

## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

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## Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They challenge us to check

whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

The point of this story lies in a Jewish custom which is very different. When a couple married, they did not go away; they stayed at home; for a week they kept open house; they were treated, and even addressed, as prince and princess; it was the gladdest week in all their lives. To the festivities of that week their chosen friends were admitted. The foolish virgins missed this chance, because they were unprepared.

This parable warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute. It is far too late for a student to be preparing for the examination on the last day. It is too far late for a man to acquire a skill, or a character, when some task offers itself to him. When Mary of Orange was dying her chaplain tried to explain to her about the way of salvation. Her answer was, "I have not left this matter to this hour." To be too late is always a tragedy.

1) We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living -- in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves, and they carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness. 2) Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Spiritual readiness, preparation, and growth are the result of intentional habits built into one's life. We cannot depend on a Sunday Mass or morning service to provide all our spiritual needs. We cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide us with spiritual development. The meeting of spiritual needs and spiritual development itself come through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines — making sure we have enough oil or spiritual fuel: oil of compassion and mercy, oil of patience, sympathy, and forgiveness. We open ourselves to receive these graces by taking time for prayer, and being alone with God; by reading God's Word; by living a sacramental life; by offering acts of service to others; by moral faithfulness, by loving obedience, and by spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer, study and encouragement. When we receive the graces we need, we thank God for His generous love. As taking these ways becomes habitual, they cease to be a struggle and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make our lives powerful against the onslaught of the world.

May the celebration of the Eucharist and the paying heed to the Word of God help us to be prepared at all times.

## Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

## Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arokia Raj

## Mass Timings

**Saturdays**

6.00 pm (Eng)  
 Anticipated Mass

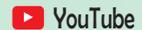
**Sundays**

9.00 am - English  
 10.30 am - Hindi  
 11.45 am - English  
 6.00 pm - English

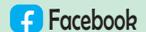
**Live streaming  
of Holy Mass**

Sunday:

9:00 am - English  
 10:30 am - Hindi



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 Sacred Heart Cathedral  
 New Delhi



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Sunday Holy Mass  
 Celebrant

English 9:00 am  
 Archbishop Anil

Hindi 10:30 am  
 Fr. Ajeet

English 11:45 am  
 Msgr. Susai Sebastian

English 6:00 pm  
 Fr. Lawrence PR

# SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

## 1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

The author of the book of Wisdom invites us to seek wisdom in all that we do so that the Lady wisdom may be our guide and protector.

## Response Ps: 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

## 2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

In this passage Paul consoles the Christians Community who are anxiously waiting for the coming of the Lord.

## Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In his eschatological discourse Jesus instructs his disciples to be watchful and wise like the five virgins who were practical, foresighted and prudent.

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, help us to be wise.

## पहला पाठ: पञ्जा—ग्रंथ 6:12-16

दुनिया की बुद्धिमानी में और ईश्वर की प्रज्ञा में बहुत अन्तर है। जो लोग ईश्वर की प्रज्ञा को प्यार करते हैं और उसे खोजते हैं, वे उसे प्राप्त करते हैं और ईश्वर की प्रज्ञा उन्हें शान्ति प्रदान करती है।

## अनुवाक्य: भजन स्तोत्र 62

हे ईश्वर! मेरे ईश्वर! मेरी आत्मा तेरे लिए तरसती है।

## दूसरा पाठ: थेसलतीकियों 4:13-18

सन्त पौलुस थेसलनीकियों को विश्वास दिलाते हैं कि जो लोग येशु में विश्वास करते हुए मर गये, उन्हें अनन्त जीवन प्राप्त होगा। इसलिए वह अनुरोध करते हैं कि वे मृतकों के लिए उन लोगों की तरह शोक न मनाएँ जिन्हें अनन्त जीवन और पुनरुत्थान की कोई आशा नहीं है।

## सुसमाचार: सन्त मन्ती 25:1-13

दस कुँवारियों के दृष्टांत द्वारा येशु हमें यह बतलाते हैं कि हर एक विश्वासी को उनके आगमन की प्रतीक्षा करनी चाहिए। दस कुँवारियों समस्त विश्वासियों के प्रतीक हैं। येशु के आने में कितनी देर क्यों न हो, सब को तैयार हो कर जागते रहना चाहिए।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## REFLECTION

The readings of this Sunday remind us about the preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

In the Gospel parable of the ten virgins, the foolish virgins represent the “Chosen People of God” who were waiting for the Messiah but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. The parable teaches us that, like the five wise virgins, we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now, rather than waiting until it is too late. In the second reading, Paul offers Christian wisdom, assuring those Christians who expected Jesus’ second coming in their lifetime that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before Jesus’ second coming but they need to be alert, well-prepared and vigilant.

