

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,

Today's readings, like those of last Sunday, invite us to continue our reflection on the dangers of riches. In our First Reading, the Prophet Amos vividly describes and roundly condemns the self-indulgent life-style of the wealthy. He identifies their basic sin as indifference. They do not care about the afflictions of the poor or about the imminent attack on the land of Israel by a foreign power [Assyria] as long as they can live in the lap of luxury. The prophet reminds them that their wealth will not save them from impending disaster.

In the Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus Christ recounts a familiar rich man/poor man's account. In the parable as told by Jesus Christ, the poor man has a name, Lazarus, which means 'God will help', whereas the rich man has no name. Usually, it is the poor who are nameless, while the rich have names, glamour, fame and fortune. Furthermore, the fortunes of Lazarus and the rich man are reversed. The final destiny of Lazarus is to be 'carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham', whereas the rich man ends up 'in torment in Hades' (Luke 16:22-23).

Like Amos, Jesus pinpoints indifference as the basic sin of the rich man. Cushioned by his lavish life-style, he is utterly oblivious to the presence of the poor man at his gate, starving and 'covered with sores' (Luke 16:20). He fails to see Lazarus as a fellow human, a brother, in dire need. The worlds of the rich and poor can exist side by side but never meet.

Indifference is the cardinal sin of those whose wealth blinds them to the sufferings and deprivations of the poor. It should be counted among the capital sins as it lies at the root of so many other sins of neglect. Indifference is truly a deadly sin - a sin from which it is almost impossible to recover.

This parable is particularly relevant to our time, when the gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow. We cannot be indifferent to the poverty around us. We are our sisters' and brothers' keepers. As St. John Chrysostom, that great champion of the poor, reminds us, we cannot celebrate the presence of Christ in the Eucharist without serving him present in the poor: 'Do not pretend to honour Christ in the Church while you neglect him outside where he is cold and naked'.

This week, let us pray for each other that we will have the grace and strength to remain centred on Jesus Christ. May our prayer life lead us to respond with compassionate action to the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers especially those who are suffering due to the recent rains and floods. Let us ask the Lord today to make us more aware of his presence in the poor and to open our hearts in response to their needs.

> **Arthur Charles** Parish Priest

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (C)

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

1<sup>st</sup> 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!

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## **Lectionary Spirituality**

Today the readings invite us to step back and look at the bigger picture: "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Tim. 6:12). What leads to eternal life? Amos, a prophet of social justice, warned the Israelites: that feasting on the best foods and lazily lounging each day would not lead to good. Amos encouraged people to work honestly and care for people in need. The Gospel describes heaven and hell more directly. The rich man in the story did not kill anyone; was it really fair that he went to hell? The rich man's selfish concern for only himself; his cold heart towards others led him to hell. Jesus invites us to have compassion for people who are suffering. We are to act while there is still time— share with the people around us who are in need. Yet, giving from our limited time and finances is risky; it may make us feel insecure. When we choose to help, however, we choose to love someone. We are doing what leads to eternal life. Instead of a gap, there is a relationship. Jesus makes it clear: helping even one person in need makes a big difference.

#### **Announcements**

- 1. Every October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for the protection she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. We encourage our faithful to set aside time to pray the Holy Rosary daily as a family.
- 2. Members of Legion of Mary of our Parish are planning to have communitarian recitation of the Holy Rosary in different Apartments. They will draw up a plan and inform you about the day, date and time in advance. Please cooperate with the.
- 3. A Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul on October 8th and 9th, 2022. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and generally.
- 4. On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 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 the Holy Mass followed by Benediction.
- 5. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 5:00pm there will be Holy Hour, Benediction and Novena Prayers in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ followed by Holy Mass.
- 6. 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, non-perishable 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.
- 7. We gracefully acknowledge the initiative of Ms. Judy Lucas and her family who on last Sunday had put-up Homemade-Food-Stall to generate Funds for people affected by recent rain and floods. Rs. 37,000 has been deposited in the Bank Account at the Archbishop's House.

#### Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 43,430 Tuesday Collection Rs. 78,850

## **Next Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Acclamation

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the good news.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith the size of a mustard seed.

