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## Message by Parish Priest



My dear friends!

Today we celebrate the 71st Republic Day of our great Nation. As a nation we have grown much due to the vision and the great sacrifices of many our leaders. The Church has not lagged behind in working for the progress and development of our nation especially in the field of Health, Education and the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden.

In the year 2012, the CBCI in its general body meeting in Bangalore, deliberating on the theme 'The Church's Role for a Better India'. Stated that, "We sensed in our hearts our country's yearning for a Better India. Our country has been noted for its deep spirituality, its saints and sages, its rich diversity of cultures and religions. People yearn for the ideal enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution of India of a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic which will secure for its citizens Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; Equality of status and of opportunity; Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation."

"But this yearning has remained largely unfulfilled. Economic development has brought about increasing inequities, an ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor with consequent tensions spilling over into violence. We see around us a betrayal of the poor and marginalized the tribals, dalits and other backward classes, women and other groups who live in dehumanizing and oppressive poverty. We witness rampant exploitation of children. There is disappointment with those in public life for whom ethical concerns matter little"... "But the Church does not wish to rest on her laurels. She recommit herself to being a prophetic Church, taking a decisive stand in favor of the poor and marginalized." "We envision an India with more attributes of the Kingdom of God such as justice and equity with its consequent fruits of love, peace and joy."

Hence the celebration of the 71st Republic day once again a clarion call to us the Church at large rededicate ourselves in working towards the welfare of the poor sections of the country just like Jesus our Master did in His time. May our Nation grow to be a more Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic.

God Bless our Country!



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

2nd Feb, 2020

English 9:00am

St. Francis of Assisi

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

Velankanni Matha

SCC Unit

# ((( SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION )))

## 1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9,3

These verses contain a prophetic hymn of thanksgiving. Isaiah expresses his conviction that the saving acts of God will certainly happen.

## Response Ps: 26

The Lord is my light and my help.

## 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Having received information that the Corinthian Church is divided Paul writes to them to tell them that their faith is centred on Christ alone.

## Gospel : Matthew 4:12-23

The passage describes Jesus calling his first four disciples by the Sea of Galilee, and the crowds coming to hear his preaching and to get healed.

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, lead us to your light.

## पहला पाठ: इसायस का ग्रंथ 8:23-9:3

नबी इसायस की भविष्यवाणी के अनुसार अंधकार में भटकने वालों ने एक महती ज्योति देखी है, अंधकारमय प्रदेश में रहने वालों पर ज्योति का उदय हुआ है।

## अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 26

प्रभु मेरी ज्योति और मेरी मुक्ति है।

## दूसरा पाठ: कुरिंथियों के नाम 1:10-13,17

कुरिंथ की आरम्भिक कलीसिया में दलबन्दी और आपसी फूट थी। संत पौलुस को उसके विरुद्ध घोर लड़ाई लड़नी पड़ी। हमारे धार्मिक नेताओं को चाहिए कि क्रूसित येशु में सबको एकत्र करें और आपसी एकता का उदाहरण प्रस्तुत करें।

## सुसमाचार: सन्त मती 4:12-23

प्रभु येशु की शिक्षा का सारांश यह था: "पशुचात्पाप करो, स्वर्ग का राज्य निकट आ गया है।" वह गाँव-गाँव तथा नगर-नगर घूम-घूम कर उपदेश देते और गेगियों को चंगा करते थे।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus calls several fishermen to come and follow Him. When Our Saviour tells His Apostles that He has chosen them, He makes no exception. Even Judas was called although he misused his freedom, and rejected the means God gave him. We can be sure that when God calls someone to embrace Christianity, to be single or married, to be a religious, priest or bishop, God gives each person all the necessary help to attain sanctity in his or her vocation.

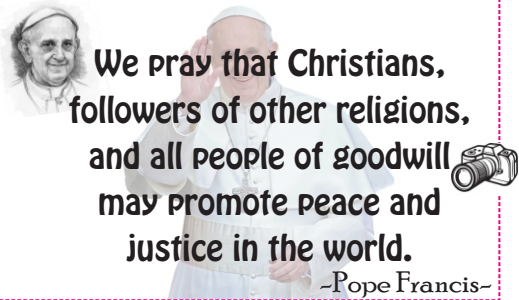
Yet, even after their conversion, some of the Apostles were subject to some imperfections, like St. Peter who failed miserably by denying the Lord. Likewise, we see that it is impossible to overcome in a day all the bad habits acquired by caring poorly for our spiritual health. Nonetheless, Our Saviour wants us to serve Him just as we are both by prayer and by actions suited to our state and stage in life. Once we are convinced that we must serve God where we are, and go on doing what we are doing, have a tender affection for our state in life. Be of good hearts; cultivate our vineyards with divine love.

As we set out on our daily tasks, let us place ourselves in the hands of God, who desires to help us succeed in our affairs. Believe that God will do what is best for us, provided that, on our part, we employ a gentle diligence. We do not get surprised if the fruits of our labour are slow to appear. If we do the work of God patiently, our labour will not be in vain. Our Lord, who makes houses for the snails and turtles, will lead us well; let Him do it. We must walk faithfully in the way of our Lord, and remain in peace, as much in the winter of sterility as in the autumn of fruitfulness.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 27 **Mon:** 2 Sam 5:1-7,10/Ps 89 /Mk 3:22-30  
28 **Tue:** 2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19/Ps 24/ Mk 3:31-35  
29 **Wed:** 2 Sam 7:4-17/Ps 89/ Mk 4:1-20  
30 **Thu:** 2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29 /Ps 132/ Mk 4:21-25  
31 **Fri:** 2 Sam 11:1-4,10,13-17/Ps 51/ Mk 4:26-34  
01 **Sat:** 2 Sam: 12-1-7,10-17/ Ps 51/ Mk 4:35-41



**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. Next Sunday there will be the meeting of the Parish Council soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the newly elected members are requested to attend the meeting.
2. 9th February we celebrate the Missionary Childhood Sunday. Envelops are available for your contribution for the Holy childhood society. On the 9th the second collection will be for the holy Childhood Society.
3. Thanks to Youth and St. Michael SCC units respectively for animating the liturgy today.
4. Next Sunday, the 9.00 am and 10.15 Masses will be animated by St. Francis of Assisi and Velankanni Matha SCC units respectively.
5. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
6. Parish Calendars are available in the Help Desk.

Fr. Lawrence PR  
Parish Priest

## SCC MEETINGS

**St. John Paul II SCC meeting** on 30th January, 2020, Thursday at 7:00 pm, at CJM.

**St. Michael SCC meeting** on 30th January, 2020, Thursday at 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Vijay Xess, Flat No B-12, Type-II, Behind Mandir Marg Police Station.

# Novena Prayer to St. John Bosco

Dear St. John Bosco, in need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, for I require not only spiritual grace, but also temporal ones, and in particular for  
(here specify the grace you are praying for).



May you, who on earth had such great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, Help of Christians, and who always had compassion for those who were in suffering, obtain from Jesus and from His heavenly Mother the grace for which I now pray. I also ask for a sincere resignation to the will of God. Amen.

(Recite an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Gory Be to the Father).

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

*Mon: 27 th Jan., 2020*

**St Angelal Merici**

*Tue: 28 th Jan., 2020*

**St Thomas Aquinas**

*Wed: 29 th Jan., 2020*

**St Apollinaris**

*Thu: 30 th Jan., 2020*

**St Martina**

*Fri: 31 st Jan., 2020*

**St John Bosco**

*Sat: 1 st Feb., 2020*

**St Henry Morse**

## 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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