

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 NEWSLETTER



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My Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this Sunday help us think about the order of things in the Kingdom of God. In the First Reading we are encouraged to act with humility. The Psalm praises God's care for those on the margins. In the Second Reading St. Paul speaks of the heavenly Jerusalem, a wondrous place. In the Gospel Jesus Christ advises that we should not exalt ourselves, but should associate with the poor and under-served.

Today, "Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees". Note how at this home, everyone is watching everyone else. On the one hand, the people there were observing Jesus carefully. But on the other hand, the reason that Jesus Christ addresses his parable to those who had been invited is because he had noticed how they were choosing the places of honour at the table. They were not choosing humility, but self-promotion.

Jesus Christ illustrates the two kinds of humility through his parable. He first describes someone seating himself in the place of honour, and then being forced by the host to embarrass himself by moving down to the lowest place. This is what's called: involuntary humility. But then Jesus Christ describes the kind of humility that originates in God. What does Jesus tell us to do?: Take the lowest place, so that when the host comes to you, he may say: My friend, move up to a higher position. In other words, practice the virtue of voluntary humility.

Yet if we understand the need to practice humility voluntarily, we still have a problem: humility is difficult to practice. As in Jesus Christ's parable, there's often embarrassment connected to acting humbly. How can we overcome the difficulties connected with acting humbly?

The answer, of course, is Christ Jesus. But not just following his example. Certainly, Jesus Christ gave us two great examples of humility: being conceived at the Annunciation and dying on Calvary. In other words, he left the glory of Heaven to become human and walk in this valley of tears, walking finally to his self-sacrifice on the Cross. These examples, of course, are important for our meditation. It is important to imagine these mysteries and ponder their meaning. Yet how could we be strong enough to imitate such examples? The answer is to enter into Jesus Christ' life: his Body and Blood, soul and divinity. Only through the grace of Christ Jesus' sacramental life can you share in his own humility and make his humility your own.

In today's First Reading, Sirach says: humble yourself the more, the greater you are. Through Baptism, we are children of God. That is a profoundly great vocation, yet also a demanding one. To be faithful to that vocation, your humility must be the humility of God's only-begotten Son. Thanks be to God, he has called his children to the head of the Banquet Table, to be strengthened by Christ Jesus' own life. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb!

Arthur Charles
Parish Priest

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Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Work humbly, and you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.

Psalm

68:3-6, 9-10

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion, to the dwelling place of the living God.

Acclamation

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Lectionary Spirituality

Our First Reading from Sirach echoes traditional Jewish teachings concerning proper conduct. These verses say, "Remember who you are and who you are not." A wise person listens deeply with both the outer and inner ears. The wise person searches and allows the mystery to be a friend rather than a humiliating enemy which must be defeated or ignored. As water can subdue flames, generosity to the poor extinguishes the fire of past sins. These are instructive and practical. Keeping them remains a work in progress. Humility is gratitude which allows us to stay cool! Covering up or withdrawing is not being humble or shy; it is a prideful expression. What makes a person truly attractive is an interior athomeness, humility. Humility is truth in action, generosity in public, and joyfulness in being invited. In the Gospel, St. Luke has Jesus responding to an invitation to dine at a leading Pharisee's house on the Sabbath. The other invitees are watching quite specifically to trap him in violating their religious expectations - early forerunners of "Liturgical Police". During the meal, Jesus notices the pharisaical practices of these religious rigorists. They have been jockeying for places of honour (another prideful expression) and recognition. Jesus heightens their interest in him by relating a little parable that indicates their hypocrisy.

- 1. The Filipino Community of St. Anthony Parish, together with Sr. Anne will be doing an OUTREACH ACTIVITY at St. Vincent de Paul Home for the Elderly on the 9th October 2022. As part of their Fundraising activity, there will be a stall to sell various items outside the Church.
- 2. From Monday, August 29th 2022, the 11-day Annual Festival of Our Lady of Good Health will start at 11:30 noon with the blessing and hoisting of Our Lady's Flag with the Procession carrying Our Blessed Mother in a PALKHI leading to the Grotto with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Inaugural Prayers. Please maintain religious atmosphere and follow instructions.
- 3. The Special Novena to Our Lady of Good Health will be prayed after the Evening Mass in different languages starting from Tuesday, 30th August, 2022.
- 4. The parents who wish to enrol their children for Basic Catechism Classes, First Holy Communion Classes and Pre-Confirmation 1 & 2 Classes are requested to please visit the Parish Office to register the candidates by fulfilling the prerequisites. The Last date for Registration is Saturday, 3rd September 2022. Regular classes will start from Saturday, 10th September, 2022.
- 5. A Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul on September 10th and 11th, 2022. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and generously.
- 6. Admissions are open in St. Anthony's High School (Afternoon Shift). For information and details please contact the School Office.
- 7. We invite practicing Catholic Faithful from our Parish to give their names at the Parish Office latest by Saturday, 3rd September 2022, to join the Faith Formation Group. Those who will fulfil the required qualifications will be eligible to be part of the Group.
- 8. A Foreign Bank is looking for fresh graduates who would like to pursue their career in banking. For details kindly contact Marshall Fernandes.
- 9. The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season "Celebration" begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The theme for this year is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." May this season of prayer and action be a time to listen together to the Voice of Creation and join individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by biodiversity loss and climate change. And let us pray together the Prayer for the Earth by Pope Francis, (prayer card is found on the shelves in front of you). All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. AMEN!

