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Message by Parish Priest

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

(4) The books of the Old Testament predicted that the joy of salvation would abound in messianic times. The prophet Isaiah exultantly salutes the awaited Messiah: "You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy" (9:3). He exhorts those who dwell on Zion to go forth to meet him with song: "Shout aloud and sing for joy!" (12:6). The prophet tells those who have already seen him from afar to bring the message to others: "Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem" (40:9). All creation shares in the joy of salvation: "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth! Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones" (49:13). Zechariah, looking to the day of the Lord, invites the people to acclaim the king who comes "humble and riding on a donkey": "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he" (9:9). Perhaps the most exciting invitation is that of the prophet Zephaniah, who presents God with his people in the midst of a celebration overflowing with the joy of salvation. I find it thrilling to reread this text: "The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives you the victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing, as on a day of festival" (3:17). This is the joy which we experience daily, amid the little things of life, as a response to the loving invitation of God our Father: "My child, treat yourself well, according to your means... Do not deprive yourself of the day's enjoyment" (*Sir* 14:11, 14). What tender paternal love echoes in these words!(5) The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (*Lk* 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. *Lk* 1:41). In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (*Lk* 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (*Jn* 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (*Lk* 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (*Jn* 15:11). Our Christian joy drinks of the wellspring of his brimming heart. He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (*Jn* 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (*Jn* 16:22). The disciples "rejoiced" (*Jn* 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the first Christians "ate their food with glad and generous hearts" (2:46). Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy" (8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy" (13:52). The newly baptized eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (8:39), while Paul's jailer "and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God" (16:34). Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?

SCC MEETING

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. J. John Britto

Fr. Sampath Kumar

&

Dn. Richard

Mass Timings

Saturdays

6.00 (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

* No mass at 1.00 pm
on Saturdays

Sunday Liturgy

3rd March 2019

English 9:00am

St. Alphonsa

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

SCC Unit

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

1st Reading: 1 Sam 26:2,-9, 12-13,, 22-23

David has the opportunity to kill Saul but he resists the temptation and does not harm the Lord's anointed. This is despite the fact that Saul is seeking to kill David.

Response Ps: 102

The Lord is compassion and love.

2nd Reading: 1 Corth 15: 45-49

In this passage Paul makes a comparison between the first man Adam and the last man Christ. Just as Christians share the likeness of Adam, so they shall bear the likeness of Christ.

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

This part of the sermon deals with people to people relationship. It plunges straight into the duty to love one's enemies. Compassion is another virtue that the disciples should cultivate.

prayer of the faithful

Lord, help us love our enemies.

REFLECTION

The love of God is a forgiving, sacrificial love. He loves all and in him there is no partiality. He has created everyone and everything and in his image and likeness he has created them. The key theme that runs through today's readings is one of love. It is the new commandment that Christ left behind at the last supper, inviting his disciples to love one another just as he loved them. In the first reading David shows how a Christian should respond to the challenge God has given him by not killing the enemy. In the second reading we hear Paul telling the Corinthian community Christ the new Adam is different from the old Adam. He invites his community to grow into the image of the heavenly Father by continuously transforming themselves. Through his committed love he brought new life to people. In the gospel Jesus speaks about loving their enemies and sincerely praying for their persecutors which shows that only a religious motivation could be a root of such a notable behaviour. He tells them that the reason for this is the Father in heaven who is caring, loving and merciful. He is kind to those ungrateful and wicked.

पहला पाठ : 1 सम्यल 26:2-9, 12-13, 22-23

राजा सौल नवयुवक दाऊद को मार डालना चाहता था। संयोग ऐसा हुआ कि सौल दाऊद के वंश में आ गया, किंतु दाऊद ने यह सोच कर उसका वध नहीं किया कि वह प्रभु का अभिषिक्त है। वास्तव में हर मनुष्य पर ईश्वर की मुहर है और हमें हर मनुष्यका सम्मान करना चाहिए।

अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 102

प्रभु दया तथा अनुकम्पा से परिपूर्ण है।

दूसरा पाठ: 1 कुरिं 15 :45 - 49

यहाँ आदम और मसीह की तुलना की गई है। आदम इस धरती का प्राणी था, पुनर्जीवित मसीह स्वर्ग का प्राणी हैं। हम आदम के समान मिट्टी के बने मनुष्य हैं, किन्तु मसीह हमें एक दूसरा जीवन प्रदान करेंगे, जिससे हमें भी स्वर्ग के प्राणी बन जायेंगे।

सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 6 : 27 - 38

मसीह का धर्म प्रेम का धर्म है। हमें न केवल अपने सम्बन्धियों को, बल्कि सभी मनुष्य तथा अपने शत्रुओं को भी प्यार करना चाहिए। तभी हम ईश्वर के योग्य पुत्र तथा मसीह के सच्चे भाई बन सकेंगे।

विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

मनन-चिंतन

ईश्वर का प्रेम एक क्षमाशील, त्यागपूर्ण प्रेम है। वह सभी से प्यार करता है और उसमें कोई पक्षपात नहीं है। उन्होंने सभी को और सब कुछ बनाया है और उनकी छवि और समानता में उन्होंने उन्हें बनाया है। आज के रीडिंग के माध्यम से चलने वाला प्रमुख विषय प्रेम है। यह नई आज्ञा है कि मसीह ने अंतिम समर्थक को पीछे छोड़ दिया, अपने शिष्यों को एक दूसरे से प्यार करने के लिए आमंत्रित किया जैसे वह उन्हें प्यार करता था। पहले पढ़ने में डेविड दिखाते हैं कि कैसे एक इसाई को चुनौती का जवाब देना चाहिए कि ईश्वर ने उसे दुश्मन को मारकर नहीं दिया है। दूसरे पढ़ने में हम सुनते हैं कि पॉल ने कुरिंथियन समुदाय को बताया कि नया एडम पुराने एडम से अलग है। वह अपने समुदाय को निरंतर रूपांतरित करके स्वर्गीय पिता की छवि में विकसित होने के लिए आमंत्रित करता है। अपने प्रतिबद्ध प्रेम के माध्यम से उन्होंने लोगों के लिए नया जीवन लाया। सुसमाचार में यीशु अपने दुश्मनों से प्यार करने और अपने सताए हुए लोगों के लिए ईमानदारी से प्रार्थना करने के बारे में बोलते हैं जो दर्शाता है कि केवल एक धार्मिक प्रेरणा ऐसे उल्लेखनीय व्यवहार का मूल हो सकता है। वह उन्हें बताता है कि इसका कारण स्वर्ग में रहने वाला पिता है जो देखभाल, प्यार और दया करता है। वह उन कृतघ्न और दुष्टों के प्रति दयालु है।

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 25/Mon:** Sir 1:1-10/ Ps 93:1-5/ Mk 9:14-29
26/Tue: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-40/ Mk 9:30-37
27/Wed: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165-175/Mk 9:38-40
28/Thu: Sir 5:1-8 /Ps 1:1-6/ Mk 9:41-50
01/Fri: Sir 6:1-4 /Ps 119:12-35/Mt 10:1-12
02/Sat: Sir: 17:1-15/ Ps 103:13-18/ Mk 10:13-16
03/Sun: Sir 27:4-7, Ps 91: 2-16, 1Corth 15: 54-58,
Lk 6: 39-45



IN THE SACRAMENT
OF THE EUCHARIST
WE FIND GOD
WHO GIVES HIMSELF.



-Pope Francis-

PARISH NEWS

1. Next Sunday there will be Parish Council meeting soon after 9am mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting.
2. Next Sunday there will be Altar Servers' meeting soon after 10:15 am Hindi Mass. All the Altar Servers are requested to attend the meeting along with their parents.
3. St. Mary's Boys Hostel, Rohtak opens Admission for class V, VI & VII. Entrance Test conducted on 3rd March, 2019 at Yusuf Sadan at 2pm. Kindly see the notice board for details.
4. On the 3rd of March Women's Day will be celebrated in DCC Hall from 8.30 am to 4.30pm.
5. The Diocesan Community Center Library is organizing Dance classes for all by trained professionals, starting from 5th March, 2019 on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 4pm to 5pm at DCC Hall.

6. The CA of the Sacred Heart Cathedral parish is organizing Election Voter ID enrollment drive on 17th, 24th Feb. & 3rd March 2019, after 9 am Mass till 1 pm. Those who have not yet registered or don't have Voter ID, please bring your one recent passport size colour photograph, copy of documentary proof of age (for age between 18-21 years) and proof of residence.
7. Delhi Charismatic Renewal Services is organizing a Lenten Bible Convention in Malayalam named "Nitya Jeevan Bible Convention" from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March, 2019 from 9am to 5pm at Jeevan jyoti Ashram, Burari led by Rev. Fr. Davis Pattath C.M.I.
8. This year Ash Wednesday falls on 6th March, 2019 therefore we request you to bring the old palms and leave them at parish office by next Sunday 3rd March.
9. Many of our parishioners are yet to submit the new membership forms. Kindly submit and collect new membership Card.

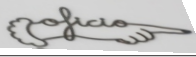
THE BEATITUDES

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| 1) Blessed are the poor in Spirit , for there is the kingdom of heaven | 5) Blessed are the Merciful , for they shall obtain mercy |
| 2) Blessed are those who mourn , for they shall be comforted | 6) Blessed are the pure of heart , for they shall see God. |
| 3) Blessed are the meek , for they shall inherit the earth. | 7) Blessed are the peace makers , for they shall be called sons of God. |
| 4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness , for they shall be satisfy. | 8) Blessed are those who are persecuted , for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. |

we must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you"

Ephesians 4 29:32



Quiz from St. Luke's Gospel



- 1) At what ceremony did Jesus receive his names?
Baptism, Circumcision, Communion, Passover
- 2) Recognized he would not see death until he had seen the Christ?
Judah, Simeon, Theophilus, Zacharias
- 3) Widow who departed not from temple? (2:36-37)
Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Ruth
- 4) How old was Jesus when he was taken to the Passover as a boy?
8 days, 40 days, 5 years, 12 years
- 5) What book did they hand Jesus to read in the Synagogue at Nazareth?
Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Joel and Malachi
- 6) How did Jesus escape from the people of Nazareth?
Angels blinded their eyes, He passed through the midst of them, he was lowered over a wall in a basket
- 7) How long did Jesus pray before choosing the twelve?
All night, One day, Three days, Forty days
- 8) What did Jesus encounter at the city called Nain?
Funeral, Opposition, Pharisees, Wedding
- 9) In the parable of the sower what does the seed represent? (8:11)
Faith, Spirit of God, Water Baptism, Word of God
- 10) Who appeared with Jesus on what we call the mount of transfiguration?
David, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah
- 11) Who did Jesus say was worthy of his hire? (10-7)
Elder, Hireling, Leborer, Shepherd



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