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Message by Parish Priest



My Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus is confronted by the Saducees who did not believe in any resurrection or on-going life after death. Furthermore, they assumed that the eternal life that Jesus taught must be just like the life we have here. Hence, the absurd question about marriage and progeny. Pope Francis during one of his general audiences, few years back, in the context of Sadducees question to Jesus on resurrection said ".....therefore, what will happen is quite the opposite of what the Sadducees expected. It is not this life that will serve as a reference point for eternity, for the other life that awaits us; rather, it is eternity — that life — which illumines and gives hope to the earthly life of each one of us! If we look at things from only a human perspective, we tend to say that man's journey moves from life to death. This is what we see! But this is only so if we look at things from a human perspective. Jesus turns this perspective upside down and states that our pilgrimage goes from death to life: the fullness of life! We are on a journey, on a pilgrimage toward the fullness of life, and that fullness of life is what illumines our journey! Therefore death stands behind us, not before us. Before us is the God of the living, the God of the covenant, the God who bears my name, our names stand before us, as he said: "I am the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob", and also the God with my name, with your name..., with our names. The God of the living! ... Before us stands the final defeat of sin and death, the beginning of a new time of joy and of endless light. But already on this earth, in prayer, in the Sacraments, in fraternity, we encounter Jesus and his love, and thus we may already taste something of the risen life. The experience we have of his love and his faithfulness ignites in our hearts like a fire and increases our faith in the resurrection. In fact, if God is faithful and loves, he cannot be thus for only a limited time: faithfulness is eternal, it cannot change. God's love is eternal, it cannot change! It is not only for a time: it is forever! It is for going forward! He is faithful forever and he is waiting for us, each one of us, he accompanies each one of us with his eternal faithfulness." So Brothers and Sisters, let us pray for ourselves to the Lord asking him to bless us with his eternal love today and forever. God Bless.

SCC MEETINGS

St. Anthony SCC meeting on 14th Nov.

(7:30 pm) Thurs. at Mr. Ajit Barla, residence, No. 185, H- Block, Udyan Marg, (Near Kalibari Vegetable Market)

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 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

4.00 pm - Hindi

6.00 pm - English

Weekdays

6.30 am - English

1.00 pm - English

6.00 pm - English

Tuesday evening

Mass is in Hindi

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

17th Nov. 2019

English 9:00am

St. Thomas

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Mother Teresa

SCC Unit

(((SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION)))

1st Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

The seven sons of the Jewish mother prefer to die rather than break the law of God. These martyrs firmly believe that their bodies will be raised, and this belief gives them courage.

Response Ps: 17

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

After having prayed for the spiritual welfare of the Thessalonians, Paul wants the Thessalonians to pray for him and his companions so that they may be delivered from the wicked and evil men.

Gospel : Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees who think that they can score a point against Jesus got a fitting reply from him. God is not the God of the dead but of the living.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, may the resurrection strengthen our faith.

पहला पाठ: मक्काबियों का ग्रंथ 7:1-2,9-14

विदेशी राजा अन्तियोख ऐपिफानेस अत्याचारी था। वह यहूदियों को उनके नियमों का उल्लंघन करा कर श्रष्ट करना चाहता था। सात भाई और माता का उत्तर अनुकरणीय है।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 16

हे प्रभु! मैं जागने पर तेरा स्वरूप देखकर परितृप्त होऊँगा।

दूसरा पाठ: थेसलनीकियों के नाम पत्र 2:16-3,5

“प्रभु सत्यप्रतिज्ञा हैं, वह आप लोगों को सुदृढ़ बनाये रखेंगे और दुष्ट से आपकी रक्षा करेंगे।”

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 20:27-38

प्रभु येशु पुनरुत्थान के विषय में सदूकियों की आपत्ति का खंडन करते और सत्य की सीपना करते हैं।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

REFLECTION

The Sadducees want to know what Jesus thinks about the resurrection of the dead. They came to Jesus with what they thought was a case that would make the doctrine of the resurrection look very ridiculous. They thought that we would come forth again from the grave in the very same bodies which we now have, with all our needs and instincts. Our Lord corrected that erroneous idea. We shall all rise to a new and eternal life, in a form and an existence very different from that of our present life. Thus, the question of ownership of wives or property will not, and cannot, arise in our new life. He gave us a brief but basic description of what our risen bodies will be. It is sure that most of us would love to know a lot more about what our future state will be like. But if we knew all, then where would our faith and trust in God come in? In his brief answer to the Sadducees, Christ gives us the essential facts concerning our future status. First, he affirms that all those who have proved themselves worthy while in this life will rise to an eternal life. In that life we will become like angels. Second, our Lord clearly affirmed that those raised from the dead are no longer liable to death. Many Christians, even good, pious Christians, fear death and try to keep the very thought of it far from their minds. This is very understandable for those who believe that death is the end. To a certain degree it is understandable in the case of the believer or the Christian, whose conscience is not at peace with God. We can come out from such fear by removing our sins, and by putting ourselves right with God. The normal, pious Christian should see death as what it is, an end of his time of probation and the door to his eternal reward. Therefore, no Christian should be afraid of it. Of course, part of the fears which death instils come from the fear of the judgment which accompanies it. If we think every now and then, that our death is around the corner, we will turn to the God of mercy, to our loving Father, and ask for His forgiveness. He never refuses pardon to those who with a sincere heart, ask for it.

