

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY

“3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT”

FIRST READING:-A reading from the Book of Isaiah (35:1-6a, 10)
Prophet Isaiah invites the people in exile to rejoice despite all their trials and sufferings because the Lord will certainly come to their rescue and lead them back to their homeland. Those will be days of songs and celebration as prodigious things will happen in their midst.

RESPONSE :- Come, Lord, and save us

SECOND READING: - A reading from the Letter of St. James (5:7-10)
St. James exhorts Christians to be patient while waiting for the coming of the Lord just as the farmer waits patiently for his crops to grow.

GOSPEL :- A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew (11:2-11)

From his prison cell John sends his disciples to know more about Jesus. And Jesus points out to them how the prophecy of Isaiah about the Messiah is being fulfilled in what Jesus does.



आगमन का तीसरा इतवार

पहला पाठ: नबी इसायास का ग्रन्थ ३५:१-६, १०

इसाएलियों को सान्त्वना देते हुए नबी इसायास कहत हैं कि प्रभु के आगमन पर उनके सारे दुःखों, कष्टों एवं विलापों का अंत होगा और वे ईश्वर के कृपापात्र कहलायेंगे।

अनुवाक्य: हे प्रभु! आ कर हमें बचाने की कृपा कर।

दूसरा पाठ: संत यकूब का पत्र ५:७-१०

संत याकूब हम से अनुरोध करते हैं कि हम धैर्य तथा सहनशीलता के साथ प्रभु के आगमन की प्रतीक्षा करते रहें।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मत्ती का सुसमाचार ११:२-११

नबी इसायास ने घोषणा की थी कि मुक्तिदाता समस्त मानव जाति को मुक्त करने आयेगे। यह घोषणा येशु मसीह के जीवन, वचन और कर्मों में सार्थक रूप में पूरी हुई।

PARISH NEWS

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SPONSORS FOR CHRISTMAS CAKE & CRIB

Every year we have a get-together after the Christmas midnight Mass, where we serve cakes and coffee to all who come to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We are looking for some sponsors to come forward to offer cakes & coffee. We are also looking for sponsors who would like to bear the cost of this year's Christmas Crib. Those who are interested may kindly contact the Parish fathers.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMINGS 2013

SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER: MUSICAL EVENING (CAROLS)

7.15pm to 8.15pm: by Jesus Youth Delhi

MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER: CONFESSION

From 5 pm to 700pm

TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER: CHRITMAS VIGIL

06:30 pm: Christmas Mass in Malankara Rite in the Church

11:00 pm: Carol Singing at St. Columba's Ground

12:00 Midnight: Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Columba's Ground

WEDNESDAY, 25TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

07:30 am: Mass in Malabar Rite at St. Columba's Ground

09:00 am: Mass in English at St. Columba's Ground

10.15am: Mass in Hindi at St. Columba's Ground

11:00 am: Mass in English at St. Columba's Ground

TUESDAY, 31st DECEMBER: Adoration and Thanksgiving Mass

10.45pm to 11.45pm: Adoration

12.00pm : Thanksgiving Mass

READINGS OF THE WEEK

16/Mon ZEC 2:14-17; LK 1:39-47

17/Tue ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 33; MT 21:28-32

18/Wed IS 45:6-8, 18, 21-26; PS 84; LK 7:19-23

19/Thu IS 54:1-10; PS 29; LK 7:24-30

20/Fri IS 56:1-3A, 6-8; PS 66; JN 5:33-36

21/Sat GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 71; MT 1:1-17

CATHEDRAL Calling

“ GO, AND SIN NO MORE! ”

First Sunday of Advent



Parish Priest:

Rev. Fr. Maria Susai

Co-pastors :

