

## REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FIRST READING:-A reading from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5)**

In today's First Reading Isaiah, the Prophet of divine hope, invites the Israelites to visualize a new world order in Jerusalem from where will flow the word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE :-** I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

**SECOND READING: - A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)**

In the Second Reading St. Paul exhorts the Romans to distinguish between the works of darkness and the armour of light in order to accept the salvation promised by God.

**GOSPEL :- A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mathew (24:37-44)**

In today's Gospel Mathew invites his readers to be alert and watchful for the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.



#### आगमन का पहला इतवार

पहला पाठ: नबी इसायास का ग्रन्थ २:१-५

नबी इसायास भविष्यवाणी करते हैं कि प्रभु मसीह इस संसार में आयेगे और अपना राज्य स्थापित करेंगे। वह समस्त राष्ट्रों पर राज्य करेंगे। उनके राज्य में न्याय, एकता और शान्ति छाये रहेंगी।

अनुवाक्य: मुझे यह सुन कर कितना आनन्द हुआ: "आओ, हम ईश्वर के मंदिर चलें।"

दूसरा पाठ: रोमियों के नाम संत पौलुस का १३:११-१४

संत पौलुस हमें आश्वासन देते और कहते हैं अब नींद से जागने की घड़ी आ गयी है। अतः हमें अंधकार के कार्यों को त्याग कर ज्योति के अस्त्र धारण करना चाहिए।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मत्ती का सुसमाचार २४:३७-४४

प्रभु एक दिन हमारे पास अवश्य आयेंगे लेकिन कब, कैसे, किस दिन या किस घड़ी इसके विषय में कोई नहीं जानता। अतः उनसे मिलने के लिए हमें सदा तैयार रहना चाहिए।

## PARISH NEWS

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### THE ADVENT SEASON:

The Word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in the second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply making a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation and of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world. Part of the expectation also anticipates a judgment on sin and a calling of the world to accountability before God.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

