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Message by Parish Priest



My dear Friends,

The Month of October is a very special month for the Church. We celebrate this a Month of Mother Mary. And this year Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as the Extraordinary Month of Mission. While

inaugurating the Extraordinary Month of Mission, Pope Francis recalled the examples of three persons. St. Therese of Child Jesus, St. Francis and Venerable Pauline Jaricot, St. Therese and St. Francis Xavier are the patron Saints of the missions. St. Therese, a Carmelite Cloister, made prayer the fuel of the missionary activity in the world. "St. Francis Xavier," said the Pope, "the greatest missionary of all time ,after St. Paul." "Together with the venerable Pauline Jaricot, a French lay woman, who helped create the foundations of the Pontifical Missionary Societies, they give us a 'jolt' said the Pope. They challenge us to emerge from our shell and renounce our comforts for the sake of the Gospel." The Pope invites every Christian, " to make our talents bear fruit with boldness and creativity." The Extraordinary month of Mission should jolt us and motivate us to be active in doing good. Not to be notaries of faith and guardian of grace but missionaries." To be a missionary is to be a witness. He says that we commit sin against mission when we become slave to the fears that immobilise us.

In this month, said the Pope, the Lord is also calling you, fathers and mothers of the families, young people..... the Lord is asking you to be a gift where ever you are, and just as you are, with everyone around you." The Lord is asking you, " not simply to go through life, but to give life, not to complain about life, but to share in the tears of all who suffer.

May this month of October help us, with Mary Our Mother at our side, to be truly the missionaries the Lord wants us to be. To be fruit bearing witnesses of the Lord like St. Therese and St. Francis Xavier and Venerable Pauline Jaricot.

SCC MEETINGS

St. Anthony SCC meeting on 10th Oct. (7:30 pm) Thur. at Ms. Margaret P Hansda residence, No. K-5/31, Udyan Marg (Old Ramakrishna Marg, DIZ Area.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR
Asst. Parish Priests
Fr. John Britto
Fr. Shinil Jacob

Mass Timinas

Saturdays

6.30 pm (Eng) Anticipated Mass

Sundays

6.30 am - English 7.30 am - Malayalam 9.00 am - English 10.15 am - Hindi 11.30 am - English

4.30 pm - Hindi

 $6.30 \ pm$ - English

<u>Weekdays</u>

6.00 am- English 1.00 pm - English 6.30 pm - English

Tuesday evening Mass is in Hindi

* No mass at 1.00 pm on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

English 9:00am

St. Alphonsa
SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am Legion of Mary SCC Unit

---(((((Sunday readings & reflection)))))

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

In a vision Prophet Habakkuk cries out to God for help, and God responds by asking him to write it down. That the righteous shall live by his/her faith is a famous saying of Habakkuk.

Response Ps: 95

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

St. Paul advises Timothy to stir up into flame the gift of God that he has received through the laying on of hands. Paul, the pastor, turns theologian when he says that God does not give us a spirit of timidity but of power.

Gospel : Luke 17:5-10

When the disciples ask for an increase of faith, Jesus refers to the Sycamore tree and says that if they with faith say to the tree to be uprooted and replanted in the sea it will obey them. Genuine faith can do unexpected things.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, grant us the gift of faith.

पहला पाठः हबक्कुक ग्रंन्थ 1:2-3; 2:2-4

"जो दुष्ट है वह नष्ट हो जायेगा जो धर्मी है वह अपनी ईमानदारी के कारण सुरक्षित रहेगा।"

अनुवाक्यः स्तोत्र ९४

"ओह! यदि तुम आज उसकी यह वाणी सुनो, अपनं हृदय कठोर न बनाओ।"

दुसरा पाठः तिमथी के नाम पत्र 1:6-8,13-14

संत पौलुस अपने अनुयायी तिमथी से अनुरोध करते हैं कि वह अत्याचार से विचलित न हों; बल्कि येसु मसीह के विश्वास में दृढ़ बने रहें।

सुसमाचारः संत लूकस 17:5—10

येसु पर अटल विश्वास रखकर तथा विनम्र भाव से उनके आदेशों का पालन करके ही हम उनके सच्चे सन्देशवाहक बन सकते हैं।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

Lord, increase our faith

In today's gospel, the apostles of Jesus have a simple yet profound request; 'Lord, increase our faith.' It seems that their faith has been tested and found to be weaker than they believed. And so, with courage and humility they ask Jesus to increase and strengthen their faith. In response Jesus tells them that if their faith was a small as even a mustard seed, they would be able to uproot and move trees with a simple command!

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus also speaks about the mustard seed. He says again that is the smallest of seeds, but when it is planted, it grows into the largest and most lush of all trees. This is true. The mustard seed is tiny, but when it grows and matures it is one of the biggest trees. What is Jesus saying to us today when he compares faith to this seemingly insignificant seed? Faith is a gift given to us by God, but it is given to us as a tiny seed, just like a mustard seed. It is sown and planted deep within us through the love of God and the grace of baptism. Like any small seed that is sown, even in a flower pot, it won't grow, and blossom unless it is cared for. It needs to be nourished and nurtured. It won't grow or develop by itself or if it is ignored and left alone — it may even die altogether.