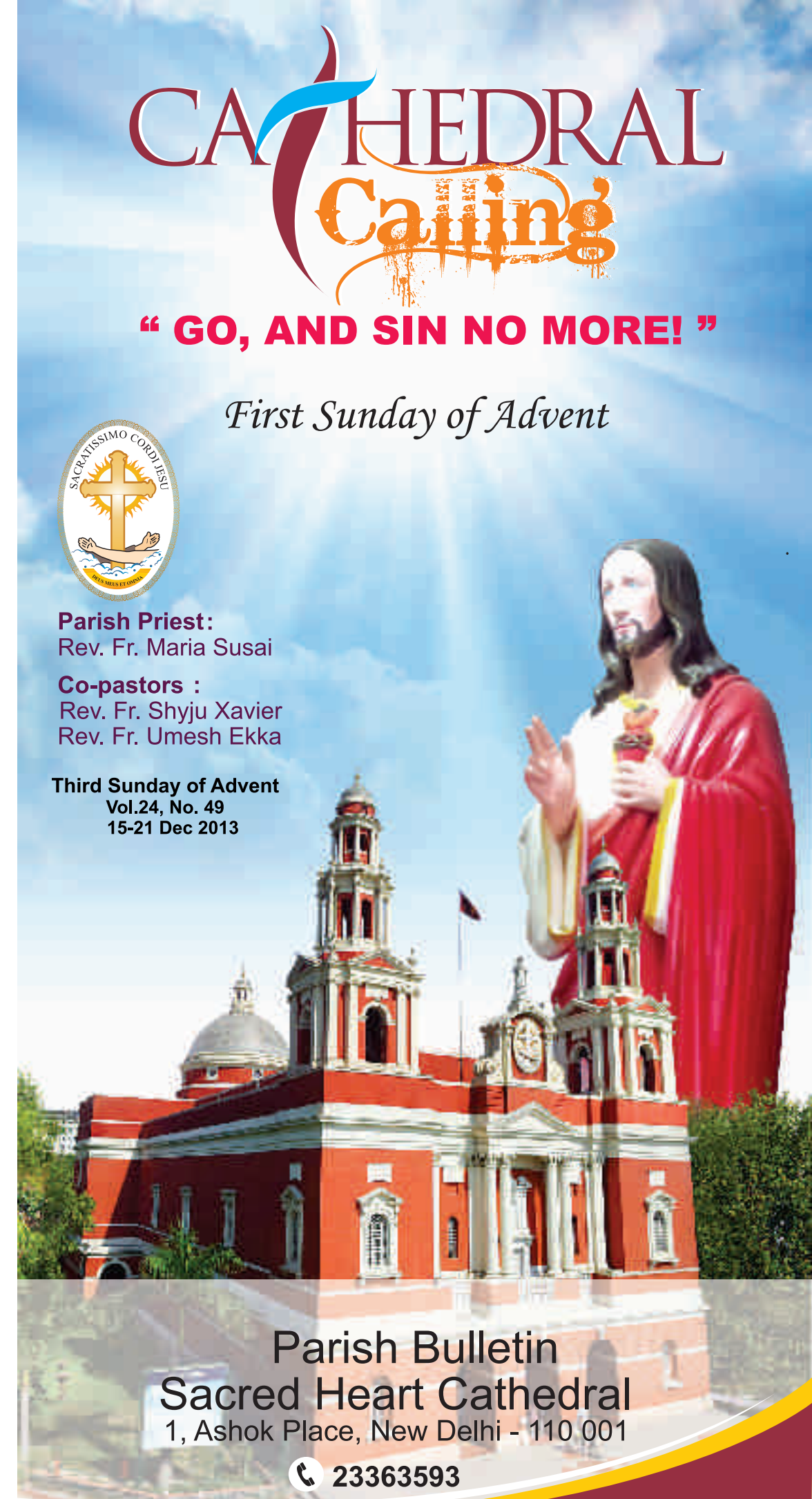
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Third Sunday of Advent

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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:

The readings of today emphasize discipleship as we live in expectation of the Incarnation and the second coming of Christ. The challenge is to live in the Now and to expect the Life to Come. Isaiah and James help us understand this. Just as the farmer waits for the rains for a good harvest so James gives us the criteria for waiting: be watchful and do not despair. We who live 'in time' have the gift of 'time' to prepare for God's coming. Isaiah calls us to remember that dry land will bloom in God's time.

