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Message by Parish Priest



My dear brothers and sisters!

Today's readings from the Book of Isaiah, [Is. 25:5-10] the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [Phil. 4:10-14, 19-20] and the Gospel of Matthew [Mt. 22:1-14] speak of an invitation to the Great Feast.

It was Jewish custom that when the invitations were sent out for a great feast the time was not stated; and when everything was ready the servants were sent out with a final summons to tell the guests to come. So the king in the parable had long ago sent out his invitation; but it was not till everything was prepared that the final summons was issued – and insultingly refused.

This parable has many meanings. First of all, Jesus refers to the Jews who did not accept the invitation of God. Ages ago they had been invited to be the chosen people of God; yet they had time and again refused to accept the messengers sent by God. The final summons came from Jesus to leave their unjust ways and enter into the Kingdom of God. When this invitation was rejected, the invitation of God went to the highways and byways.

The parable also speaks of the consequences of rejecting the invitation. The people of Israel had experienced the tragic consequences of rejecting the ways of God. These were terrible experiences of the Israelites, and they had been passed on to the succeeding generations. Before Mathew composed his Gospel the Roman armies had destroyed Jerusalem. Even today the violent nature and man-made disasters remind us constantly about the consequences of rejecting the invitation of God.

As Jesus referred to his contemporaries. Through this parable the church today points out to its members who get drowned in the daily hustle of life, and lose priorities. The things that made men deaf to the invitation of the king were not necessarily bad in themselves. One man went to his estate; the business. They went off on the excellent task of efficiently administering their business life. It is easy for a man to be so busy with the things of time that he forgets the things of eternity, to be so preoccupied with the things which are seen that he forgets the things which are unseen. The tragedy of life is that it is so often the second bests which shut out the best, that it is things which are good in themselves which shuts out the things that are supreme.

The parable reminds us that in the last analysis that God's invitation is the invitation of grace. It is true that the door is open to all men, but when they come they must bring a life which seeks to fit the love which has been given to them. Grace is not only a gift; it is a grave responsibility. So, the moment we accept the invitation, we accept the inevitable responsibility and commitment to change ourselves. Hence, when we go to the house of God let us put on the garment of humble penitence, the garment of faith and the garment of reverence. So that when the king comes to see his guests we will prove ourselves worthy of the invitation extended to us.

God Bless!!!!

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arokia Raj

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.30 pm (Eng)

Anticipated Mass

Sundays

9.00 am - English

10.30 am - Hindi

11.45 am - English

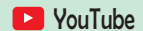
6.30 pm - English

Live streaming
of Holy Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - English

10:30 am - Hindi

Weekday: 6.30 pm - English

Sacred Heart Cathedral
New DelhiSacred Heart Cathedral
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CelebrantEnglish 9:00 am
Msgr. Susai SebastianHindi 10:30 am
Fr. John BrittoEnglish 11:45 am
Fr. Ajeet PatrickEnglish 6:30 pm
Fr. Jervis

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Prophet Isaiah writes that God will offer a banquet to the peoples of the earth and will destroy death forever.

Response Ps: 23

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Though Paul does not look for any material help from his followers he makes an exception and receives the gift sent to him by the Philippians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the Wedding Feast teaches us that while the Kingdom of God is open to anyone, it does make demands on them.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, admit us to your presence.

पहला पाठ: एजेकिएल का ग्रन्थ 25:6-10

नबी इसायस यहूदियों को आश्वासन देते हैं कि ईश्वर उनकी विपत्ति दूर कर देगा। वह सियों पर्वत पर अपनी प्रजा के लिए एक भोज का प्रबन्ध करेगा। यह एक नये युग तथा मसीह द्वारा लाये हुए उद्धार का प्रतीक है।

