

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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My Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the spirit of commitment and self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The spirit of self-sacrifice motivates one to do the unimaginable. This spirit made Jesus Christ give up everything, including his own life, for our sake. So, through this same spirit, we can become true disciples of Christ.

Today's First reading draws our attention to the depth of the wisdom of God. He alone knows his intentions for humanity. However, God has fully revealed this intention in Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself willingly to save us. So, it is the spirit of wisdom that helps us to penetrate the mystery of God's intention revealed in Jesus Christ. In this way, this mystery becomes spirit and life for us.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul sent back Onesimus to Philemon in the spirit of sacrifice. Although St. Paul needed Onesimus and had every right to retain him, he returned to his former master Philemon who equally needed him. Philemon also had to sacrifice something. He has to drop all his misgiving against Onesimus. So, St. Paul encouraged him to receive Onesimus as a brother rather than as a slave.

In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ invites us to imbibe his spirit of commitment and sacrifice in order to be his true disciples. He says, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife...and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." What does Jesus Christ mean by "hating"? He teaches and calls us to make a sacrifice and commit to our missions and calls.

Christ Jesus is not literarily calling us to hate the members of our family to be his disciples. He loved and obeyed his parents. Also, his mother, Mary, was one of his first and best disciples. So, we too must love members of our family. He is not in any way preaching the Gospel of hatred. Instead, he wants us to be more committed to his ministry. He wants us to be willing to sacrifice our comfort whenever duty calls. To be Jesus Christ's disciple means being ready to make sacrifices. Carrying our cross and following Christ Jesus also means subduing our own will in order to do his. That is, to be prepared to give up anything. Without commitment and sacrifice, we remain attached to our will and cannot be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Without it, we cannot see the needs of others.

Finally, commitment and sacrifice help us to give up anything to gain all. It disposes us to be better disciples of Jesus Christ. It helps us to be better husbands, wives, parents, and children. It helps us to be better leaders and even servants. In the spirit of commitment and sacrifice, the wisdom of God becomes fully alive and active in us. It also helps us deepen our trust in God's divine providence and protection. Hence, we can confidently proclaim: "O Lord, you have been my refuge from one generation to the next."

Arthur Charles
Parish Priest

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Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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.

2nd Reading

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.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Lectionary Spirituality

The Book of Wisdom does not have a high opinion of human reasoning. It usually gets us into trouble, creates problems, and divides people. Even well-educated people can hold opposing views and be in error. We are invited to seek the wisdom of God, which is not found in the media or in books. It is a gift of the Spirit of God. St. Paul appealed to Philemon to accept his runaway slave Onesimus back without punishment. But there was more: he wanted Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother in Christ. His whole attitude had to change. Today we are challenged in many ways to change the way we see and treat people who are different in many ways. Love is the answer. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus set very high standards for discipleship. One had to leave everything - even family and friends - to follow Jesus. He even says to hate your parents, friends, etc., but hate has a different meaning here. It means to have no regard for something - not to be overly concerned. Although demands are not as severe in our time, the point is still the same: the Lord must always come first in our life. If the Lord is first, the rest of our life will unfold in a spiritually fruitful way. Our relationship with Jesus must be as important as food, water, and breath. He is life itself.

Announcements

- 1. Due Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Good health and the Holy Mass in the main Church, there will be no evening Mass at Presbytery on Sunday, 4th September, 2022.
- 2. His Grace, Archbishop Benny Travas will preside over the Mass of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, September 8th, 2022. His Grace, will be welcomed at the main Gate of the Church at 5:45pm and the Holy Mass will start at 6pm. The Archbishop will also conclude the Novena to Our Lady of Good Health [Our Lady of Vailankanni].
- 3. The regular classes of Faith Formation will start from Saturday, 10th September, 2022.
- 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.
- 5. Admissions are open in St. Anthony's High School (Afternoon Shift). For information and details please contact the School Office.
- A Foreign Bank is looking for fresh graduates who would like to pursue their career in banking. For details kindly contact Marshall Fernandes.
- 7. Holy Family School of Nursing & Midwifery is offering admissions in 1st Year Nurse Midwifery Diploma Programme for Female Candidates. Closing date for submission of Forms is 10th September 2022. For further information please see the Church Notice Board.
- 8. 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). Allpowerful 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! Please take the Pray Card with you and recite it at home.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 42,250 Tuesday Collection Rs. 105,910

Next Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord changed his mind about the disaster he has planned to bring upon the people.

