

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak: St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony Pray For Us!

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CHURCH BULLETIN



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ as the Lord of compassion and love. The Readings invite and challenge us to live generous, kind-hearted lives of compassion, mercy and love.

In the First Reading David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but he does not do it. In the Second Reading St. Paul tells us we shall bear the image of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus Christ tells us we must love our enemies, forgive each other, and stop judging. The Gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's Gospel. We continue to hear Jesus Christ's Sermon on the Plain. These words from Jesus Christ's teaching are familiar to us.

Jesus Christ is described in the Gospels as understanding human nature and knowing what was in the hearts of those around him (Mark 2:6-8; John 2:25). He understood that the human heart can seem complex, but it really isn't. Deep down it wants to give - to give to the point that it lets go, trusts, surrenders, and depends on something greater than itself. Jesus Christ does not ask us to do difficult things because he wants us to hurt or feel empty. It is because he wants more for us. The human heart was made to give.

There is a flip side to today's message from Jesus Christ. For every disciple who hears and acts on Jesus Christ's words, for every person who pours themself out, for every believer who refuses to judge, hate, condemn, or "get even," there is someone who is on the receiving end of that action, that outpouring, that self-control, that self-gift. The message of receiving is as radical as the message of giving.

And the flip side – the human heart was made to receive. This reality may sometimes wound us even more than the giving. But it is a biblical reality. It is a sacred reality. But there is so much resistance – within ourselves and within our communities – we feel that we should be independent, we shouldn't "be a bother," we shouldn't be burned out or broke or sinners. We try to keep track of the good that has been given to us; we want to repay the giver, even when what they give us is immaterial – like acceptance, forgiveness, encouragement, compassion, love, or time. But the preaching heart of Jesus Christ tells us that we need not strive to even the playing field, to set the score back to zero-zero. In fact, he says we shouldn't.

Is it possible to live the teachings of Jesus that we read and hear today? Jesus Christ really went for it – love the people who are hardest to love, pray for people you don't like, give things away, don't ask for them back, let people take things, don't ask for them back, let people strike you, don't strike back, don't judge, don't condemn, be kind, forgive, and . . . do it all without expecting anything in return.

Is this possible? Or is it idealistic, unattainable, and unliveable? The cynical side of me asks these questions every time I come across this remarkable piece of preaching.

Let God do the repaying, Jesus urges us. It's really better for the human heart that way.

It is not easy, but we know it is right. It is the way of love. It is possible!

Arthur Charles
Parish Priest

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Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

The Lord gave you into my hands today, but I will not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

Psalm

103:1-4, 8,10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-50

We have borne the image of the one of dust so let us bear the image of the one of heaven.

Acclamation

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Lectionary Spirituality

Today's Gospel is one of the most challenging texts in the whole of the Scriptures. It seems so unrealistic. How can we be expected to love people who do us actual harm? Isn't it natural to hit back? Yes, says Jesus that is just what pagans do. The problem for many is the word 'love', which we identify with warmth and affection. But the love that Jesus speaks about is different. This love is a deep-down desire for the wellbeing of the other person.

Even with our enemies, we can have that kind of love. We can want them to change, not only for our sake but also for their own. Turning the other cheek is not weakness, it requires great inner strength – the strength not to stoop to the attacker's level. We have a lovely example in the First Reading where Saul is hunting David and wanting to kill him. But David suddenly finds Saul asleep and completely at his mercy but only takes away his spear and water jug when he could have killed him. Saul has the graciousness to acknowledge that he is in the presence of a greater man. Let us, too, always try to take the initiative in love.

Announcements

- 1. We warmly welcome Rev. Fr. Benjemin Mushtaq as Assistant Parish Priest in our Parish. Prior to this appointment, he was Vice-Rector at St. Pius X Seminary and later the Assistant Parish Priest at St. Michael's Parish Khuda-Ki-Basti, Taiser Town. Thank you for coming to minister to our communities and we hope you will be very happy here. We wish you all the very best in your Pastoral Ministry.
- 2. On next Sunday, February 27th, 2022 at 9am, all are welcome to join Rev. Fr. Melito Dias in the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving to God for many blessings he has received which include the ability to continue serving at the Altar. His Grace, Archbishop Benny Travas will be the Main Celebrant and the Homilist.
- 3. This year Sacred Time of Lent is beginning on Wednesday, March 2. During all Masses Ashes will be distributed. The schedule will be given later. Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. We request our faithful to devote themselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Sacred Scripture, to service by giving alms and to sacrifice self-control through fasting.
- 4. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank the parishioners for their generous contribution of Rs. 39,910 towards the second collection held on February 12th and 13th, 2022.
- 5. On Friday, 4th March at 5pm there will be Holy Hour, Novena Prayers Stations of the Cross and Benediction in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ followed by Holy Mass.
- 6. On Saturday 5th March devotion to Our Lady of Vailankanni will be held at Stella Maris Church. It will start at 5:45pm with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Holy Mass followed by the Benediction.
- 7. From Monday 7th March to 11th March, the Diocesan Priests of the Archdiocese of Karachi, including priests of our Parish, will gather together at the Monastery of the Angels for their Annual Retreat. Please keep them in your prayer that God will bless them all with a fruitful retreat.
- 8. Please note yourselves and inform others as well that there will be no Mass at the Presbytery on Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Tuesday Collection Rs. 41,420 Rs. 83,300

Next Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise people before they speak.

Dealm

92:1-2, 12-13, 14-15

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

God has given us the victory through Jesus Christ.

Acclamation

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

From what is in the heart, the mouth speaks.

