैं।

#### पवित्र बालकपन दिवस

आज पवित्र कलीसिया पवित्र बालकपन दिवस मना रही है प्रत्येक मिस्सा के दौरान दूसरा चन्दा लिया जायेगा।

#### विशेष धर्म शिक्षा

जिन लोगों ने अब तक परमप्रसाद और दृढ़ीकरण संस्कार ग्रहण नहीं किये हैं उनके लिए विशेष क्लास जल्द ही शुरू होने वाली है कृपया अपना नाम पैरिश ऑफिस में दें।

अल्फा कॉर्स

हमारे पल्ली में अल्फा कॉर्स १३ फरवरी २०१४ से शुरू होने वाली है। आधिक जानकारी हेतु नोटिस बोर्ड देखे।

चर्च सपोर्ट फन्ड

प्रत्येक रविवार चर्च सपोर्ट फन्ड़ आप केथोलिक एसोसिएशन के सदस्यों के पास जमा कर सकते हैं। चर्च को सपोर्ट करना प्रत्येक परिवार का कर्तव्य है।

### Pope's Message for the 22nd World Day of the Sick

The Holy Father in his message to mark the occasion, turns his attention to the sick and all those who provide them with care and treatment. He begins by reminding those who are afflicted that the "the Church sees the special presence of the suffering Christ in them and that God gives us the courage to face each adversity with him and united to Him.

The Holy Father then underscores the importane of the role of the Son of God made man in the life of those who suffer, explaining that his very nature has the power to transform and reduce human disease by taking it on himself, saying that's why suffering no longer has the last word.

In the third part of his message the Pope exhorts us to approach those who are in need of care with tenderness.

The holy father concludes his message by reflecting on the figure of St. John, the disciple who was with Mary at the foot of the cross. It is this saint, he stresses, that takes us back to the source of faith and charity, (the theme chosen this year) to the heart of God who is love and he reminds us that we cannot love God if we do not love our neighbour.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."