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## Message by Parish Priest

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM

will restore the joy of faith to their hearts and inspire a commitment to the Gospel. Lastly, we cannot forget that evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face, even in countries of ancient Christian tradition. All of them have a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but "by attraction". John Paul II asked us to recognize that "there must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel" to those who are far from Christ, "because this is the first task of the Church". Indeed, "today missionary activity still represents the greatest challenge for the Church" and "the missionary task must remain foremost". What would happen if we were to take these words seriously? We would realize that missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church's activity*. Along these lines the Latin American bishops stated that we "cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings"; we need to move "from a pastoral ministry of mere conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry". This task continues to be a source of immense joy for the Church: "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Lk 15:7). *The scope and limits of this Exhortation: 16* I was happy to take up the request of the Fathers of the Synod to write this Exhortation. In so doing, I am reaping the rich fruits of the Synod's labours. In addition, I have sought advice from a number of people and I intend to express my own concerns about this particular chapter of the Church's work of evangelization. Countless issues involving evangelization today might be discussed here, but I have chosen not to explore these many questions which call for further reflection and study. Nor do I believe that the papal magisterium should be expected to offer a definitive or complete word on every question which affects the Church and the world. It is not advisable for the Pope to take the place of local Bishops in the discernment of every issue which arises in their territory. In this sense, I am conscious of the need to promote a sound "decentralization". *17* Here I have chosen to present some guidelines, which can encourage and guide the whole Church in a new phase of evangelization, one marked by enthusiasm and vitality. In this context, and on the basis of the teaching of the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, I have decided, among other themes, to discuss at length the following questions: a) the reform of the Church in her missionary outreach; b) the temptations faced by pastoral workers; c) the Church, understood as the entire People of God which evangelizes; d) the homily and its preparation; e) the inclusion of the poor in society; f) peace and dialogue within society; g) the spiritual motivations for mission.

SCC MEETING

## Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

## Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. J. John Britto

Fr. Sampath Kumar

&amp;

Dn. Richard

## Mass Timings

## Saturdays

6.30pm (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

## Weekdays

6.00 am - English

1.00 pm - English

6.30 pm - English

\* No mass at 1.00 pm  
on Saturdays

## Sunday Liturgy

7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

English 9:00am

St. Sebastian

SCC Unit

Hindi 10:15am

St. Thomas

SCC Unit

# SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

## 1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The long wait of the people to occupy the promised Land is over. After having occupied the land they celebrate the Passover and enjoy the produce of the land, and the manna ceases.

## Response Ps: 34

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## 2nd Reading: Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul informs the Corinthians that after having attained a new identity in Christ on account of their faith in him, they are eligible to become ambassadors of Christ.

## Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable of the lost and found are told by Jesus in response to the murmur of the Pharisees and the Scribes at Jesus's association with the underprivileged.

## prayer of the faithful

:Lord, be merciful to us.

## REFLECTION

Today is referred to as 'Laetare Sunday' which is a call to be joyful. It is a reminder during this season of repentance that there is much to be joyful for. That is brought out in the readings for today where we are told that God is merciful, that he forgives our sins and that he will welcome us back with open arms. In our first reading we see that the Israelites have arrived in the Promised Land which they entered with Joshua at their head, following the death of Moses. In the second reading St Paul writes to the people of Corinth about the reconciliation which has been won by Jesus Christ. Not alone have they been reconciled with God through Jesus Christ through the forgiveness of sins but they are now ambassadors of that reconciliation – they have a duty and responsibility as baptized Christians to bring that reconciliation to those whom they meet, beginning at home and then going out into the workplace. As ambassadors they don't simply represent Jesus Christ but they prolong his visible presence in the world. In our gospel for today we have the story of the Prodigal Son, a story which reminds us of the great love of the Father for his people even when they stray from his love. The younger son had essentially insulted his father by asking for his inheritance before the father died. The story is a powerful reminder that the Lord is always waiting for us to return and is happy to welcome us back. Yet at the same time we can continue to place ourselves outside of the banquet hall by continuing in our judgmental and selfish ways because God will not force his love on any of us – we must choose it for ourselves.

