

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



Sixthteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (C) | July 17, 2022 | 129/2022 - 21-20

My Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this Sunday are focused on hospitality. In the First Reading Abraham and Sarah welcome the Lord in the form of three strangers and are promised a child. The Psalm tells us treat others with kindness and justice. In the Second Reading St. Paul tells us that we are one in Christ Jesus. In the Gospel we hear of when Jesus visited Martha and Mary. Martha is working to get a meal ready and becomes frustrated with Mary, who is spending her time listening to Jesus.

Today's Gospel presents us with a bit of challenge. This challenge lies in Christ Jesus' response to Martha: "You worry about so many things, and yet, few are needed. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." There is a strong tendency to think that Jesus Christ was against taking care of the material needs of our guests.

However, it is simply a call to set our priorities right. Perhaps, Jesus Christ felt that it was not enough for Martha to have welcomed him to her house. Maybe, she should have first paid more attention to His message before any other thing. An essential part of hospitality is paying attention to people. At times, what people need from us are not just material things but our attention.

Today, it is obvious that most of us have misplaced our priorities in life. This is despite the fact that we labour much in the house of God. Hence the saying that: "One has time for the work of God, but no time for God the owner of the work." Many of us are so distracted today by too many social and material activities that we hardly have time for any spiritual reflection.

In some of our families, we pay attention to every mundane issue and need. However, we pay little or no attention to the spiritual growth of the members of our families. We have time for social activities but little or no time for praying together or studying the Word of God together.

We need to cement our relationship with Jesus Christ by sitting close to him as a family, and by paying attention to what he has to say to us. Christ needs our attention because he has something new to teach us every day. He wants to spend some quality time with us each day. So, we must not allow anything to prevent us from welcoming him or taking away our attention from his presence. He wants us to live in his presence all the time. Hence, the Psalmist reminds us today that: "The just will live in the presence of the Lord!"

To sum-up, the Church once again reminds us of the importance of hospitality. It is a Christian virtue and our duty towards others. She also reminds us of the need to pay attention to Jesus Christ, our Guest. Most importantly, we are advised not to pay more attention to material things than to spiritual things!

Arthur Charles
Parish Priest

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (C)

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham said, "Lord, do not pass by your servant."

Psalm 15:1-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading Colossians 1: 24-28

I am making known the mystery hidden throughout the ages, now revealed to his saints.

Acclamation

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Gospel Luke 10: 38-42

Martha welcomes Jesus into her home. "Mary has chosen the better part."

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Lectionary Spirituality

The story, in the Book of Genesis, is based on the common custom among the people who live in the desert of offering hospitality to strangers. In the figure of three strangers, Yahweh appears at the place where Abraham had pitched his tent. The story's setting is the terebinths of Mamre, an ancient religious site where a single holy tree had grown "since time immemorial". It is a sacred place that is very appropriate for a divine visitation. Abraham greets the strangers respectfully and serves his guests as a good host. Sarah is not present in the tent since the women did not eat with the men. After the meal, the strangers ask a question about Sarah that could only have caused a shock to Abraham and Sarah. The question, however, serves as an introduction to the announcement of the birth of Abraham's long-awaited descendant. Because of Abraham's adherence to God's command, God's promise to him will now come to fulfilment. In the Gospel passage, another story of providing hospitality is mentioned. Surely, Martha should have been praised for her practical service to Jesus? But here, Jesus challenges her to consider her priorities. The Gospel is not limited to loving service to others, no matter how important that is. Christian discipleship is, first and foremost, personal adherence to Jesus. There must be a time to listen to His "Word". Therefore, devotion to Jesus is the "one thing required". This relationship shows itself in loving service, but care for others' needs may not be love without prayer.