سال کے دوران ساتواں اتوار

داخله

اے خُداوند میں نے تیری رحت پر توکل کیا ہے۔میرادل تیری نجات سے خُوش ہوا۔میں خُداوند کے لئے گاؤں گا۔ کیونکہ اُس نے مجھ پراحسان کیا ہے۔

ميل طاوت 1 سويكل 26: 2-12-9-13-22-23 مال طاوت 1 سويكل 26: 2-12-9-13-23

خُداوندنے آج مخجے میرے قابومیں کردیا تھالیکن میں نے اپناہاتھ نہ اُٹھایا۔

- 13-12-10-8-4 -1:102 مارير 13-12-10-8

خُداوندر حیم اور مهربان ہے۔

49 دومرى الاوت 1قرشون 15: 45-

جس طرح ہم خاکی آدمی کی صورت پر بنائے گئے ہیں اُسی طرح آسانی آدمی کی صورت پر بھی بنائے جائیں گے۔

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اے خُداوند ہمارادل کھول کہ تیرے بیٹے کے کلام کو قبول کریں۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس او 36: 27-38

ر حیم بوجیساتہاراباپر حیم ہے۔

بإك شراكت كي آيت

اے حق تعالٰی۔ میں تیرے عجیب کاموں کابیان کروں گا۔ میں تجھ میں خُوش اور شاد مان رہوں گا۔ میں تیرے نام کی مدح سرائی کروں گا۔

غور وخوض

اعلانات

- 1. ہم رایورنڈ فادر بینجمن مشاق کا سینٹ انتھنی پیرش میں بحیثیت معاون پیرش پیریٹ مقرر ہونے پر اُن کا پُرتیاک استقال کرتے ہیں۔ اس تقرری کو پہلے آپ سینٹ پائس دہم سیمینزی میں وائس ریکٹر اور بعد میں سینٹ انکیل پیرش خدا کی بستی، تیسر ٹاؤن میں اسٹنٹ پیرش پیریٹ کے خدمات انجام دیتے رہے ہیں۔ہم امید کرتے ہیں اور دُعا گو ہیں کہ کہ آپ کا ہمارے پیرش میں قیام بہت خوشگوار ہو۔ہم آپ کی باثمر پاسبانی اور بشارتی خدمات کے لئے آپ کو اپنا تعاون اور نیک خواہشات پیش کرتے ہیں۔
- 2. آنے والے اتوار، 27 فروری 2022 خ س صبح 9 بجے رپورنڈ فادر میلیٹو ڈائس کی95 ویں سالگرہ کے موقع پر شکر گزاری کی خصوصی پاک ماس ادا کی جائے گئی۔ فضیلت مآب آرچ بشپ بینی ٹراوس پاک ماس ادا کریں گے۔آپ سب کو شرکت کی دعوت ہے۔
- 3. برائے مہربانی نوٹ فرمالیں کہ اس سال مسیحی روزوں کا آغاز 2ہارچ بروزبدھ ہو گا۔ اس دن پاک ہاس کے دوران برکت یافتہ راکھ توبہ و تبدلی کی علامت کے طور پر تقسیم کی جائے گی۔ پاک ماس کے اوقات بعد میں جاری کیے جائیں گئے۔ براہ کرم یادر کھیں کہ راکھ کابدھاور پاک جعمہ خصوصی طور پر روزے اور پر ہیزکے واجب دن ہیں۔ ہم اپنے ایمان داروں سے درخواست کرتے ہیں کہ وہ ان دول میں ذاتی اور خاندانی دعا کو ذیادہ وقت دیں، پاک کلام کو پڑھیں اور مطالعہ کریں، خیرات دے کر عاجت مندوں کی خدمت کریں اورروزے رکھ کر خداوند خُداکی خوشنودی عاصل کریں۔
- 4. اس ماہ سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال سوسائٹی کواتوار کی عبادات میں دوسری مرتبہ ہدیہ لینے کی مدیس 39,910روپے حاصل ہوئے ہیں۔ بیر تم پیرش کے ضرورت مندوں کے لئے استعال کی جاتی ہے۔ آپ کے تعاون کاشکر ہیہ۔
- 5. مارچ بروزجعہ شام 5 بج ہمارے اس گرجا گھر میں خداوند یسوع مسیح کے اقدس دل کی عزت میں دعائیں ادا کی جائیں گی جس کا اختتام پاک ماس سے ہو گا۔
- 6. ہفتہ 5 مارچ کو خاتونِ والنکنی کی عقیدت میں اسٹلاماریس چرچ میں شام 5:45 بجے اقدس روزری اور پاک ماس ادا کی جائے گی۔اختتام پر یو خرستی سجدہ ہو گا اور برکت دی جائے گی۔
 - 7. پیر 7مارچ سے 11مارچ تک،آرچ ڈابوسیس کراچی کے فادر صاحبان، بشمول ہمارے پیرش کے کاہنوں کے، سالانہ اعتکاف کے لیے مونسٹری آف دی اینجلز، لانڈھی میں اکٹھے ہوں گے۔ براہ کرم انہیں اپنی دعاؤں میں رکھیں۔ خداان سب کوروحانی فصائل سے بھر پور کرے۔

آئندہ اتوار کی حلاوتیں سال کے دوران آٹھواں اتوار

میلی طاوت بیوگین میران 27: 4-7 آدی کے کلام کرنے بیشتراس کی تعریف ند کرو۔

زير 91: 2-13-3-1

اے خُداوند تیراشکراداکر ناخوب،

دومرى الاوت 1 ترشول 15: 58-54

أس نے ہمارے فُداوندیسوع میں کے وسلے سے ہمیں فی بخشی ہے۔

گھُداوند ہمارادل کھول کہ تیرے بیٹے کے کلام کو قبول کریں۔

م الله معدس الوق 6: 39-45 د لبريز موتاب والى زبان يرآتاب