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Message by Parish Priest



My dear Friends!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also celebrated as a day of Consecrated Life. I take this opportunity to wish all the Religious of our Parish a happy Feast. It is time to appreciate the wonderful work the religious do the Church and Society.

Last year on the 2nd February our Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel (Lk 2:22-40), in which Jesus is presented in the Temple 40 days after his birth. The Holy Father said the Liturgy shows "Jesus who goes out to meet his people", calling it the feast day of encounter. "The newness of the Child encounters the tradition of the Temple; the promise finds fulfillment; young Mary and Joseph encounter the elderly Simeon and Anna." Consecrated women and men, said Pope Francis, are called to encounter Jesus "every day of our lives... it is a daily choice." "What happened in the Temple also happens to us: around him everything meets, and life becomes harmonious." He said religious find in Jesus the courage to carry on, because "the encounter with the Lord is the source."

The Pope said encounter with Jesus takes place within the people of God and within a religious community. "God calls us to encounter him through faithfulness to concrete things: daily prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, real charity, the daily word of God."

Finally, Pope Francis summed up religious life as not being about survival but about new life, calling it "a living encounter with the Lord." "This then is the consecrated life: praise which gives joy to God's people, prophetic vision that reveals what counts."

Let us pray today for all the Religious as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. May they encounter Jesus everyday and may they be able to bear witness to the fact that Jesus is the Source of Salvation.

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

9th Feb. 2020

English 9:00am
St. Francis of Assisi
SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am
St. Francis Xavier
SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Malachi (3:1-4)

In this passage Prophet Malachi speaks of a messenger who will prepare the people for the day of God's visitation.

Response Ps: 23

Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.

2nd Reading: Hebrews (2:14-18)

The author affirms that Christ is indeed our High Priest and he obtained it through his suffering.

Gospel: St Luke (2:22-40)

Following the requirement of the Law, the parents present Jesus in the Temple.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, may our lives be pleasing to you.

पहला पाठ: मलआकी का ग्रन्थ 3:1- 4

"वह प्रभु, जिसे तुम खोजते हो, अपने मंदिर आ जायेगा।"

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 23

वह महाप्रतापी राजा कौन हैं? प्रभु ही वह महाप्रतापी राजा हैं।

दूसरा पाठ: इब्रानियों के नाम 2:14-18

"यह आवश्यक था कि वह सभी बातों में अपने भाइयों के सदृश बन जायें।"

सुसमाचार: लूकस मत्ती 2:22-40

"मेरी आँखों ने तेरी मुक्ति को देखा है।"

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, दयापूर्वक हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

In today's Gospel we experience Mary and Joseph presenting the infant Jesus, the son of God, in the Temple. On this day the Son of God is offered to His Father. This offering is beautifully represented with lighted candles to remind us of when Mary entered the Temple carrying in her arms her Son, who is Light of the world. Today when Christians carry lighted candles in their hands it is to testify that if it were possible they would carry Our Lord in their arms as did Mary and Simeon.

The glorious St. Simeon was very happy to carry the Savior in his arms. We can bear Him on our shoulders if we willingly endure and suffer with a good heart all that it pleases God to send us, however difficult and heavy be the charge and burden that God places upon our shoulder, like some saints.

We can carry Our Savior in our arms as St. Simeon and Mary did. We do this when we endure with love the labours and pains He sends us, that is to say, when the love that we bear makes us find God's yoke easy and pleasing, so that we love these pains and labours, gather sweetness in the midst of bitterness. If we carry Him this way, He will, without doubt, Himself carry us.

Oh, how happy we shall be if we allow ourselves to be carried by this dear Lord, and if we carry Him on our shoulders and in our arms, abandoning ourselves entirely to Him and letting Him lead us where He pleases! Leave yourselves, then, in the arms of His Divine Providence, submitting yourselves in what concerns His Law and disposing yourselves to endure all the pains and suffering that may come to you in this life. When you have done this you will find that the hardest and most painful things will be rendered sweet and agreeable to you, and you will share the happiness experienced by St. Simeon and Anna, the prophetess. Try only to imitate them in this life and you will bless the Saviour and be blessed by Him in Heaven, together with these glorious saints.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 3 Mon:** 2 Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13/Ps 3 /Mk 5:1-20
4 Tue: 2 Sam 18:9-10,14, 24-25,30-19:3/
Ps 86/ Mk 5:21-43
5 Wed: 2 Sam 24:2,9-17/Ps 32/ Mk 6:1-6
6 Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/1 Chr 29/ Mk 6:7-13
7 Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18/ Mk 6:14-29
8 Sat: 1 kgs: 3:4-13/ Ps 119/ Mk 6:30-34



Listen to the Migrants' Cries
We pray that the cries of our
migrant brothers and sisters,
victims of criminal
trafficking, may be heard
and considered.



-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

Presentation of the Lord.

1. Today there is the meeting of the Parish Council soon after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. All the newly elected members are requested to attend the meeting.
2. Today the Archdiocese celebrates the Vocation Promotion Sunday in Sahadoya School, Hauz Khas.
3. Next Sunday there will be the meeting of the CA soon after the 9 a.m. Mass.
4. 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.
5. Thanks to St. John Paul II and Vailankanni Matha units respectively for animating the liturgy today.
6. Next Saturday, 8th of February at 6.00 p.m. we will have the first communion for the Children. Tomorrow onwards there will be special class for all children in the evening at 5.00 p.m. to prepare of this great day.
7. On the 14th March we are going on a pilgrimage to Sardhana. Please register your name with the Catholic Association.
8. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk.
9. Parish Calendars are available in the Help Desk.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

SCC MEETINGS

Vellankani Matha SCC meeting on
06th February, 2020, (Thursday) at 7.30 pm,
at the residence of Mrs. Chitra, Flat No.4-C, Sector-4,
DIZ Area, Gole Market.

Pilgrimage to Sardhana



**Pilgrimage
to Our Lady of
Grace Sardhana
on**

14th Mar. 2020

at 6:00 am

Ticket:

₹ 450/- Per Person

Last Date for Submitting the Name 8th Mar.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 3rd Feb. 2020

St Blaise

Tue: 4th Feb. 2020

St John de Britto, Martyr

Wed: 5th Feb. 2020

St Agatha

Thu: 6th Feb. 2020

Sts Paul Miki & Comps

Fri: 7th Feb. 2020

St Gonsalo Garcia, Martyr

Sat: 8th Feb. 2020

Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

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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