Announcements

- 1. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank the parishioners for their generous contribution of Rs. 21,680 towards the second collection held on July 9th and 10th, 2022.
- 2. Archdiocese of Karachi is arranging its Annual Vocation Discernment Programme from 18th July to 20th July 2022. It will be held at St. Pius X Seminary, Karachi. Those candidates who have completed their Matric OR 'O' Levels and belong to good Catholic families and are actively involved in the Parish Life, who are interested in Spiritual Matters and have sincere desire to join the priesthood may contact the Parish Office.
- 3. The Helping Hands Group will be having Tombola Evening on Saturday, 23rd July 2022 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- 4. Members of A-Team will be having Bake Sale on Sunday, 24th July from 8am to 12 noon in the Church premises.
- 5. The Mass is the community at worship, the greatest form of prayer. Get to Church early for Mass. If you are late, do not disturb those who came early; don't squeeze yourself into a full pew, check for free space. Do not spend the Mass time on your gadgets. Mass time is not the best period to give food and snack to children. Do not allow them litter the Church either during or after the Mass. Do not allow the children play with our Hymn Books and Bibles. Pick up what they drop before you leave. Receive Communion with reverence; it is the Body of Christ. This is a house of worship show due respect.
- 6. Please note that 'Parish Support Card' is one of the components which show your Affiliation and Registration with the Parish. The minimum Monthly Amount is Rs. 200 however, if anyone wishes to give more, it will be highly appreciated. Kindly, send your Parish Support Card on monthly basis. If anyone of you has not given the prescribed amount, please update it soon.
- 7. We request our parishioners to help and serve the poor and needy with basic necessities of food. You may offer your support either in cash or in kind by donating basic essentials preferably rice, lentils, tea, milk powder and cooking oil. These items can be offered during all Masses or you can put them in Boxes kept outside the main Entrance of the Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity.
- 8. Kindly cooperate with the Church Security Group and the Ushers who are there to guide and help you. Please DO NOT stand at the doors of the Church.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 37,710 Tuesday Collection Rs. 42,040

Next Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Genesis 18:20-21, 23-32

Do not be angry, O Lord, if I speak.

Psalm 138:1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

2nd Reading Colossians 2: 6-14

God made us alive with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses.

Acclamation

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Gospel Luke 11: 1-13

Ask, and you will receive.

سال کے دوران سولہواں اتوار

واخله

ویکھو خُداوند میر امدد گارہے۔خُداوند میری جان کا محافظ ہے۔ میں خُوش دلی کے ساتھ تیرے لئے قربانیاں گزرانوں گا۔اے خُداوند میں تیرے نام کی خوبیاں بیان کروں گا۔

كملى طاوت كوين 18: 1- 10

اے خُداونداپنے خادم کے پاس سے چلے نہ جائیں۔

- 5-2:14 ديور 14:2-5

اے خُداوند تیرے خیمہ میں کون رہے گا؟

دوسرى الاوت كلسيول 1: 24 - 28

وہ جدید جو زمانوں سے پوشیدہ رہاہے اب مقد سوں پر ظاہر کیا گیاہے۔

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تیر اکلام میرے قد موں کے لئے چراغ اور میری راہ کے لئے روشنی ہے۔

النجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 10: 38- 42

مار تھانے بیوع کواپنے گھر میں أتارا۔ مريم نے اچھا حصہ چُن لياہے۔

پاک شراکت کی آیت

أس نے اپنے عجیب کاموں کو قابل یاد کھہر ایاہے۔ خُداوندر حمان اور رحیم ہے۔اُس نے اپنے ڈرنے والوں کوخوراک دی۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. گزشته اتوارسینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال سوسائٹ کے لیے ہدید لیا گیا تھا جےسے 21,680 روپے حاصل ہوئے ہیں۔ان سے پیرش کے ضرورت مندافراد کی مدد کی جاتی ہے۔
- 2. آرچ ڈایوسیس کراچی اُن نوجوانوکے لئے جو کاہن بن کر خدمت کرنا چاہتے ہیں ، ایک پرو گرام کا اہتمام کر رہا ہے۔ یہ پرو گرام 18 جولائی۔20جولائی2021 تک سینٹ پائس دہم سیمنری میں منعقد ہو گا۔ اس میں وہ امیدوار حصہ لے سکتے ہیں جسنوں نے میٹرکیا°0' لیول کمل کر لیا ہو، جو اچھے کا تھولک خاندان سے تعلق رکھتے ہوں، پیرش کے کسی گروپ کے فعال رکن ہوں، جو روحانی معاملات میں دلچپی رکھتے ہوں اور کلیسیا میں کاہن بن کر خدمت کرنے کی مخلص خواہش رکھتے ہوں۔ ایسے افراد پیرش آفس سے رابطہ کر سکتے ہیں۔
- 5۔ آرچ ڈاپوسیس کراچی کو کل وقتی اور بڑزوقتی مبشران انجیل در کاہیں۔ وہ اُمیدوار جو شر ائط پر پورااتریں گے ان کی تعلیم و تربیت کے تمام اخراجات آرچ ڈاپوسیس ادا کر گی نیز دوران ٹریننگ واجب • معاوضہ بھی دیاجائے گا۔خواہشمند حضرات پیرش آفس سے رجوع کریں۔
- 4 ہم اپنے ایمان داروں سے درخواست کرتے ہیں کہ وہ غریبوں اور ضرورت مندوں کی خوراک کی بنیاد ک ضروریات میں مدد کریں۔ آپ بنیاد ک ضروری چیزیں جیسے کہ چاول، دالیں، چائے کی پق، • خشک دودھ اور کو کنگ آئل عطیہ کرِ سکتے ہیں یا کچر نقذی پیش کر سکتے ہیں۔ یہ اشیاء پاک ماس کے دوران پیش کی جاسکتی ہیں یا پھر آپ انہیں چرچ کے مرکزی دروازے کے باہر رکھے بکسوں ہیں۔ • ڈال سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آپ کی سخاوت کے لیے پیشگی شکریہ اداکرتے ہیں۔
- 5. پاک ماس اعلی ترین عبادت ہے۔ اتوار کے روز ہم اسے اجماعی طور پر ادا کرتے ہیں۔آپ سے التماس ہے کہ عبادت کے لئے وقت سے پہلے آیا کریں۔ اگر آپ پاک ماس شروع ہونے کے بعد آتے ہیں تو برائے کرم زبردسی پہلے سے بیٹھے ہوئے افراد کے درمیان جگہ بنانے کی کوشش نہ کریں بلکہ جہاں جگہ ملے وہی بیٹھ جائیں۔عبادت کے دوران نہ خود اور نہ ہی اپنے بچوں کو موہائل فون وغیرہ استعال کرنے دیں۔برائے مہربانی اپنے بچوں کو گرجا گھرمیں کھانے پینے کی اشیاء نہ دیں اور ہی چرچ میں ریپرز اورکوڑا پھینکنے دیں۔بچوں کو گیتوں کی کتابوں کے ساتھ کھیلئے سے منع کریں۔اگر آپ پاک شراکت لیتے ہیں تو بڑی تعظیم اور احرّام سے حاصل کریں اور اپنی جگہ جاکر کچھ وقت دُعا میں صرف کریں۔یاد رکھیں گرجا گھر اور عبادت گاہ ہے اس کی مناسب دیکھ بھال کریں اور ادبواحرّام بجالائیں۔
- 6. براہ کرم نوٹ کریں کہ 'خاندانی کارڈ' جے 'چندہ کارڈ' بھی کہاجاتا ہے یہ آپ کی پیرش کے ساتھ وابستگی اور رجسٹریشن ظاہر کرتا ہے۔اس کامابانہ ہدیہ صرف200روپے ہے۔ برائے مہر پانی اسے مابانہ بنیاد پر اداکیا کریں۔اگر آپ نے کسی وجہ سے اسے مکمل نہیں کیا تو براہ کرم جلد ہی اسے اداکریں۔
 - 7. برائے مہر پانی چرچ سیکیورٹی گروپ اور عشر زکے ساتھ تعاون کریں جو آپ کی رہنمائی اور مدد کے لیے موجود ہیں۔ براہ کرم چرچ کے در وازوں پر کھڑے ہونے سے گریز کریں۔

آئندہ اتوار کی خلاوتیں

سال کے دوران سر حوال اتوار

الليل الدوت كوين 18: 20- 32 <u>- 32</u>

العے خُداوند خفانہ ہوناا گرمیں ایک د فعہ اور عرض کر ُوں۔

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ائے خُداوند جس دن میں نے پکاراتُونے میری سُن لی۔

دومرى الاوت كليول 2: 12 - 14

فُدانے ہمیں بھی اُس کے ساتھ زندہ کیاہے۔اُس نے ہمارے سب گناہ بخش دیے ہیں۔

نعره جم

مُبارک ہے تُواہے باب آسان اور ذمین کے خُداوند کہ تُونے باد شاہت کے راز محض چھوٹوں پر ظاہر کئے ہیں۔

الجل مقدس مقدس اوقا 11: 1- 13

مانگو توحمهیں دیاجائے گا۔