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Message by Parish Priest



My dear Friends!

We have begun the season of Advent last Sunday. Pope Francis marked the beginning of the new liturgical year at the Angelus for the First Sunday of Advent.

On this Sunday, he said, the Gospel introduces us to one of the most “evocative” themes of the Advent season:

the visit of the Lord to humanity. Pope Francis pointed out three visits of the Lord: the first, in the past, with the Incarnation, and Birth of Jesus at Christmas; the second, in the present, as Jesus visits us continually, every day; and the final visit, in the future, when Jesus “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. The Gospel, the Pope said, is not trying to frighten us, but “to open our horizons” to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences.

This perspective, he continued, is also an invitation to “sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world” but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, the Pope said, Advent is “an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart.”

During Advent, Pope Francis concluded, “we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don’t imagine.”

May we continue to pursue the path of being vigilant and prepare through this holy season of advent.



Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 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

4.00 pm - Hindi

6.00 pm - English

Weekdays

6.30 am - English

1.00 pm - English

6.00 pm - English

Tuesday evening

Mass is in Hindi

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

15th Dec. 2019

English 9:00am

St. Anthony

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

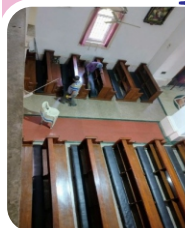
St. Michael

SCC Unit

Church Cleaning

Please come
for the Church
Cleaning
On

14th December, 2019
(Saturday)
at
9.30 am



(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah who is the righteous King.

Response Ps: 71

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul exhorts the Christians of Rome to live in peace and harmony so that they may glorify God with one voice.

Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist invites his listeners to repentance and conversion.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, be merciful to us.

पहला पाठ: इसायास का ग्रंथ 11:1-10

जो अंकुर येस्से के धड़ से फड़ेगा वह पवित्र आत्मा के वरदानों से भरपूर होगा। वही शान्तिदाता एवं मुक्तिदाता है। उसको हम सम्पूर्ण रूप से अपनायें।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 71

प्रभु के राज्य काल में न्याय फलेगा-फूलेगा और अपार शान्ति सदा-सर्वदा छाये रहेगी।

दूसरा पाठ: रोमियों के नाम पत्र 15:4-9

“जिस प्रकार मसीह ने हमें ईश्वर की महिमा के लिए अपनाया है, उसी प्रकार आप एक दूसरे को भ्रातृभाव से अपनायें।”

सुसमाचार: संत मती 3:1-12

प्रभु का आगमन पश्चात्तापी विश्वासियों के लिए सुखदायी होगा। दूसरों के लिए वह भय, विनाश तथा कष्ट का दिन होगा। भय के साथ हम उनसे मिलने की तैयारी करें।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we see that the great messenger John the Baptist comes to proclaim when says to us; Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand, 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight.' We usually associate repentance and conversion more with the season of Lent. However, Advent also calls and challenges us to look at our lives and change whatever need to be changed. Why do we need to repent and change our ways? Because we are getting ready to welcome Jesus into our homes, hearts and daily lives.

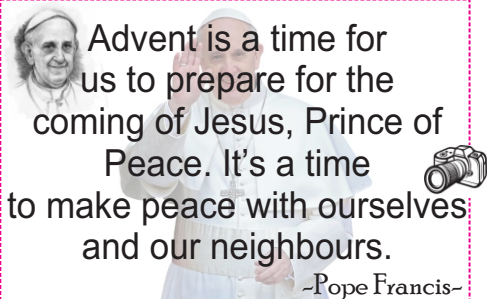
Let's be honest, the shops, the adverts and all the glossy magazines are selling and telling one message and set of values at this time of the year. They are trying to convince us that Christmas is a commodity, a thing. Advent, through the voice of John the Baptist is offering us something far richer, deeper and significant. Advent is asking to prepare to welcome someone, not something! We are getting to encounter and experience the love of God in the face and voice of Jesus Christ.

Yes, these weeks are about shopping, cleaning and parties, which are all very good for us. But Advent offers us so much more. These weeks before Christmas call us to repent and prepare to meet Jesus. Advent is not simply something that happens 'out there' somewhere. We are asked to remember that Advent takes place deep within our hearts, our homes, our families; how we live our daily lives and through the daily activities in which we engage.

Let us pray for and with each other this week that we will do all we can to repent and prepare a way for the Lord.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 09 Mon:** Gen 3:9-15,20/Ps 98 /Eph 1:3-6,11-12 /Lk 1:26-38
- 10 Tue:** Isa 40:1-11/Ps 96 / Mt 18:12-14
- 11 Wed:** Isa 40:25-31/Ps 103/ Mt 11:28-30
- 12 Thu:** Isa 41:13-20/Ps 144/ Mt 11:11-15
- 13 Fri:** Isa 48:17-19/ Ps 1/ Mt 11:16-19
- 14 Sat:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80/ Mt 17:9-13



Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours.