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 41,530 Tuesday Collection Rs. 77,310

Next Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Take back Onesimus, no longer as a slave but as a much beloved brother.

Acclamation

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Luke 14:25-33

None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

سال کے دوران با کیسوال اتوار

واخله

اے خُداوند مُجھے پرر حم کر کیونکہ میں دن بھر تیرے آگے نالہ کر تار ہاہوں۔اس لئے کہ ٹُواے خُداوند نیک اور غفور ہے۔اوراپنے التجا کرنے والوں پر نہایت رحیم ہے۔ .

كملى الاوت اشعيا66: 18 - 21

وہ تمہارے سب بھائیوں کو تمام اقوام کے در میان سے لائیں گے۔

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تمام دُنیامیں جاکرانجیل کی منادی کرو۔

دوسرى الدت عيرانيول 12 : 5 - 7،11 - 13

خُداوند جس کو پیار کر تاہے اُس کی تادیب کر تاہے۔

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تمہارا باپ ایک ہی جو آسان آسان پرہے۔ تمہارامر شدایک ہی ہے یعنی المسیح۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس لو تا 13: 22- 30

مشرق اور مغرب سے لوگ ہئیں گے اور خُداکی باد شاہی کی ضیافت میں شریک ہوں گے۔

بإك شراكت كي آيت

اے خُداوند۔ تیری وہ مہر بانی کتنی عظیم ہے جو تُونے اپنے ڈرنے والوں کے لئے رکھ جھوڑی ہے۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. سینٹ انھونی پیرش کی فلپائنی کمیونٹی، سسٹراین کے ساتھ مل کر 9اکوبر 2022کو ڈرگ روڈ میں واقع بزرگوں کے گھر سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال کے لیے ایک امدادی پروگرام کرے گی۔اس کے لئےرقم جمع کرنے کے لئے آج سے ہر اتوار کو پاک ماس کے بعد مختلف اثنیاء فروخت کرنے کے لیے اسٹال لگایاجائے گا۔ اس نیک کام میں ضرور حصہ لیں۔
- 2. ویلنکانی کی مقدسہ ماں مریم خاتونِ شفاء کے 11 روزہ سالانہ عبادتی پروگرام کا آغاز بروز پیر29اگت کودو پہر 11:30 ببجے ہوگا۔ مقدسہ ماں مریم کے پرچم کی برکت اور لہرانے کی رسم ادا کی جائے گی نیز مقدسہ ماں مریم کو پاکھی میں عبادتی جلوس میں اقدس روزری کی عبادت کے ساتھ پہاڑی کی طرف لے جایا جائے گا اور خصوصی دُعائیں ادا کی جائیں گی۔
- 3. برائے مہربانی نوٹ کریں کہ خاتونِ شفاء کے نووینہ کا آغاز منگل،30اگست2022سے ہو گا۔ یہ ہر روز شام کی عبادت کے بعد مخلف زبانوں میں تقریباً 7:00 ادا کیا جائے گا۔
- 4. اتوار 11 اگست کو دوسری بار ہدیہ لیا جائے گا جو کہ سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال کے لیے ہے۔ اس سے پیرش کے ضرورت مندوں کی مدو کی جاتی ہے۔برائے مہربانی دل کھول کربدید دیں۔
 - 5. سینٹ انتھونی ہائی سکول (دوپہر کی شفٹ) میں داخلے جاری ہیں۔ داخلہ فارم حاصل کرنے اور مذید تفصیلات کے لیے براہ کرم سکول کے دفتر سے رجوع کریں۔
 - 6. ایک غیر ملکی بینک کوشے گریجویٹس جو بینکنگ میں اپنا کیریئر بناناچاہتے کی ضرورت ہے۔ تفصیلات کے لیے برائے مہر بانی مارشل فرنیندس سے رابطہ کریں۔
- 7. سیزن آف کری ایشن ایک سالانہ مسیحی جشن ہے جو کا نئات کی پکار کو ایک ساتھ سننے اور اس کا اختتام 4 اکتوبر کو مقدس فرانسس آف اسیسی جو کہ ماحولیات کے مربی ہیں کی عید پر پاپیہ تکلیمل کو پہنچتا ہے۔ اس ماہ کے دوران دنیاایک عالمگیر خاندان کے طور پر اپنی مشتر کہ درتی اور گھر لینی کا نئات کی حفاظت کرنے اور اس کی حفاظت کرنے کے لئے متحد ہوتے ہیں۔اس سال کا عنوان "تخلیق کی آواز کو سنو" ہے۔ آئیں ہم بھی دعااور اعمال سے اس میں حصہ لیں۔

آئدہ اتوار کی حلاوتیں سال کے دوران تنیئسواں اتوار

كلى الاوت عكمت 9: 13 - 18

خُداکی مرضی کو کون سمجھ سکتاہے؟

- 17، 14 - 12،6 - 3 :89 مارير

اے خُداوند تُوہی پشت در پشت ہماری پناہ گاہ رہاہے۔

دوسرى الاوت فليون 9-10، 12 - 17

أے پھر قبول كر۔ غلام كى طرح نہيں بلكہ بھائى كى طرح۔

تعره بم

مُبارک ہے تُواہے باپ۔ آسان اور زمین کے خُداوند۔ کہ تُونے باد شاہت کے راز محض جھوٹوں پر ظاہر کئے ہیں۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 14: 25- 33

تم میں ہے کوئی میراشا گرد نہیں ہو سکتاجب تک کہ وہ اپناسب کچھ ترک نہ کرے۔