Wise Christians live each day in the light of Jesus’ vision. Such people find Him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living — in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves. They carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by kindness and forgiveness. Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth do not just happen. They come as a result of intentional habits built into one’s life. We cannot depend on a Sunday morning service to provide all our spiritual needs. They come when we habitually take time for prayer and being alone with God. They come through reading God’s Word; living a sacramental life; performing acts of service for others; being morally faithful and obeying God with love. These are the things which, along with the normal difficulties of life, enable a person to grow in Christ and to be prepared for Christ’s coming. Oil in Scripture is often a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we try to spring into action without first submitting our work to the Holy Spirit or we lack the oil of kindness, patience, sympathy and compassion.

Are we ready to be wise and meet Jesus with the essential oils?

# CHURCH NOTICES

32nd Sunday of the year- 08-11-2020

**1. SEMINARY FUND:** Today being the Second Sunday of the month, a second collection is being taken towards Seminary Fund.

**2. CHANGE IN MASS TIMINGS:** We have already shifted to winter mass timings from 1st of November. Kindly look at the Parish Website or Cathedral Calling for details.

**3. MISSION SUNDAY CALENDARS:** Mission Sunday calendars costing Rs. 10/ are available at the book stall and Help Desk.

**4. CONFESSIONS:** Fr. Alberto will be available for Confessions at the Cathedral on every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

**5. BIRTHDAY:** Today Fr. Arokiya celebrates his Birthday. We wish him a Happy Birthday. Please remember him in your prayers on his birthday.

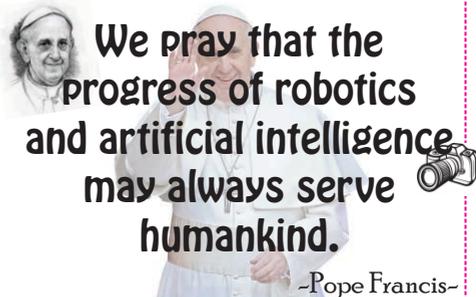
**6. HYMN BOOKS:** Due to Covid Pandemic, hymn books are not provided in the Church. However, you can buy your personal hymn books from the Parish Book Stall or from the Volunteers outside the Church. The price of a hymn book is Rs. 130.

**7. 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

**09 Mon:** Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9,12 / Ps 46 /  
11 Cor 3:9-11, Jn 2:13-22  
**10 Tue:** Tit 2:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 37 / Lk 17: 7-10  
**11 Wed:** Tit 3:1-7 /Ps 23/ Lk 17:11-19  
**12 Thu:** Phlm 7:20 / Ps 146 / Lk 17:20-25  
**13 Fri:** 2 Jn 4-9 / Ps 119/ Lk 17:26-37  
**14 Sat:** 3 Jn 5-8 / Ps 112/ Lk 18:1-8



We pray that the  
progress of robotics  
and artificial intelligence  
may always serve  
humankind.

-Pope Francis-



**Fr. Arokiya  
celebrates his  
Birthday today  
(8th November)**

We wish  
Fr Arokiya  
a wonderful  
Birthday. May the  
God give him the  
power, courage,  
knowledge and  
wisdom to  
continue all the  
work which he  
does for the  
Parish.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**09 Mon: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.**  
**10 Tue: St Leo the Great**      **11 Wed: St Martin of Tours**  
**12 Thu: St Josaphat**              **13 Fri: St Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
**14 Sat: St Lawrence O' Toole**

# **WINTER - MASS TIMINGS**

## **NOVEMBER - MARCH**

**Saturday: Cathedral 06:00 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English),  
(Weekday Masses at 06:30 a.m. and 06:00 p.m.)**

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Language</b> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 07:00 a.m.  | Cathedral    | Malayalam       |
| 09:00 a.m.  | Cathedral    | English         |
| 10:30 a.m.  | Cathedral    | Hindi           |
| 11:45 a.m.  | Cathedral    | English         |
| 06:00 p.m.  | Cathedral    | English         |
| 07:00 a.m.  | JMC          |                 |
| 07:00 a.m.  | CJM          |                 |