## पहला पाठ : योशुआ 5:9-12

चालीस वर्षों तक मरुभूमि में रहने के बाद इस्राएली, योशुआ के नेतृत्व में, प्रतिज्ञात देश में प्रवेश करते हैं और इस अवसर पर प्रभु को धन्यवाद देने के लिए वे पास्का पर्व मनाते हैं।

## अनुवाक्य: स्तोत्र 34

परख कर देखो कि प्रभु कितना भला है।

## दूसरा पाठ: 1कुरिंथियों 5:17-21

मसीह स्वयं निष्पाप थे। उन्होंने हमारे पापों का प्रायश्चित किया और ईश्वर से हमारा मेल कराया है। अब ईश्वर की कृपा की सहायता से हम मसीह की पवित्रता के भागी बन सकते हैं।

## सुसमाचार: संत लूकस 15 : 1-3, 11-32

यसु ने अपने शिष्यों से कहा था कि वह कूस पर मर जायेंगे। इसके बाद वह उन्हें अपना दिव्य रूप दिखाते हैं, ताकि वे दृढ़ रहें और इस बात पर विश्वास करें कि मसीह ईश्वर के पुत्र हैं और अपने शिष्यों का भी रूपान्तरण कर सकते हैं।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## मनन-चिंतन

आज के दिन को आनन्द के रविवार' के रूप में जाना जाता है, जो हर्षित होने का आह्वान है। यह पश्चाताप के इस मौसम के दौरान एक अनुस्मारक है कि वहाँ बहुत खुशी के लिए होना है। यह आज के पाठों में सामने लाया गया है जहाँ हमें बताया गया है कि ईश्वर दयालु है, कि वह हमारे पापों को क्षमा कर देता है और वह खुले हाथों से हमारा स्वागत करेगा। पहले पढ़ने में हम देखते हैं कि इस्राएलियों ने वादा किए हुए देश में आगमन किया है जो उन्होंने मूसा की मृत्यु के बाद जोशुआ के साथ प्रवेश किया था। दूसरे पाठ में संत पौलुस ने कुरिन्थ के लोगों से मेल मिलाप के बारे में लिखा है जो यीशु मसीह द्वारा जीता गया है। न केवल वे पापों की क्षमा के माध्यम से यीशु मसीह के माध्यम से भगवान के साथ सामंजस्य स्थापित किया गया है, लेकिन वे अब उस मेल-मिलाप के राजदूत हैं - उनके पास एक कर्तव्य और जिम्मेदारी है बपतिस्मा प्राप्त ईसाई के रूप में जो लोग मिलते हैं, घर पर शुरुआत करते हैं और फिर जा रहे हैं कार्यस्थल में बाहर। राजदूत के रूप में वे केवल यीशु मसीह का प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं करते हैं, लेकिन वे दुनिया में अपनी दृश्य उपस्थिति को लम्बा खींचते हैं। आज के हमारे सुसमाचार में हमारे पास प्रोडिगल सन की कहानी है, जो एक ऐसी कहानी है जो हमें अपने लोगों के लिए पिता के महान प्रेम की याद दिलाती है जब वे उनके प्यार से भटक जाते हैं। छोटे बेटे ने पिता के मरने से पहले अपनी विरासत के लिए अपने पिता का अनिवार्य रूप से अपमान किया था। कहानी एक शक्तिशाली याद दिलाती है कि प्रभु हमेशा हमारे लौटने की प्रतीक्षा कर रहे हैं और हमारे वापस लौटने पर खुश हैं। फिर भी हम अपने निर्णय और स्वार्थी तरीकों से जारी रखकर खुद को बैंकेट हॉल के बाहर रख सकते हैं क्योंकि भगवान हममें से किसी पर भी अपने प्यार को नहीं छोड़ेंगे - हमें इसे अपने लिए चुनना चाहिए।