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11, 15,17

I will rise and go to my father.

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Acclamation

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Gospel Luke 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

سال کے دوران سینسواں اتوار

واخكه

اے خُداوند تُوعادل ہے اور تیری قضاراست ہے۔اپنے بندے سے اپنی نیکی کے مطابق سلوک کر۔

كلى الاوت عكمت 9: 13 – 18

خُداکی مرضی کو کون سمجھ سکتاہے؟

الا 89: 3- 14-12،6-3 الا 17، 14-12،6

اے خُداوند تُوہی پشت در پشت ہماری پناہ گاہر ہاہے۔

دوسرى الاوت فليون 9-10، 12 – 17

اُسے پھر قبول کر۔غلام کی طرح نہیں بلکہ بھائی کی طرح۔

نعره تمر

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

المجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 14: 25- 33

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

پاک شراکت کی آیت

جس طرح ہرنی پانی کی ندیوں کی جو یاہوتی ہے،ویسے ہی اے خُداوندمیری جان تیری مشتاق ہے۔میری روح خُدا کی زندہ خُدا کی پیاسی ہے۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. آرجی بشپ بنی ٹراوس جمعرات، 8 ستمبر، 2022 کو مقدسہ مال مریم کے یوم پیدائش کی سالانہ پاک ماس کی سینٹ انھونی چرچ میں صدارت کریں گے۔ براہ مہر بانی نوٹ کریں کہ پاک ماس سے پہلے، شام 5:45 بج، عزت مآب آرچ بشپ بنی ٹراوس کا گرجاگھر کے گیٹ پراستقبال کیا جائے گا۔ پاک ماس کے بعدوہ خاتون شفاء کے نوینہ کا اختیام کریں گے۔
- 2. 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 مدد کی جاتی ہے۔برائے مہر بانی دل کھول کر ہدیہ دیں۔
- 3. سینٹ انھونی ہائی سکول (دو پہر کی شفٹ) میں واضلے جاری ہیں۔واخلہ فارم حاصل کرنے اور مذید تفصیلات کے لیے براہ کرم سکول کے دفتر سے رجوع کریں۔
- 4. ایک غیر ملکی بینک کونے گریجویٹس جو بینکنگ میں اپنا کیریئر بناناچاہتے کی ضرورت ہے۔ تفصیلات کے لیے برائے مہر بانی مارشل فرنینڈس سے رابطہ کریں۔
- 5. ہولی قیملی سکول آف نرسنگ اینڈ مڈوائفری خواتین امیدواروں کے لیے پہلے سال نرس مڈوائفری ڈیلومہ پرو گرام میں داخلوں کی پیٹکش کر رہا ہے۔فارم جمع کرانے کی آخری تاریخ 10 ستمبر 2022 ہے۔مزید معلومات کے لیے براہ کرم چرچ نوٹس بورڈ دیکھیں۔
- 6. سیزن آف کری ایشن ایک سالانہ میسی جشن ہے جو کا نئات کی پکار کو ایک ساتھ سننے اور اس کا جواب دینے کے لیے کم ستمبر سے شروع ہوتا ہے اور اس کا اختتام 4 اکتوبر کو مقدس فرانسس آف اسیسی جو کہ ماحولیات کے مربی ہیں کی عید پر پاپیہ تکیمل کو پہنچتا ہے۔ اس ماہ کے دوران دنیا ایک عالمگیر خاندان کے طور پر اپنی مشتر کہ درتی اور گھر یعنی کا نئات کی حفاظت کے لیے دعا 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۔

آئندہ اتوار کی خلاو تیں

سال کے دوران چوبیسویں اتوار

ملى الدوت فروج 32: 7 - 11،13 - 14 - 14

خُداونداُس بدسلو کی سے جواس نے اپنی قوم سے کرنے کو کہا تھاڑک گیا۔

- 19، 17، 13 - 12،4 - 3 :50 مان

میں اُٹھ کراپنے باپ کے پاس جاؤں گا۔

دوسرى الاوت 1 تيوتاؤس 1: 12 - 17

مسيح يسوع اس وُنياميں آيا كه گنهگاروں كو بچائے۔

تعره تد

اے خُداوند ہمارے دل کھول کہ تیرے بیٹے کی باتیں کو قبول کریں۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس اوقا 15: 1- 32

ایک تائب گنهگار کے باعث آسان پر زیادہ خوشی ہوگ۔