अनुवाक्य: भजन स्तोत्र 22

मैं अनन्तकाल तक ईश्वर के मन्दिर में निवास करूँगा।

दूसरा पाठ: फिलिप्पियों के नाम पत्र 4:12-14, 19-20

सन्त पौलुस को सब तरह का अनुभव हो चुका था। वह मनुष्यों पर नहीं, बल्कि येशु मसीह पर भरोसा रखते हैं, जिनकी सहायता से वह सब कुछ कर सकते हैं। फिर भी वह फिलिप्पियों को उनकी सहायता के लिए धन्यवाद देते हुए कहते हैं कि ईश्वर उन्हें पुरस्कार प्रदान करेगा।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मन्ती 22:1-14

नबी इसायस ने कहा था कि ईश्वर अपनी प्रजा के लिए एक भोज का प्रबन्ध करेगा। यह भोज ईश्वर के राज्य का प्रतीक है। प्रस्तुत दृष्टांत में राजा ईश्वर है, राजा का पुत्र येशु मसीह हैं, विवाह भोज मसीह के आध्यात्मिक राज्य की सुख-शांति है। निमंत्रण देने वाले सेवक नबी और मसीह के शिष्य हैं। निमंत्रण अस्वीकार करने वाले अतिथि येशु के विरोधी यहूदी हैं, चौराहों से बुलाये गये लोग पापी और गैर-यहूदी हैं और सर्वनाश किया गया नगर येरुसालेम है।

REFLECTION

My dear friends in Christ Jesus!

Before receiving the Holy Communion, the priest says: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb'. In today's gospel the kingdom of God is compared to a wedding banquet. We are reminded today that all people are invited to be part of God's kingdom no matter who we are and what we are. It is up to us to accept God's invitation or not. If we accept His invitation, we are expected to respond in an appropriate way by clothing ourselves with proper wedding garments. What are these garments? These are the values of the kingdom. In Romans 14: 17-18 we read: "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy spirit". So the garments that will make us worthy of God's Kingdom are: Justice, truth, peace, love and compassion. The Lord is giving a wedding banquet and you are invited. Are you ready to accept His invitation? If you are ready to accept His invitation, are you ready to clothe yourselves with proper wedding garments?

CHURCH NOTICES

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11-10-2020

1. Today, being the second Sunday of the month, there will be a second collection for Seminary fund.

2. 18th of October will be celebrated as the Mission Sunday. We request your prayers and support for the Mission.

3. Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy, an 83 year old activist, who has been engaged in fighting for the rights of Adivasis in Jharkhand for several decades has been falsely implicated and arrested. So 12th of October will be observed as the National Day of Solidarity as we stand together with Fr. Stan at 4 pm in Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.


4. On 2nd of November we are making a memorial garden for all the departed members of our families. You are requested to submit the photographs of your loved ones by 25th of October.

5. Due to Covid Pandemic, hymn books are not provided in the Church. However, you can buy your personal hymn books from the parish office. The price of a hymn book is Rs. 130.

**Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest**

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 12 Mon: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,31 – 5:1 / Ps 113/ Lk 11:29-32
- 13 Tue: Gal 5:1-6 / Ps 119 / Lk 11: 37-41
- 14 Wed: Gal 5:18-25, 7-14 /Ps 1/ Lk 11:42-46
- 15 Thu: Eph 1:1-10 / Ps 98 / Lk 11:47-54
- 16 Fri: Eph 1:11-14 / Ps 33/ Lk 12:1-7
- 17 Sat: Eph 1:15-23 / Ps 8/ Lk 12:8-12



The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

-Pope Francis-



PRAYER TO ST. WILFRID

Heavenly Father, you gave us St Wilfrid to be our patron, may he inspire in us a new faithfulness in witnessing to your Son Jesus Christ.

We place our trust in you and may the prayers of St. Wilfrid come to our assistance.

We praise you Lord for the graces we receive from your hands.

