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Cathedral Calling

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Message by Parish Priest



My dear brothers and sisters!

In today' Gospel Jesus gives us the message, to be truly religious is to love God and to love the man whom God created in his own image; and to love God and man, with that total commitment which issues in devotion to God and practical service to man.

In a few words Jesus laid down the complete definition of religion. Religion consists in loving God, and man. The first verse that Jesus quoted was part of the Shema, the basic and essential creed of Judaism. This is the sentence with which every Jewish service still opens, and the first text which every Jewish child commits to memory. It means that to God we must give a total love, a love which dominates our emotions, a love which directs our thoughts, a love that determines our emotions, and a love which is the dynamic of our actions. In short a total commitment to God. The natural outcome of such a commitment will be the second commandment. "Love your neighbour." When we love God man becomes lovable.

But the sad, fundamentally simple word that defines the majority of humanity is "if". When comes to tolerating our siblings, our neighbours or our co-workers we put an "if", if only he did not do that, if only he did not say that, if only he did not behave like that....indefinitely goes on our excuses. We take comfort in the excuse "If only things had been different, and if only people had been different." But things do not need to be different. But we need to be different.

When we know what we need to do, when we are able to listen our conscience, When we dare to act as our mind tell us, we will forget all the "If" and the love of God and devotion to God will issue forth in practical service to man. But today, all the knowledge is used to annihilate man; all the resources are used for destructive purposes rather than for constructive purposes. Researches are being held as how to fight against our own blood.

In our houses we plot against our neighbours, in the presence of our children. We speak ill of our neighbours in their presence. We blame one another in their presence. They grow up seeing our wickedness and being part of our evil designs. Therefore, there is no wonder if our children lose the tenderness and sensibility to sympathize with others.

Both the commandments "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart," and "You must love your neighbour as yourself" have great social implications. They should be made visible to others through simple acts of kindness. Eva Gregory says, "Even the simplest form of kind acts can have the most profound effects on someone in need."

Let us keep in mind the words of Charles Haddon Spurgeon "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble."



Parish Priest Fr. Lawrence PR Asst. Parish Priests Fr. John Britto Fr. Shinil Jacob Fr. Arokia Raj

Mass Timings

<u>Saturdays</u> 6.30 pm (Eng) Anticipated Mass

<u>Sundays</u> 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

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1st Reading: Exodus 22:21-27	पहला पाठः निर्गमन का ग्रन्थ २२:२० – २६
These verses treat of various forms of oppression	सक्रिय भ्रकतृप्रेम की शिक्षा है कि हमें उन लोगों की सहायता
against the poor and the weak such as the stranger, the	करनी है, जों दीन-हीन हैं-जैसे परदेशी, विधवा और अनाथ।
widow and the orphan.	ईश्वर ऐसे लोगों के साथ दुर्व्यवहार करने वालों को कठोर दण्ड देगा।
Response Ps: 17	अनुवाक्यः भजन स्तोत्र 17
I love you, Lord, my strength.	हे प्रभु! मैं तुझे प्यार करता हूँ, तू मेरा बल है।
	दूसरा पाठः थेसलतीकियों के नाम पत्र 1:5–10
2nd Reading:Thessalonians 1:5-10	61
Paul praises the steadfastness of the Thessalonians in	धर्म प्रचार का सर्वोत्तम साधन है विश्वासियों का सदाचरण और
the practice of faith which has become known to the	भ्रानृप्रेम ।
people.	
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40	सुसमाचारः सन्त मन्ती 22:34–40
"The greatest commandment is to love God and	येसु हमें याद दिलाते हैं कि ईश्वर के प्रति हमारे प्रेम की कसौटी
neighbour wholeheartedly,"says Jesus to the lawyer	है-हमारा भ्रातृप्रेम। इन दोनों को अलग नहीं किया जा सकता
who puts a question to him about it.	है। सच्चे मर्सीही जीवन का मर्म यही है कि हम दूसरों को अपने समान प्यार करें।
Prayers of the Faithful:	विश्वासियों के निवेदन
Lord, help us to love you and our neighbour.	हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbor. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbor is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbor is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbor in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbor weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbor who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbor in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

CHURCH NOTICES

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 25-10-2020

1. END OF THE MONTH OF ROSARY: On Saturday, the 31st of October, we conclude the month of Rosary. The celebration will begin at 5.45 pm at the Grotto with the praying of the rosary followed by procession and Solemn Eucharistic Celebration. You are requested to come for the celebration to express our love and gratitude to Mary our Mother and seek her powerful intercession for all.

2. CHANGE IN MASS TIMINGS: From next Sunday (1st November), we change over to the Winter Mass Schedule. Please take note of the change: Weekdays: - Cathedral Morning Mass at 06:30 and Evening Mass at 06:00. Sundays: - Cathedral Morning Masses: No change. Evening Mass at 06:00.

3. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Next Sunday there will be a combined meeting of the Parish Council and Catholic Association immediately after 9.00 am mass. Members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

4. ALL SAINTS DAY: Next Sunday, 1st of November, we celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY. Masses, on that day, will be as per the Sunday schedule.

5. ALL SOULS DAY: On Monday, the 2nd of November, we commemorate ALL SOULS DAY. This year due to protocol on public gatherings due to Covid Pandemic, we will not have the Holy Mass both at Paharganj and Prithviraj Cemeteries. However, graves will be blessed at both the places. ALL SOULS DAY Masses in Sacred Heart Cathedral 6.30 am, 9.00 am, 01.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

6. MEMORIAL GARDEN: 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 today.

7. MISSION SUNDAY CALENDARS: We have just received the Mission Sunday calendars and Envelopes . Mission Sunday calendars costing Rs. 10/ are available at the book stall and Help Desk. Mission Sunday Envelops are kept at the entrance of the Church for those who would like to contribute more. Kindly be generous. Also Please bring back the Mission Sunday envelops with your contributions by next Sunday.

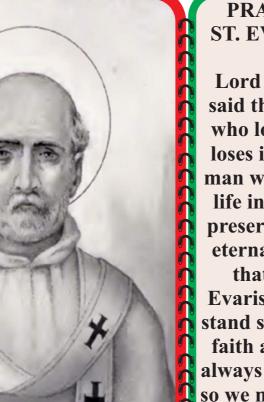
8. HYMN BOOKS: Due to Covid Pandemic, hymn books are not provided in the Church. However, you can buy your personal hymn books from the parish office. The price of a hymn book is Rs. 130.

Fr. Lawrence PR Parish Priest **26 Mon:** Eph 4:32-5:8 / Ps 1/ Lk 13:10-17 **27 Tue:** Eph 5:21-33 / Ps 128 / Lk 13: 18-21 **28 Wed:** Eph 2:19-22 /Isa 19/ Lk 6:12-16 **29 Thu:** Eph 6:10-20 / Ps 143 / Lk 13:31-35 **30 Fri:** Phil 1:1-11 / Ps 111/ Lk 14:1-6 **31 Sat:** Phil 1:18-26 / Ps 42/ Lk 14:1, 7-11

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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.



PRAYER TO ST. EVARISTUS

Pope Francis-

Lord Jesus, You said that the man who loves his life loses it, while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal. We pray that, like St. Evaristus, we will stand strong in our faith and remain always loyal to You so we may join You in eternity. Amen



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"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.

"प्रभु! हम किसके पास जायें! आपके ही शब्दों में अनंत जीवन का सन्देश है।" _{योहन 658}

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