02/Mon IS 4:2-6; PS 122; MT 8:5-11

03/Tue JER 1:4-8; PS 71; LK 10:1-16

04/Wed IS 25:9-18; PS 231; MT 15:29-37

05/Thu IS 26:1-6; PS 118; MT 7:21, 24-27

06/Fri IS 29:17-24; PS 27; MT 9:27-31

07/Sat IS 30:19-26; PS 147; MT 9:35-10:1-8

# CATHEDRAL

## Calling

**"GO, AND SIN NO MORE!"**

*First Sunday of Advent*



**Parish Priest:**

Rev. Fr. Maria Susai

**Co-pastors :**

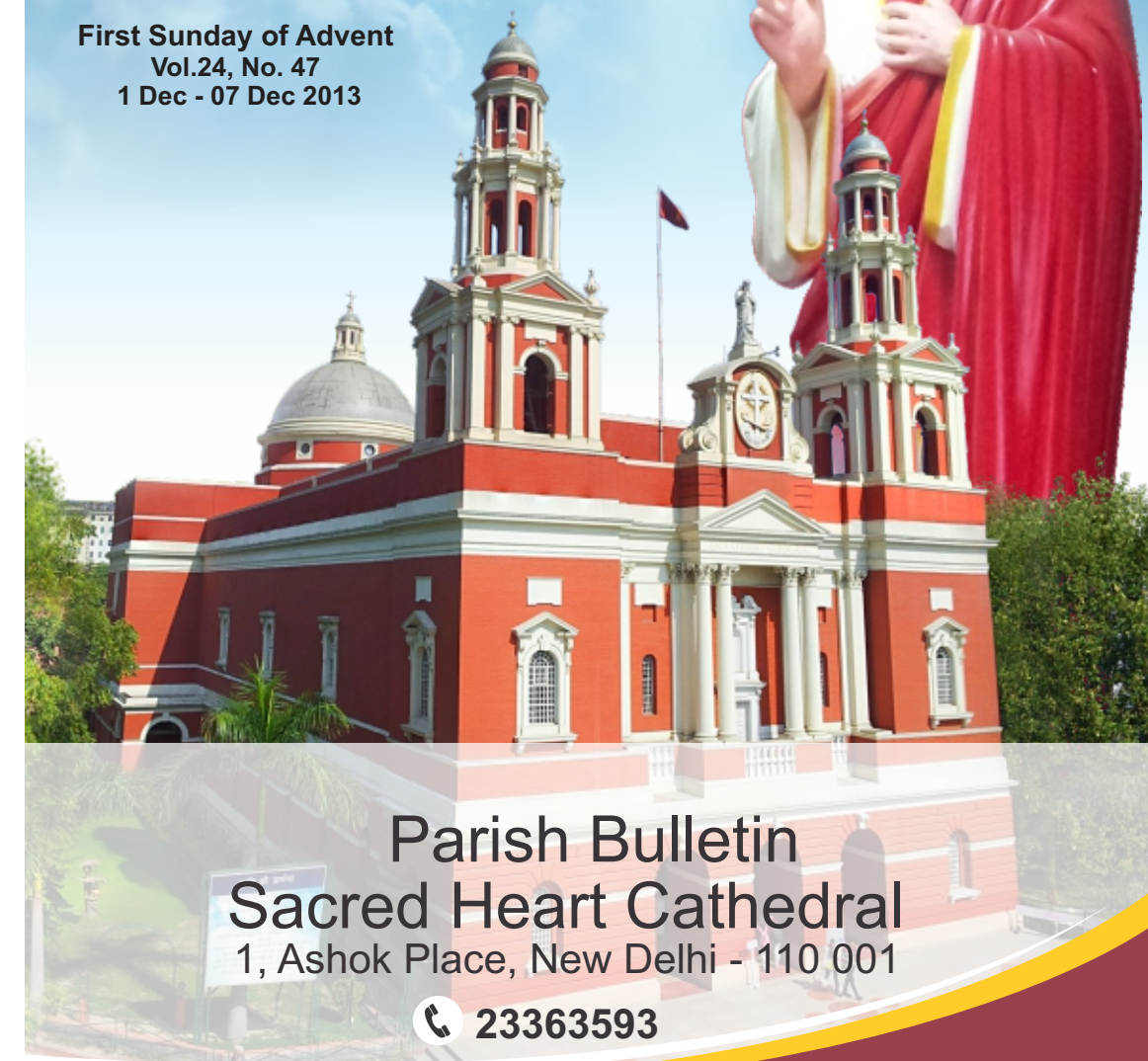
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## WINTER MASS TIMINGS

### SATURDAYS:

**Cathedral : 6.30 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English)**  
**(Weekday Masses at 6.00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.)**

### SUNDAYS:

Cathedral :	06.30 a.m.	—	English
	07.30 a.m.	—	Malayalam
	09.00 a.m.	—	English
	10.15 a.m.	—	Hindi
	11.30 a.m.	—	English
	04.30 p.m.	—	Hindi
	06.30 p.m.	—	English
Carmel :	07.30 a.m.	—	Hindi
Mater Dei :	07.00 a.m.	—	Hindi
ISI :	07.00 a.m.	—	Hindi
Apostolic Nunciature : 07.30 & 10.00 a.m.—English			

### REFLECTION:

Today we begin the season of Advent, a season of grace that invites us to examine the way we live our lives and to prepare ourselves to receive the Messiah. Advent is about letting Jesus come to us. We do the letting and Jesus does the coming. He is going to be born in the poverty of our situations that we may be reborn in his forgiving love.

The readings of Advent open up a whole series of promises and contain powerful images that remind us of God's unconditional love and challenge us to "wake up from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith." They open our hearts to experience the love of our God embracing us in the coming of one like us. In today's first reading, Prophet Isaiah exhorts us to walk "in the light of the Lord". This would mean that we need to conquer the darkness in our lives. The darkness in us is the absence of God caused by our sins, pride and selfishness. God our Father removes the darkness in us by sending His only Son to us. St. Paul wants us to "cast off the deeds of darkness in us by the armour of light." Jesus is the light that removes our darkness. So often, we realize our focus is earthbound, consumed by earthly planning and desires and trapped by worldly pursuits which leave us in darkness. The point which Mathew wants to emphasize here is: "Watch, because you do not know on what day our Lord will come." We cannot afford to be lost in speculation and human wishful thinking as we do not know the exact hour or day of his arrival. Hence let us 'Watch! Be prepared! Be on our guard!