John the Baptist is portrayed as the bridge between Old and New Testament. He is called to prepare the way for Jesus. John sends his disciples to Jesus to ask the core question: "Are you the one who is to come? Was John really unsure or was he preparing the WAY for the disciples, for us? St. Augustine would say that as John was soon to die, he wanted them to be convinced by Christ himself...You have seen the deeds, acknowledge the doer.

Who are you? is the question that we pose to Jesus and "Who do you say that I am" is the question Jesus poses to us today. Jesus is not going to answer our question, rather he wants us to find the answer by answering his question to us. For this, we need to have a personal experience of him. A genuine experience of Jesus necessarily results in transformation in one's life. The relationship with Jesus is strictly personal and

not based on description, definition, or even witness of the other. Jesus knows this and so he wants us to know and experience him in our personal life the way that enabled Peter to proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah or the way Paul experienced him that made him confess that it is no longer he who lives, but Christ lives in him.

PARISH NEWS

MEETING FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION:

We request the Parishioners who are willing to help us plan and prepare for Christmas to come for a meeting today immediately after the 9 am Mass in the Maria Bhawan Basement.

MUSICAL EVENING:

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.

PARISH CALENDARS:

Parish Calendars for 2014 that contain information about important events, feasts, Mass timings etc. are available for sale. We request each and every registered family to kindly buy a calendar each. It costs Rs. 30/ only.

CAROL SINGING:

Area representatives have been requested to co-ordinate carol singing in their respective areas. Kindly co-operate with them.

CHURCH SUPPORT FUND:

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Fathers will be available for confessions on Monday 23rd December from 5 pm onwards. Kindly make the best use of this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

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.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Those who wish to bring flowers for the altar decoration for the Christmas service are requested to do so by the afternoon of Tuesday 24th December.

पल्ली सूचनाएँ

क्रिसमस की तैयारी के लिए बैठक

रविवार सुबह ६.०० बजे के मिसा के बाद मरिया भवन बेसमेंट में एक बैठक होगी जिसमें क्रिसमस के बारे में चर्चा किया जायेगा।



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।

पैरिश कलेण्डर

अगले वर्ष का पैरिश कलेण्डर चर्च के बाहर और बुक स्टॉल में उपलब्ध है जिसमें पैरिश का वार्षिक प्रोग्राम जैसे त्यौहार, मिसा का समय सारिणी, इत्यादि दिया गया है। उसकी मूल्य मात्र ३० रुपये है।

चर्च सपोर्ट फंड

चर्च सपोर्ट फंड आप कैथोलिक एसोसिएशन के सदस्यों के पास चर्च के बाहर जमा कर सकते हैं।

पापस्वीकार संस्कार

सोमवार २३ दिसम्बर शाम ५ बजे पापस्वीकार संस्कार होगा। कृपया इस अवसर का लाभ उठा कर अपने आप को आध्यात्मिक रूप से क्रिसमस के लिए तैयार करें। कर अपने आप को आध्यात्मिक रूप से क्रिसमस के लिए तैयार करें।

कैरोल सिंगिंग

इस साल क्रिसमस के समय में कैरोल सिंगिंग के लिए एरिया के लीडर को आयोजन करने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया है कृपया उन्हें सहयोग दें।

क्रिसमस के लिए फूल

यदि आप में से कोई क्रिसमस के लिए फूल लाना चाहते हैं तो कृपया दिसम्बर २४ को दोपहर में ला सकते हैं।

विन्सेंट दी पौल सोसाईटी

क्रिसमस के समय में हम विन्सेंट दी पौल सोसाईटी के माध्यम से गरीबों के लिए ठण्ड से बचने के लिए कम्बल, स्वेटर, शॉल इत्यादि देते हैं। यदि आप उन्हें मदद करना चाहते हैं तो फादर लोगो से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।



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