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Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus gives picture of a master who went out, with a warning that he would come back at any time of the day. Therefore he expects his household to be ready to receive him on his return.

The season of Advent, which is the first period in the Year of Worship, reminds us to be prepared for the coming of Christ. The word "Advent" means "coming." Jesus came into this world by truly becoming man, a man like us in everything except for sin; historically, he was born in Bethlehem about two thousand years ago. During Advent the church wants us to prepare ourselves to commemorate this event, and to be ready for His second coming.

Jesus said to his disciples, "No man knows about that day and that hour. Be watchful, be wakeful and be praying, for you do not know when the time is." These words of Jesus place a great demand on us, that we must so live that it does not matter when he comes. It gives a great task of being ready to receive him at any moment. Natural calamities and man-made disasters creep into human life unannounced, at the most unexpected time. A faulty rhythm of heart-beats or a slightly prolonged halt between breaths is sufficient enough for the death-bell to resound. "O what is life, if we must hold it thus as wind-blown sparks hold momentary fire?" wrote Ada Cambridge. Human life is as momentary as a shepherd's tent (Is. 38:12) that is pitched erect at every dusk and removed at dawn!" So, in this season the church reminds us of the need to be prepared.

Secondly, the season of Advent remind us that of all things to forget God and to become immersed in earthly things is most foolish. In the fast pacing world, we do not have time. Often we wish that the day had at least a few more hours, that we can complete all our task. But, unfortunately, it cannot happen. So, we compromise, and postpone certain things. Always, the things that are postponed and dismissed are the things that are relating to God, the family prayer, Holy Mass, a get together in the Parish and other services. Leaving aside our obligations to God, we chase after fleeting momentary things. They stand ahead of us, like a mirage, appearing to be near but never within our reach. Thus, life becomes a futile chase, which leaves behind only a handful of regrets. In this season, the church advises us to be like a wise man who sets his goals high, and makes use of all the earthly things as a means to reach his goal.

In India, the natives use a technique to catch monkeys. They hollow out one end of a coconut and they put peanuts in there. The monkey puts his hand in the coconut and when he makes a fist to grab the peanuts, he's trapped. It doesn't occur to him right away to just let go of the food to get his hands back. Often we behave in this way. We sacrifice great things just for getting some small and insignificant things. Advent reminds us to set priorities.

In this season of Advent let us dedicate some time for introspection, for strengthening the family bond through family prayer and for cherishing the community life by active participation in the church activities.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arokiya Raj

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 pm (Eng)

Anticipated Mass

Sundays

9.00 am - English

10:30 am - Hindi

11.45 am - English

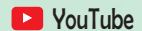
6.00 pm - English

Live streaming
of Holy Mass

Sunday:

9:00 am - English

10:30 am - Hindi

Sacred Heart Cathedral
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Celebrant

English 9:00 am

Fr. John Britto

Hindi 10:30 am

Fr. Ajeet Patrick

English 11:45 am

Fr. Lawrence PR

English 6:00 pm

Msgr. Susai Sebastian

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,64:1,3b-8

This reading contains the sincere confession of the Israelites returning from the Babylonian exile. They acknowledge their failures and call upon God to “rend the heavens and come down”.

Response Ps: 80

O God, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul says that the Corinthians are enriched in every way. For example, they have the knowledge of every kind and possess the spiritual gifts.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

The parable of the man going on a journey after having entrusted his home to his servants and warned them of his unexpected return is an exhortation for the disciples to be vigilant

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

पहला पाठ: इसायास 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

जब मनुष्य पाप करता है तो उसे लगता है कि ईश्वर उससे बहुत दूर है। वास्तव में ईश्वर हमारा पिता है, वह हमें मुक्ति दिलाना चाहता है। अतएव हमें पश्चात्ताप करना चाहिए, तभी ईश्वर हमारे पास लौटेगा।

अनुवाक्य: भजन स्तोत्र 80

हे प्रभु परमेश्वर! हमें वापस बुला, हम पर दया दृष्टि कर और हमारा उद्धार हो जायेगा।