-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. Today there is a second collection for the seminary fund.
2. Today we celebrate the Altar Servers Day.
3. Today there will be the meeting of the Catholic Association soon after the 9.00 am Mass.
4. All those who have taken the 'Communio India' contribution envelopes kindly return them as soon as possible.
5. Next Sunday there will be SCC-wise Carol singing at 7:00 pm. All the SCC will be singing a carol each in front of the Cathedral.
6. Next Saturday, the second Saturday, we will have the cleaning of the Church from morning 9.30 am.
7. This Advent season every day evening we have the reading of a chapter from the Gospel of St. Luke at 6.30 pm on weekdays and at 7.00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Those who would like to volunteer to read please inform the parish office and indicate the date.
8. Admissions forms to KG in Mater Dei, CJM, Columba's and Carmel Convent Schools are available online till 27th of December. Please make sure that all the necessary documents are submitted well in time in the proper office.
9. Every year we serve cake and coffee to all who come for the midnight service to all who come to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We are looking for some sponsors to come forward who would like to bear the cost of this year's Christmas crib, tent, light and sound and decorations. All those who would like to sponsor cake for the 'Christmas vigil service' and 'Christmas tree celebration' and for Christmas gifts for children, kindly do so by making your contribution at the help desk or in the box which is kept outside the church for this purpose.
10. Crib Competition will be held from 18th to 23rd December. This year we encourage everyone to prepare Crib at your homes. We will come and examine and select the best Crib. Please register your participation.
11. Kindly note, there will be no Catechism class on 23rd Dec, 2018 and 29th Dec-2019.
12. On 28th we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents. The 6 pm Holy Mass will be specially offered for the children of the parish, the parents are requested to bring all the children of our parish for this special Mass on that day.
13. The Christmas tree will be celebrated on the 29th of December. From next Sunday lunch coupons will be available.
14. On 29th we celebrate the Holy family Feast. This year we will be honoring all the couples who got married in the 1992 onwards. We also will celebrate the couples who have completed 40 years of their marriage. All the registered members of the parish are kindly requested to register your name along with the copy of your marriage certificate in the parish office.
15. All SCC units are requested to elect the representatives of the Parish Council by the end of December.
16. Thanks to Altar Servers and St Sebastian SCC units for animating the liturgy today.
17. Next Sunday, the Liturgy for 9.00 am Mass will be animated by St. Anthony SCC unit and 10:15 am mass will be animated by St. Michael SCC unit respectively.
18. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
19. Parish Calendars and stars are available in front of Maria Bhawan.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

Prayer for the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese

दिल्ली धर्मप्रांत की हीरक जयंती वर्ष प्रार्थना

(1959-2019)

O God of eternal love and compassion, we thank you for the gift of the Archdiocese of Delhi.

As we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Archdiocese, grant us a fresh outpouring of your Spirit, so that learning from the self-giving love of Christ on the Cross, we might become a Church that makes GIVING of herself to others her joyful vocation. Alive to the needs of others, may we share the Good News of faith, hope, love, joy and justice with all peoples.

With the Jubilee motto, "Love is our norm, and service our lifestyle", we look towards the most Sacred Heart of Jesus to help us make this Jubilee year a time of renewal, where our Parishes and Institutions become signs of God's Kingdom and beacons of God's saving to all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto thine.

Mary our Mother, intercede for us as we pray...

Remember

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हे अनंत प्रेम और करुणा के प्रभु, हम दिल्ली महपधर्मप्रांत के वरदान के लिए तुझे धन्यवाद देते हैं।

हमारे महाधर्मप्रांत दिल्ली की हीरक जयंती के सुअवसर पर हम सभी पर पुनः तेरी आत्मा को बरसा दे ताकि क्रूसित येशु के प्रेम से प्रेरित होकर हम ऐसी कलीसिया बने, जो स्वयं को दूसरों के लिए अर्पित करना अपना बुलावा समझे। दूसरों की जरूरतों में तत्पर रहते हुए, हम विश्वास, आशा, प्रेम, आनंद और न्याय के साथ सभी लोगों को सुसमाचार का साक्ष्य दे सकें।

जयंती वर्ष के सिद्धांत, "प्रेम हमारा नियम और सेवा हमारी जीवन शैली" के साथ हम प्रभु येशु के अति पवित्र हृदय की ओर देखते हुए, उनसे कृपा की कामना करते हैं कि यह हीरक जयंती वर्ष हमारे लिए कृपा एवं नवीनीकरण का समय हो जहाँ हमारे पल्ली एवं संस्थाएं सभी लोगों के लिए ईश्वर के राज्य के चिन्ह और आशा की किरण बन सकें। हम यह प्रार्थना करते हैं हमारे प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त के द्वारा, आमेन।

हे येशु के अति पवित्र हृदय – हमारे हृदयों को तेरे जैसा बना माता मरियम हमारे लिए प्रार्थना कर। याद कर विनती

आदेश अनुसार

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