Let each one of us look into our own conscience today. Let us ask ourselves, how we would fare if death should claim us tonight. If there are sins on my conscience, which I would not want there when facing my just Judge, I still have time to approach the merciful Father. The Christian who does this daily, or even weekly, will not worry when death calls. He can rest assured that it is the beginning of the true and everlasting life, planned for him by God before time began.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

11/Mon: Wis 1:1-7/ Ps 139/ Lk 17:1-6

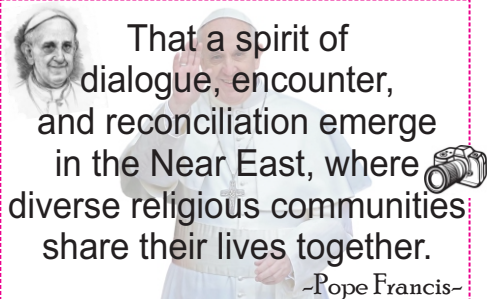
12/Tue: Wis 2:23—3:9/ Ps 34/ Lk 17:7-10

13/Wed: Wis 6:1-11/ Ps 82/ Lk 17:11-19

14/Thu: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119/ Lk 17:20-25

15/Fri: Wis 13:1-9/ Ps 19/ Lk 17:26-37

16/Sat: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Ps 105/ Lk 18:1-8



That a spirit of
dialogue, encounter,
and reconciliation emerge
in the Near East, where
diverse religious communities
share their lives together.

-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. Today there will be Second Collection for the Seminary Fund
2. Next Tuesday (12th Nov.) we will have the cleaning of the Church. It being a holiday, all are requested to come and help in cleaning the Church. Cleaning will start at 9:30 am.
3. There will be a CA Meeting soon after the 9:00 am Mass.
4. We celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on 24th Nov-2019. As you are well aware, we will have the Solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration at 9:00 am at St. Columba's School ground followed by the Annual Eucharistic Procession. Kindly note that on that day, we will have no other Mass in the Church except for the one in the evening at 6:00pm. There won't be any mass in the mass centers too. Parking on that day will be outside. Please remember to bring along with you a bottle of water when you come for the celebration on that day in order to reduce the use of single use-plastic. Water will be served at the entrance and exit point of the procession.
5. We request you all to come on 23th Nov. in the morning at 9:00am to prepare the buntings and decorate the Cathedral Campus and prepare the ground for the celebration.
6. All SCC units are requested to elect the representatives of the Parish Council by the end of December.
7. Thanks to the St. John Paul II SCC unit and St. Francis Xavier SCC unit for animating the 9:00 am and 10:15 am Holy Mass respectively.
8. Next Sunday's Liturgy for 9:00 am Mass will be animated by St. Thomas SCC unit and 10:15 am mass will be animated by St. Mother Teresa SCC unit respectively.
9. We have already shifted to the Winter Mass timings. Please refer the Notice board or the parish website.
10. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund regularly at Help Desk.

Fr. Lawrence PR
Parish Priest

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Archdiocese of Delhi

Sunday, Weekday Winter Mass Schedule (1st November, 2019 to 31st March, 2020)

Sunday Masses - Mass Centres

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| 07:30 am | CARMEL | HINDI |
| 07:30 am | I.S.I | HINDI |
| 07:30 am | MATER DEI | HINDI |

SATURDAY : ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS 06:00 pm

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| SUNDAY | 06:30 am | ENGLISH |
| | 07:30 am | MALAYALAM |
| | 09:00 am | ENGLISH |
| | 10:15 am | HINDI |
| | 11:30 am | ENGLISH |
| | 04:00 pm | HINDI |
| | 06:00 pm | ENGLISH |

Weekday Masses- Chapels

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| 06:30 am | CARMEL | ENGLISH |
| 07:00 am | JMC | ENGLISH |
| 06:15 am | MATER DEI | ENGLISH |
| 06:30 am | CJM | ENGLISH |

Tuesday : Tuesday evening Mass is in Hindi.

Wednesday: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help following evening Mass.

Friday : Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus following evening Mass.

First Friday of the month : Divine Mercy Devotion and Mass at 03:00 pm



PLEASE COME BY 9.00 AM

ON 12TH NOVEMBER

(TUESDAY)



**COME FOR BUNTINGS WORK ON 23RD NOV
(SATURDAY) at 9.00am**