

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,

In the Gospel Reading today Jesus Christ tells us that we cannot serve two masters. He goes even further to say that if we try to do so, we will either hate the one and love the other, or we will be devoted to one and despise the other. In the context of the reading, Our Lord addresses one of the most common false gods: money. He says explicitly, we cannot serve both God and mammon.

In every society, money is a necessity. By itself, money is not evil. However, St. James tells us that the love of money is the root of all evil. For our purposes, this means we must learn to keep guard over our hearts and minds because of we begin to put too much emphasis on money, we will begin doing other things that are not good in order to preserve the money we have or, more often, to increase the amount of money we have.

The First Reading gives us an example of something of which we can be aware. We hear about the Jewish people who, because of the Laws God had put forth, did not sell their goods on the Sabbath. However, it is obvious from the passage that they were not really interested in the Sabbath, they only followed the Law because they were required to do so. They were more interested in knowing the exact moment the Sabbath would be over so they could get back to the business of obtaining more

In our religious life we have completely ignored and rejected the Sabbath. Most people in business have made money the king of our world. When we see the people who have billions of monies manoeuvring and manipulating to get more, one must wonder how much they think they need. But, for some reason, they are not satisfied and they want more.

When it comes right down to it, one would have to say these people want more because this is the god they serve.

There is only one God, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading. There is also only one Mediator between us and God: the Lord Jesus Christ. We all know this to be true, but it is not a question of knowing the truth, it is a question of living the truth. Each person must choose whom they will serve. God has chosen to serve us which means He will do what is best for us. What is best is that we become the persons we were created to be and do what we were created to do. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and we are made to love and to be loved.

God loves us; therefore, He serves us. If we love properly, we will serve God and neighbour.

Let us remember, Our Lord said: You cannot serve two masters. Let us ask ourselves, who is my master? Whom will I serve?

> **Arthur Charles** Parish Priest

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Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

1st Reading

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord's word against those who buy the poor for silver.

Psalm

113:1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

2nd Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Let prayer be offered to God for all, for God wishes everyone to be saved.

Acclamation

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot serve God and wealth.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Lectionary Spirituality

Today's Gospel reading challenges us, as disciples of Jesus, to be: prudent and decisive. In the parable, Jesus praised the dishonest servant for recognising the critical situation and acting decisively. In today's context, we see how leaders of many countries act decisively and work hard to achieve their goals. Do we, as followers of Jesus, respond with the same enthusiasm in our responses to the calls of the Holy Spirit in our own realities? The steward/servant represents 'the children of the world' who know how to cope with situations. Their dishonest, shrewd, decisive and enthusiastic responses are contrasted with that of the disciples of Jesus. The first reading raised the question of injustice, especially in exploiting the weak and poor by dishonest means (Amos 8: 5-6). Obsession with money and power are obstacles to Christian growth in our relationship with God. These (money and power) are means and not an end to a challenging situation faced so often in our daily lives. Let us be reminded by the second reading as in 1 Tim 2:5: For there is one God and one mediator between God and men. We cannot give in to dishonesty and lying but are called to be teachers of true faith to all.

Announcements

- 1. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank the parishioners for their generous contribution of Rs. 40,360 towards the 2nd collection held on September 10 & 11, 2022.
- 2. Adhering to the urgent request of His Grace, Archbishop Benny Travas to show solidarity with the flood victims and people in need, we request our faithful to give their support – in kind or cash – for the affected families, in particular tents, shelter kits, food, hygiene and sanitary materials, nonperishable food products and clothes. Please note that whatever support will be received it will be handed over to the Diocesan Staff of Caritas in Karachi.
- 3. The National Catholic Institute of Theology Karachi is sending to us Brother Robinson Ashiq OFM-Cap and Brother Adil OMI both of Theology IV students for weekend Pastoral Work in our Parish. We welcome them and wish them a very fruitful and spiritual experience.
- 4. The Regional Council of Karachi of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 25th, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church at 9am to be celebrated by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Coutts.
- 5. St. Anthony's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Mini Food Fair on October 1 & 2, 2022 on the Church grounds. The proceeds generated will be used towards the works of the Society. Please patronize.
- 6. There will be a Mass for Filipino Community on September 25th, 2022, in the morning at 9 O'clock at Presbytery Chapel located at Plot #18, CL - 8 Civil Lines Qtrs, Belgrave, Terrace Road, Behind Bristol Hotel. The Mass will be officiated by Fr. Reynel Tanalgo, a Mill Hill Missionary. For details please contact Sr. Anne Carbon.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 41,350 Tuesday Collection Rs. 22,100

Next Sunday

1st Reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The carousing of those at ease will pass away: they will head the line of exiles.

Psalm

146:6-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As you await our Lord's return in glory, keep his commandments perfectly.

Acclamation

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

You received good things, but Lazarus received evil: now he is comforted, while you are in agony.