**Note:**

**On Fridays 6:00 pm Mass will be in Hindi**

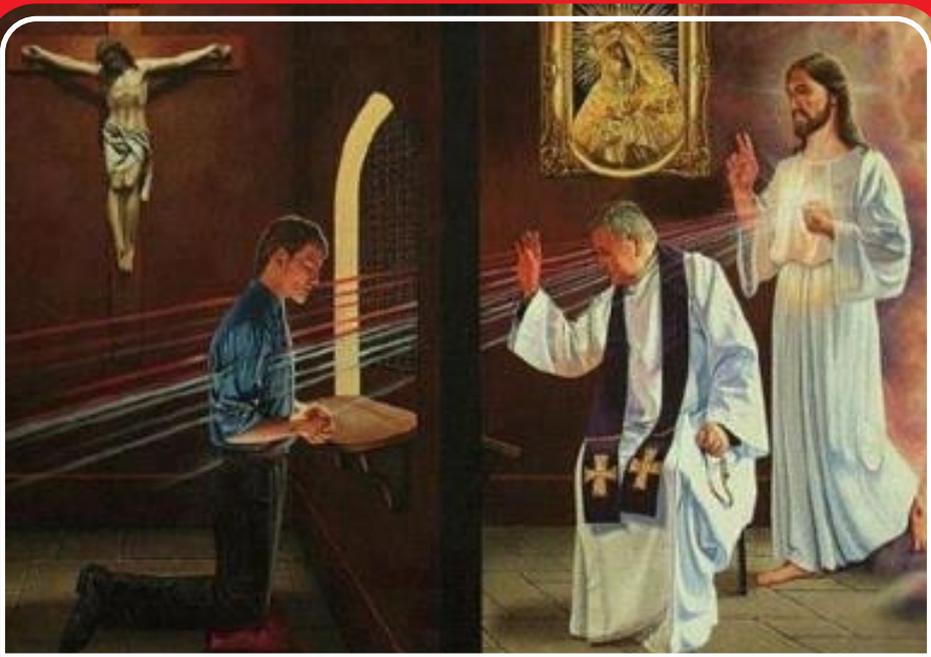
**Wednesday:**

**Novena to Mother of Perpetual Succours and Benediction**

**Friday:**

**Devotion to Sacred Heart and Benediction,  
Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm**

**On every First Friday of the month:  
Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00 pm**



# **CONFESSIONS**

**Rev. Fr. Alberto**

**WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**FOR CONFESSIONS**

**ON EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**FROM**

**10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

**For those who  
would like to pay  
Church Support Fund  
or other contributions  
through online may kindly  
do so in the following  
account.**

**ACCOUNT NAME:**

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

**020500563450190001**

**IFSC CODE:**

**CSBK0000205**

**BANK:**

**CATHOLIC SYRIAN BANK**

**CONNAUGHT CIRCUS, NEW DELHI**

**Kindly note:**

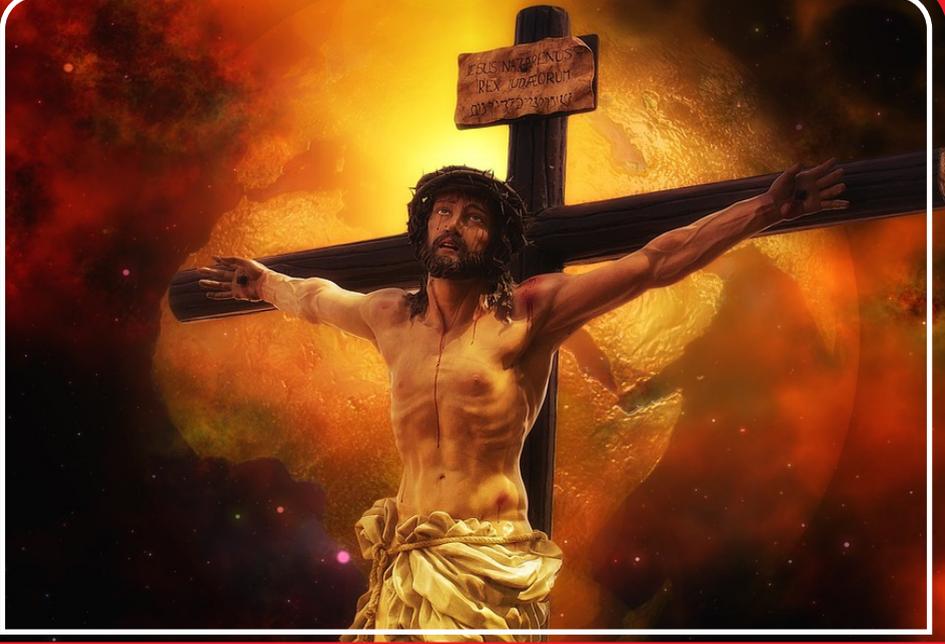
After transferring the payment, kindly send the following  
details through SMS/ WhatsApp/ E-mail

1) Name, 2) Parish Membership Number

3) Amount transferred, 4) Details of payment

(Indicate the months for which the CSF payment has been made)

Parish E-mail ID: [sacredheartcathedralnewdelhi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcathedralnewdelhi@gmail.com)



“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.**