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Message by Parish Priest



My dear friends!

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season and invites us to think of our Baptism. Jesus willed to receive the baptism preached and administered by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. It was a baptism of penance: all

those who approached it expressed the desire to be purified from sin and, with God's help, committed themselves to begin a new life.

We understand then the great humility of Jesus, He who had not sinned, put himself in the queue with the penitents, mixing among them, to be baptized in the waters of the river. What humility Jesus has! And, by doing so, He manifested what we celebrated at Christmas: Jesus' willingness to immerse Himself in the river of humanity, to take upon himself the failures and weaknesses of men, to share their desire of liberation and to overcome all that distances one from God and renders brothers strangers. As at Bethlehem, along the banks of the Jordan God keeps His promise to take charge of the human being's fate, and Jesus is the tangible and definitive sign of it. He took charge of all of us, He takes charge of all of us, in life, in the days.

The feast of Jesus' Baptism invites every Christian to remember his own Baptism. I can't ask you the question if you remember the day of your Baptism, because the majority of you were babies, like me; we were baptized as babies. However, I can ask you another question? Do you know the date on which you were baptized? Do you know what day you were baptized? Each one of you think about it. And if you don't know the date or have forgotten it, when you go home ask your mother, your grandmother, your uncle, your aunt, your grandfather, your godfather, your godmother: what was date? And we must always have that date in our memory, because it's a date of celebration, it's the date of our initial sanctification; it's the date in which the Father gave us the Holy Spirit who pushes us to walk; it's the date of the great forgiveness. Don't forget: what's the date of my Baptism?

This feast invites us especially to value and celebrate the baptism that we have received.



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

19th Jan. 2020

English 9:00am

St. Anthony

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Sebastian

SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

In this song of the servant, Isaiah describes the servant as one neither breaks the bruised reed nor quenches the smouldering wick.

Response Ps: 28

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

The speech by Peter is the classic proclamation of the gospel to the Gentiles.

Gospel : Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus submits himself to the baptism of John. Heaven opens, the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, strengthen our faith.

पहला पाठ: इसायास ग्रंथ 42:1-4,6-7

नबी इसायास ईश्वर के सेवक के विषय में भविष्यवाणी करते हैं कि वह पृथ्वी पर धार्मिकता की सीपना करेगा और लोगों को ज्यादा प्रदान करेगा। वह सेवक मसीह हैं।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 28

प्रभु अपनी प्रजा को शांति की आशिष प्रदान करेगा।

दूसरा पाठ: प्रेरित - चरित 10:34-38

संत पेट्रुस इस पर बल देते हैं कि जो कोई धर्माचीण करता है वह ईश्वर का कृपा-पात्र बन जाता है। मसीह सही संदेश देने आर्य और अपने कार्य द्वारा उन्होंने प्रमाणित किया कि ईश्वर उनके साथ था।

सुसमाचार: संत मती 3:13-17

येसु पापी मनुष्यजाति का सदस्य बन गये। इसलिए निष्पाप होते हुए भी वह योहन से बपतिस्मा ग्रहण करते हैं। बपतिस्मा संस्कार के द्वारा मनुष्य पापमुक्त हो कर ईश्वर की सन्तान बन जाते हैं।

विश्वसियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

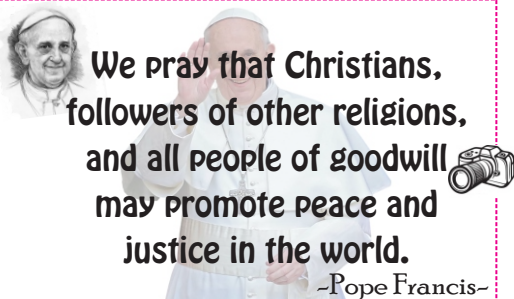
Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 13 Mon:** 1 Sam 1:1-8/Ps 116 /Mk 1:14-20
14 Tue: 1 Sam 1:9-20/1 Sam 2/ Mk 1:21-28
15 Wed: 1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40/ Mk 1:29-39
16 Thu: 1 Sam 4:1-11/PS 44/ Mk 1:40-45
17 Fri: 1 Sam 8:4-7,10-12/Ps 89/ Mk 2:1-12
18 Sat: 1 Sam 9:1-14,17-19;10:1/Ps 21/
Mk 2:13-17



**We pray that Christians,
followers of other religions,
and all people of goodwill
may promote peace and
justice in the world.**

-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. There is a Second Collection for the Seminary Fund.
2. Thanks to all who came for the cleaning of the Church yesterday.
3. Today 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.
4. Next Sunday we celebrate the Laity Sunday.
5. The Women Commission of Delhi is organizing an awareness raising program on the theme "Women, towards Dignity and Equal Status" next Sunday at Yusuf Sadan from 2 pm till 5 pm.
6. Next Sunday there will be the meeting of the Parish Council after the 9.00 am Mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting.
7. Thanks to St. Alphonsa and Our Lady of Mount Carmel SCC units for animating the liturgy today.
8. Next Sunday, the 9.00 am and 10.15 Masses will be animated by St. Antony and St. Sebastian SCC units respectively.
9. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
10. Parish Calendars are available in the Help Desk.

**Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest**

SCC MEETINGS

St. Alphonsa SCC meeting on 16 January,2020, Thursday at 7:30 pm, at the residence of Shri Ashok Xalxo, Block No.15, Flat No. 820, Baba Kharak Singh Marg.

St. Paul's Novena Prayer



For nine days, say the following prayers:
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Antiphon: O St. Paul, the Apostle, preacher of truth and **Doctor of the Gentiles, intercede for us** to God, who chose you.

V. You are a vessel of election, **O St. Paul, the Apostle,**

R. Preacher of truth to the whole world.

Prayer: **O God** you have instructed many nations through the preaching of the blessed apostle Paul. **Let the power of his intercession with you help us** who venerate his memory this day.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 13 th Jan.. 2020

St Hilary

Tue: 14 th Jan.. 2020

Blessed Devasahayam

Wed: 15 th Jan. 2020

St Paul

Thu: 16 th Jan. 2020

St Joseph Vaz

Fri: 17 th Jan. 2020

St Anthony

Sat: 18 th Jan. 2020

St Prisca

Prayer for the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese

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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