# سال کے دوران چھبیسوال اتوار

#### واخله

اے خُداوند جو کچھ تُوہم پرلایاہے اور ہم سے کیاہے تُونے عدل وصداقت سے کیاہے۔ کیونکہ ہم نے تُجھ سے روُ گردانی کرکے گناہ کیا تھا۔ ہم نے تیرے عکوں کو نہیں ماناتھا۔ پس اپنے نام کا جلال ظاہر کراور اپنی انتہائی رحمت کے مطابق ہم سے سلوک کر۔

كيلى الاوت عاموس 6: 1، 4-7

جُوا پنی مندوں پر دراز ہوتے ہیں بلند آوازے گاتے اور دراز ہوتے ہیں جلاوطن کئے جائیں گے۔

- 10-6:145 A)

امے میری جان خُداوند کی حمد کر۔ میلیلویاہ

ووسرى طاوت 1 يحوتاؤس 6: 11 - 16

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

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خُد اکا کلام زندہ اور مو ثرہے اور قلب کے خیالوں اور اراد ول کو بھی جانچتا ہے۔

الجل مقدس مقدس لوقا 16: 19- 31

تواین زندگی میں اچھی چیزیں حاصل کر چکا۔ اُسی طرح لعزر بُری چیزیں۔اب وہ تسلی پاتاہے اور تُوتڑپتاہے۔

پاک شراکت کی آیت

اے خُداونداُس کلام کویاد کر جو تُونے اپنے بندے سے کیاہے اور جس سے تُونے اُمید دلائی ہے۔میری مُصیبت میں یہی میرے لئے تسلی کا باعث ہے۔

# غوروخوض

### اعلانات

- 1. ہر سال ماہ اکتوبر کواقد س روزری کے لیے وقف کیا جاتا ہے، بنیادی طور پر اس لیے کہ اس ماہ کی 7 تاریخ کو اقد س روزری کی عید منائی جاتی ہے۔ یہ مقدسہ مال مریم کی عزت واحترام اور اُس تحفظ کے لئے جو پاک روزری پڑھنے سے حاصل ہوتا ہے کی یاد میں بھی منائی جاتی ہے۔ہم اپنے ایمانداروں کی حوصلہ افٹرائی کرتے ہیں کہ وہ خاص طور پر اس ماہ میں خاندان کے طور پر روزانہ اقد س روزری پڑھنے کے لیے وقت نکالیں۔
  - 2. کیماکتو بر بروز ہفتہ کوخاتونِ والنکنی کی عقیدت میں اسٹلاماریس چرچ میں شام 5:45 بجاقدس روزری اور پاک ماس کے بعد یو خرستی سجدہ ادا کیا جائے گا۔
- 3. جمعہ 8 اکتوبر شام 5 بجے ہمارے اس گرجا گھر میں خداوند یموع مسے کے اقدس دل کی عزت میں دعائیں ادا کی جائیں گی جس کا اختتام پاک ماس سے ہو گا۔
- 4. اتوار 9 اکتوبر کو دوسری بار ہدمیہ 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 ہدمید دیں۔
- 5. سیلاب زدگان اور ضرورت مندلوگوں کے ساتھ اظہار پیجبتی کے لیے 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 نفذی عطیہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ براہ کرم نوٹ کریں کہ جو بھی تعاون ملے گااہے کراچی میں کاریتاس کے ڈاپو سسین سٹاف کے حوالے کر دیاجائے گا۔
- 6. ہم محترمہ جو ڈی لو قس (Judy Lucas) اور ان کے خاندان کے تہہ دل سے شکریہ ادا کرتے ہیں جنہوں نے گزشتہ اتوار کو حالیہ بار شوں اور سیاب سے متاثرہ لوگوں کے لیے فنڈز جمع کرنے کے لیے ہوم میڈ فوڈاسٹال (Home-Made-Food-Stall) لگایاتھا۔اس سے اُنہوں نے مبلغ 37,000 روپے حاصل کئے اور پیرش ہاؤس میں جمع کروائے۔ یہ رقم آرچ بشے ہاؤس میں فلڈریلیف فنڈ کے لئے قائم کیے گئے بینک اکاؤنٹ میں جمع کر وی گئی ہے۔

## آسیده اتوار کی خلاو تیں

# سال کے دوران ستا کیسوال اتوار

يلى الاوت حبقوق 1: 2 − 3، 2:2 − 4

ایمان سے صادق زندہ رہے گا۔

دير 9-6،2-1 :94 -

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دوسرى تلاوت 2 تيوتاؤس 1: 6 - 8،13 - 13

ہمارے خُدواند کی گواہی دینے سے کبھی نہ شرما۔

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اے خُداوند تیرے تمام قواعد پائیدار ہیں۔اور ابداآلاد تک قائم رہتے ہیں۔

تجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 17: 5- 10

كاش تم ميں ايمان ہو تا۔