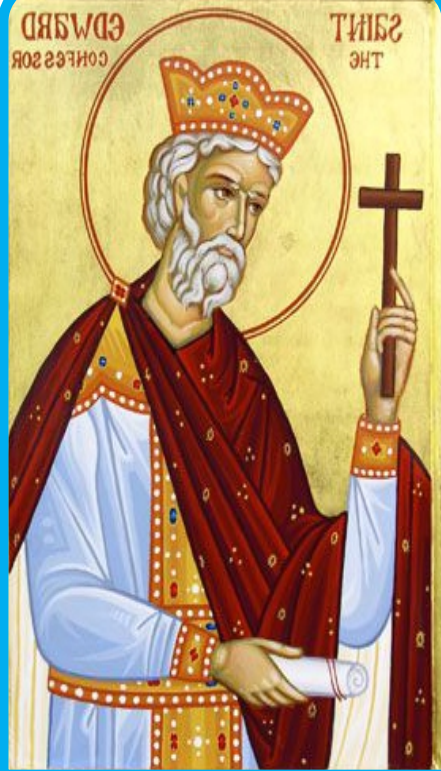
We pray for our parish and our schools, especially for our primary school which is under the patronage of St. Wilfrid.

We pray that we may never neglect those who need our help and prayers.

We pray for our families and friends and all whom we know. Give comfort and healing to all who are sick. Give peace to the dying and eternal rest to the dead.
Amen.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 12 Mon: **St. Wilfred of York**
- 13 Tue: **St. Edward the Confessor**
- 14 Wed: **St. Callistus I, pp**
- 15 Thu: **St. Teresa of Avila**
- 16 Fri: **Sts Margaret Mary Alacoque & Bl. Augustine Thevarparambil**
- 17 Sat: **St Ignatius of Antioch**



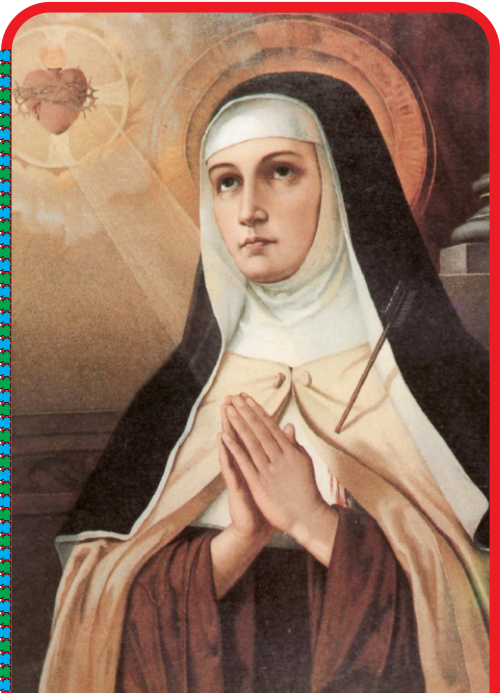
PRAYER TO ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Lord, you raised Saint Edward, king and confessor, to excel in good government and faithful service. May these ideals survive and flourish among us through his prayers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Graciously hear us, O God our Savior, that as we rejoice in the glory of Thy Virgin, Teresa, so we may be fed with the food of her heavenly teaching, and grow in loving devotion for Thee. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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“प्रभु! हम किसके पास जायें!
आपके ही शब्दों में अनंत जीवन का सन्देश है।”
योहान 6:68

हे प्रभु, तू हमारे लिए क्रूस पर मर गया ताकि हमें जीवन प्राप्त हो और परिपूर्ण जीवन प्राप्त हो। हम अपने पापों को स्वीकारते और स्वयं को तेरे चरणों में सौंपते हुए तेरी दया की भीख मांगते हैं। प्रभु हमारी रक्षा कर कि हम कोविड-19 महामारी से नष्ट न हो जाएं। तेरी असीम दया और प्रेम पर ही हमारा भरोसा है।
आमेन

“Lord, to whom shall we go? you
have the words of eternal life.”
John 6:68

Lord Jesus, you died for us that we may have life and have it in all its fullness. We surrender our lives to you confessing our sins and begging for your mercy. Save us Lord from this terrible COVID-19 pandemic lest we perish. We trust in your infinite kindness and love. Amen.