سال کے دوران پھیمیواں اتوار

واخله

خُداوند فرماتا ہے۔اُمت کا بچانے والا میں ہی ہوں۔وہ کیسے بھی ؤکھ میں مجھے پکاریں میں اُن کی سُنوں گا۔ میں ہمیشہ کے لئے اُنہی کا خُداوندر ہوں گا۔

كيلى الاوت عاموس 8:4-7

اُن کے خلاف جومسکین کوروپید کے لئے خریدتے ہیں۔

- 8-4·2-1 :112 ما

خُداوند کی حمر کر وجو مسکین کواُٹھالیتاہے۔

ووسرى الاوت 1 يموتاؤس 2: 1 - 8

خُداکے حضور ہرایک کے لئے دُ عائیں کی جائیں جو کہ چاہتاہے کہ سب آدمی نجات پائیں۔

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خُداوند فرماتاہے۔راہ اور حق اور زندگی میں ہوں۔میرے وسلے کے بغیر باپ کے پاس کوئی نہیں آسکتا۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 16: 1- 13

تمَ خُدااور دولت دونول کی غلامی نہیں کر سکتے۔

بإك شراكت كي آيت

تُونے اپنے قواعد اس لئے دیے ہیں کہ جی جان سے مانے جائیں۔ کاش میری راہیں ایسی مستقل ہوں کی میں تیرے قوانین کومانوں۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. گزشتہ اتوار سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال سوسائٹی کے لیے ہدیہ لیا گیاتھا جے سے 40,360 روپے حاصل ہوئے ہیں۔ان سے پیرش کے ضرورت مندافراد کی مدد کی جاتی ہے۔
- 2. سلاب زدگان اور ضرورت مندلوگوں کے ساتھ اظہار بیجہتی کے لیے عزت مآب آرچ بشپ بینی ٹراواس کی تاکیدی اپیل پر عمل کرتے ہوئے، ہم اپنے ایمان داروں سے درخواست کرتے ہیں کہ وہ متاثرہ خاندانوں کے لیے خیموں، شیلٹر کٹس، خوراک، حفظان صحت اور سینیٹری اشیاء، خراب نہ ہونے والی کھانے کی مصنوعات، کپڑے یا نقدی عطیہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ براہ کرم نوٹ کریں کہ جو بھی تعاون ملے گااسے کراچی میں کاریتاس کے ڈاپو سسین اسٹاف کے حوالے کردیا حائے گا۔
- 3. نیشنل کا تھولک انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف تھیولو جی-کراچی نے تھیالو جی کے آخری سال کے دوطالب علموں برادررو بنسن عاشق، او ایف ایم-کیپ اور برادر عادل او ایم آئی کو ہمارے پیرش میں ہفتے وار پاسٹر ل ورک اور تعلیم و تربیت کے لیے بھیجا ہے۔ہم ان کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہیں اور دعا گو ہیں کہ ہمارے در میان اُن کا وقت نہایت مفیداور روحانی تجربے سے بھر پور بسر ہو۔
- 4. کراچی کی ریجنل کونسل آف دی سوسائٹی آف سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال 25 ستمبر 2022 کوسینٹ انھونی چرچ میں صبح 9 بجے سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال کی عزت میں خصوصی یاک ماس ادا کرے گی جس کی قیادت نقدس مآب کارڈنیل جوزف کوٹس کریں گے۔
- 5. سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال سوسائٹ کی سینٹ انھونی کا نفرنس کیم اور 2اکتوبر 2022کوچر چے کے احاطے میں ایک منی فوڈ فیئر کاانعقاد کررہی ہے۔ اس سے حاصل ہونے والی آمدنی سوسائٹ کے فلاحی کاموں میں استعال کی جائے گی۔ برائے مہربانی اس میں ضرور شرکت کریں۔

آئندہ اتوار کی خلاو تیں

سال کے دوران حصبیبواں اتوار

ميلي الاوت عاموس 6: 1، 4 - 7

جُوا پنی مندوں پر دراز ہوتے ہیں بلند آ واز سے گاتے اور دراز ہوتے ہیں جلاو طن کئے جائیں گے۔

رير 145: 6 – 10 ·

اے میری جان خُداوند کی حمد کر۔ ہمیلیلویاہ

دوسرى الدوت 1 يموائل 6: 11 - 16

جن باتوں کی تھے تاکید کی گئی ہے اُن پر خُداوند کے ظاہر ہونے تک عمل کر۔

نعره حمد

خُداکاکلام زندہاور موثر ہے اور قلب کے خیالوں اور ارادوں کو بھی جانچتا ہے۔

المجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 16: 19- 31

تواپنی زندگی میں اچھی چیزیں حاصل کر چکا۔اُسی طرح لعزر بُری چیزیں۔اب وہ تسلی پا تاہے اور تُوٹر پتاہے۔