दूसरा पाठ: कुरिंथियों 1:3-9

संत पौलुस कुरिंथ के विश्वासियों से अनुरोध करते हैं कि वे विश्वास में दृढ़ बने रहें और प्रभु येशु के आगमन की राह देखते रहें। हमें भी ऐसा करना चाहिए और इस प्रकार दूसरे लोगों को विश्वास में दृढ़ बने रहने में सहायता देनी चाहिए।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मार्कुस 13:33-37

प्रभु येशु दुनिया के अन्त में अपने आगमन की चर्चा करते हुए कहते हैं कि वह उस मनुष्य के सदृश हैं जो अपना घर नौकरों के जिम्मे देकर दूर चला गया है। वह अचानक वापस आयेंगे, इसलिए हमें सदा तैयार रहना चाहिए।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

My dear friends in Christ Jesus!

The central theme of today's readings is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time. People, in general, used to have a paranoid fear about the end of the world. They expected it in A.D. 204, 999 and 2000. But Jesus, in today's Gospel, gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming and the Last Judgment if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming, first by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago, second, by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in the Eucharistic celebrations, in the Holy Bible and in the worshipping community, and third, by preparing for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the moment of our deaths or at the end of the world.

Two Life Messages: 1) An Advent project of being alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel. Every morning when we get up, let us pray, “Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness.” Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, “Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus.” Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, “Where have I found Christ today?” The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself. Let us remember the saying of St. Thomas Aquinas: “Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't.” 2) Being wakeful and watchful: We are so future-oriented that we often forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful and prepare for our eternal life because we can die any day, and that is the end of the world for us. Let this Advent season be the time of such a preparation for us.

CHURCH NOTICES

1st Sunday of Advent- 29-11-2020

1. PARISH COUNCIL AND CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION MEETING: Next Sunday 6th December, there will be the combined meeting of the Parish Council and Catholic Association soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the Parish Council and CA members are requested to attend the meeting.

2. WEEKDAYS AFTERNOON MASS & HINDI MASS : We are resuming the afternoon 1.00 pm Mass from 30th November and from 6th December there will be a Hindi Mass on every Sundays at 4 pm.


3. Coming Friday, 4th December being the First Friday of the month, there will be a DIVINE MERCY MASS at 3.00 pm.

4. CHURCH SUPPORT FUND: Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at the Help Desk. Church Support Fund may also be remitted through online. For details kindly look at the Cathedral Calling.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 30 Mon:** Rom 10:9-18/ Ps 19 / Mt 4:18-22
01 Tue: Isa 11:1-10 / Ps 72 / Lk 10: 21-24
02 Wed: Isa 25:6-10 / Ps 23 / Mt 15:29-37
03 Thu: Jer 1:4-8 / Ps 71 / 2 Cor 4:7-15/
Lk 10:1-16
04 Fri: Isa 29:17-24 / Ps 27/ Mt 9:27-31
05 Sat: Isa 30: 18-21,23-26 / Ps 147/
Mt 9:35-10:1,5-8


**For a Life of Prayer
We pray that our
personal relationship with
Jesus Christ be
nourished by the Word
of God and a life of prayer.**
-Pope Francis-

Novena Prayer in Honor of St. Francis Xavier

O great St. Francis, well beloved and full of charity, with thee I reverently adore the Divine Majesty, and since I specially rejoice in the singular gifts of grace bestowed on thee in life, and of glory after death, I give thanks to God, and beg of thee, with all the affection of my heart that by thy powerful intercession thou mayest obtain for me above all things the grace to live a holy life and die a holy death.

moreover, I beg of thee to obtain for me (here insert some special spiritual or temporal favor); but if what I ask does not tend to the glory of God and the greater good of my soul, do thou, I beseech thee, obtain for me what will more certainly attain these ends. Amen.

**Our Father, Hail Mary,
Glory be**



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 30 Mon: St Andrew, Ap.** **01 Tue: Bl Charles de Foucauld**
02 Wed: St Bibiana **03 Thu: St Francis Xavier**
04 Fri: St John Damascene **05 Sat: St Crispina**

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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.