Advent is a season of self-awareness. Let us pray that we may have the courage to cast off the darkness of our lives, shed the masks that we wear, and put on Christ, the only reality needed for our eternal life.

## PARISH NEWS

### MUSICAL EVENING( CAROLS):

To usher in the joyful and festive season of Christmas, our Parish is organizing a Musical Evening (Carols) conducted by the Jesus Youth on Sunday, the 22nd of December, 2013 from 7.15 pm to 8.15pm. We cordially invite all of you to come and experience the joyful tidings together with the entire Parish Community.

### A BIG THANKS:

We thank you for coming in strength for the feast of Christ the King. Also, responding positively to our appeal, many of you came to help us in decorating the Church the previous day. Thanks also to your generosity, we have been able to defray the expenses incurred on that day and the remaining amount has been duly handed over to the Archdiocese. May God bless you all!!!!

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:

December 06th is the First Friday of the month. There will be Divine Mercy devotion and Mass at 03:00 pm.

### SEMINARY FUND:

Next Sunday, a Second Collection will be taken at all Masses in support of the Delhi Diocesan Seminarians. Kindly be generous.

### CHURCH SUPPORT FUND:

Kindly pay your Church Support Fund to the members of the Catholic Association every Sunday outside the church. Supporting the Church financially is the obligation of every Catholic family.

### NATIONAL PROTEST:

A national protest to demand equal rights for Dalit Christians and Muslims is jointly being organized by the National Council of Dalit Christians, CBCI and the National Council of Churches on Wednesday, 11th December at Jantar Mantar. Your presence in large numbers will add more power and weight to the cause.

### VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

As you know, during Christmas, we give winter clothes like sweaters, shawls, blankets etc. to the poor to help them beat the chilling cold. Cereals like rice, daal, aatta, etc. are also given to them through the society of the Vincent de Paul. If you would like to help the poor in any other way, you are most welcome.

## पल्ली सूचनाएँ

### संगीतमय शाम

हमारे पल्ली में जीजस यूथ के द्वारा संगीतमय शाम ;क्रिसमस करोलस का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। यह प्रोग्राम रविवार २२ दिसम्बर २०१३ को शाम ७.१५ से ८.१५ बजे तक होगा। आप सभी आमंत्रित हैं।



### धन्यवाद

ख्रीस्त राजा के त्यौहार की तैयारी हेतु बहुत सारे पल्लीवासी चर्च में आकर सजाने में हमारी मदद किये हैं।

आप सभी को

धन्यवाद और ईश्वर सभी को आशिष दे। आपकी उदारता के लिए भी धन्यवाद।

### चर्च सपोर्ट फंड

प्रत्येक रविवार को चर्च सपोर्ट फंड आप काथोलिक एसोसिएशन के सदस्यों के पास चर्च के बाहर जमा कर सकते हैं।

### नेशनल धरणा

बुधवार ११ दिसम्बर को पूरे भारत के लोग दलित ख्रीस्तीय और मुसलिम के समान अधिकार हेतु धरणा करेंगे। यह धरणा सी.बी.सी.आई. सेंटर की ओर से आयोजन किया जा रहा है। यह प्रोग्राम जन्तर- मन्तर में होगा ।

### दैवी करुणा की भक्ति

०६ दिसम्बर महिने का पहला शुक्रवार है। उस दिन दोपहर ०३:०० बजे दैवी करुणा की भक्ति होगी।



### विन्सेन्ट दी पौल सोसाइटी

क्रिसमस के समय में विन्सेन्ट दी पौल सोसाइटी के माध्यम से गरीब लोगों को गर्म कपड़ा स्वेटर, शॉल, कम्बल इत्यादि दिया जाता है । आप उदारता पूर्वक विन्सेन्ट दी पौल सोसाइटी को दान दे सकते हैं और साथ में राशन भी दान कर सकते हैं।

### सेमीनरी फंड

अगले रविवार को सेमीनरी फंड के लिए दूसरा चन्दा लिया जायेगा।



*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.”*