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 01/Mon:** Isa 65:17-21/Ps30:2-13/Jn:4:43-54  
**02/Tue:** Ezek 47:1-12/Ps46:2-9/Jn5:1-16  
**03/Wed:** Isa 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-18/Jn 5:17-30  
**04/Thu:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47  
**05/Fri:** Wis 2:1, 12-22/Ps 34:17-23/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30  
**06/Sat:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-12/Jn 7:40-53  
**07/Sun:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 125:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



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



-Pope Francis-

## PARISH NEWS

1. There will be a **combined meeting** of all the associations soon after the 9am mass. All the members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.
2. We will be shifting to **Summer Mass Timing** from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019. On Sundays Hindi Mass at 4:30pm and English Mass at 6:30pm. Kindly look at the notice Board for detailed timing.
3. Next Saturday & Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) the Delhi Charismatic Services is organizing **Hosanna 2019 Lenten Convention** in English from 9am to 5pm at DCC Hall, New Delhi. Confessions will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 3pm to 5pm.
4. Jeevan Jyoti Ashram is organizing **Lenten Convention in Hindi** from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Jeevan Jyoti Ashram, Burari, Delhi from 9am to 5pm.
5. All those who would like to **sponsor for the Holy Week**, can do so by making your contribution in the box which is kept outside the Church for this purpose. Have a look at the Notice Board for the particulars to be sponsored
6. **Choir Practice** for the Holy Week celebrations will be held on every Saturday and Sunday at 5:30 pm in Maria Bawan Basement. All the children who have given names for Choir also can join us.
7. **Niscort Media College** opens admissions and summer courses from 29<sup>th</sup> April –May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
8. There will be **Summer Music Course** (Guitar and keyboard) for children at St. Mary's School, Mayur Vihar Phase-III from May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. For more details kindly see the notice board.
9. We thank all those who donated their blood in Lenten Blood Donation Camp on last Sunday.

“Reconciliation is the physical demonstration that God is at work in the world. Any fool can put people at odds. Only God – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all – can bring those opposed to one another together as sisters and brother. When we lose reconciliation, we lose the purposes of Jesus.”

“Reconciliation and forgiveness are matters of the heart. They cannot be forced on the people.”

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**Mr. David & Assumpta**

## Note

### Palm Sunday

The English Mass at 6am remain cancelled

### Easter Sunday

The English Mass at 6am and the Hindi Mass

at 4:30pm remain cancelled.

#Kindly note that from 1st April 2019 we switch over to Summer Mass timings.

**Holy Week Schedule-2019**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral, Archdiocese of Delhi**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Palm Sunday 14-4-2019	7:00am Malayalam 9:00am English 10:30am Hindi 11:45am English 4:30pm Hindi 6:30pm English	Blessing of the Palm at 10:10 am, at St. Columba's ground followed by procession and Holy Mass	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Holy Tuesday 16-4-2019	6:30 pm	Chrism Mass	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Holy Wednesday 17-4-2019	5:30 pm	Confessions	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Maundy Thursday 18-4-2019	7:30 am	Last Supper (Malayalam)	Sacred Heart Cathedral
	6:30 pm	Last Supper	Sacred Heart Cathedral
	9:00 pm-10:00 pm	Adoration by CA and Parish Council	DCC Hall
	10:00 pm-11:00 pm	Syro-Malabar Com.,	DCC Hall
	11:00 pm-12:00 pm	Religious Com.,	DCC Hall
Good Friday 19-4-2019	09:00 am	Way of the Cross (Mal)	SHC
	12:00 pm	Way of the Cross (Eng)	SHC
	05:00 pm	Way of the Cross (Hin)	St. Columba's Gnd
	06:30 pm	Passion of Christ	St. Columba's Gnd
Easter Night Vigil 20-4-2019	11:00 pm	Easter Night Vigil <i>Kindly bring candles</i>	St. Columba's Gnd
Easter Sunday 21-4-2019	07:30 am	Mass (Malayalam)	SHC
	09:00 am	English	SHC
	10:15 am	Hindi	SHC
	11:30 am	English	SHC
	6:30 pm	English	SHC