Each of us have been given the most precious gift of faith. It is up to each of us to protect this gift – it is very fragile. It is our responsibility to nourish and nurture this seed of faith. How do we do this? We can help our faith to grow through living and leading a good ordinary daily life; through regular prayer and by celebrating the sacraments with others, especially the Eucharist.

And of course, we can repeat the request of the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith."



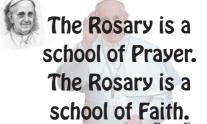
07/Mon: Jon 1:1-2:1-2,11/Jon 2:3-5,8/Lk 10:25-37

08/Tue: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130/ Lk 10:38-42 **09/Wed:** Jon 4:1-11/ Ps 86/ Lk 11:1-4

10/Thu: Mal 3:13-20b/ Ps 1/ Lk 11:5-13

11/Fri: Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2/Ps 9/ Lk 11:15-26

12/Sat: Joel 4:12-21/ Ps 97/ Lk 11:27-28





-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

- 1. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed the time and resources in organising the Parish Feast. May the Sacred Heart Bless you and your family.
- 2. **MONTH OF ROSARY**: The month of October is dedicated to Mother Mary. There will be Rosary every day in front of the Grotto from the 1st October at 06.00 pm followed by Mass at 06.30 pm. All the parishioners are requested to join in this devotion.
- 3. There will be the meeting of the Parish Council soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the Parish Council members are requested to attend the meeting without fail. Next Sunday there will be a seminar for all the parish Council members from 9 am till 2 pm. Archbishop wants all members to be present for the seminar.
- 4. Today we are celebrating the **VINCENT de PAUL society SUNDAY** in our parish. Thanks to all Vincent de Paul Society members for the dedicated service of the Church.
- 5. Next Sunday there will be meeting of the Catholic Association soon after the 9.00 am Mass. All the CA members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.
- 6. DCRS is organizing the Mega Hindi Karunagni Charismatic Convention from October 11th to 13th at Burari Ashram. Please refer the notice board for details.
- 7. Jesus Youth Delhi is organizing a musical evening on the 8th October at 4 pm in St. Michael's School Pusa Road. For details kindly refer the notice board.
- 8. Next Saturday we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation of our Children at 9.00 am. All those children who have registered are requested to be regular for the Catechism classes at 5 pm from Monday onwards.
- 9. Rosary making competition. All are encouraged to make Rosaries at home. The last date to submit the Rosary to the parish office is 26th October.
- 10. **MISSION SUNDAY:** Sunday, 20thOctober is World Mission Sunday. It is an opportunity for us to pray for the missions and support it financially. That day in order to raise fund for various missionary activities, SCC Units of our Parish will be putting up various food stalls from 7.30 am to 01.00 pm. Mission Sunday Calendars and envelops are also available.
- 11. On 2nd of November we are making a memorial Garden for all the departed ones from our families. You are requested to submit the photographs of your beloved ones by the 20th of October.
- 12. Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul Society members for animating the English Mass and Our Lady of Mount Carmel SCC unit for animating the Hindi Mass.
- 13. Next Sunday's Liturgy for 9.00 am Mass will be animated by St. Alphonsa SCC Unit and 10:15 am mass will be animated by Legion of Mary respectively.
- 14. For details regarding the SCC meetings in your respective areas during the week, kindly refer the Cathedral Calling.
- 15. Next Sunday there will be second collection for the Seminary Fund.



Past Events

The feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus, (Parish Feast) was celebrated on 29th Sep., 2019 with solemnity. The combined Mass at 9.30 am was presided over by

His Grace Emeritus Archbishop Vincent M Concessao. After the mass the faithful walked in a procession carrying statue of sacred heart of Jesus which culminated at DCC Hall. The celebration concluded with benediction.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary

Most gentle Mother, bless me as I pray and meditate on the joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious mysteries of the Boly Rosary.

Belp me to obtain the graces that you have promised for all those who consecrate their hearts to you so that I may share in the splendor of God's kingdom with you forever and ever.

Amen.

The Free Homeopathy clinic run by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Shall remain closed on 12th October.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 7 th Oct. 2019
Our Lady of the Rosary

Tue: 8th Oct. 2019

Ss. Sergius & Bacchus

Wed: 9th Oct. 2019

Ss. Denis & Comp.

Thu: 10th Oct. 2019

St. Francis Borgia

Fii: 11th Oct. 2019

St. Damien of Molokai

Sat: 12th Oct. 2019

St. Wilfred of York

Bible Quiz

1. Which king laid siege to

Jerusalem?

2. Daniel and his Hebrew Friends were taken prisoner back to which kingdom?

3. What were the names of Daniel's three friends?

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