

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. St. Anthony of Padua

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# ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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## **CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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My Dear Parishioners,

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The readings for this Sunday focus on conversion and repentance. The First Reading reminds us that God's Almighty power includes his strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return.

In the Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and his compassion covers all that he has made. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Jesus Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work in them so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians.

The Gospel presents the event of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Saviour, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution.

The Lord Jesus Christ showed to all of the people, as well as all of us through his interactions with Zaccheus that no one is beyond God's mercy and love. Zaccheus did not just welcome Jesus Christ but he also publicly announced before everyone assembled, the Lord himself, the other people, and the same Pharisees and the teachers of the Law who were there criticising Jesus Christ for welcoming and embracing him, that he would return all those whom he had once cheated and treated unjustly, not just equal but more than what they have been owed by him. He essentially made a public declaration of faith and repentance from his sins, and made a public commitment to be faithful to God, before all the people.

That is what the key of God's mercy and compassion, forgiveness and grace is all about. God is always ever merciful and generous with his compassion, and he is always ready to welcome us back to his embrace. Even the worst of sinners and all those whom we might have deemed unworthy or undeserving of salvation and God's grace, are in fact recipients of his love and mercy.

May all of us as God's people, as his Church, and as those who are called as Christians, be the genuine followers and disciples of God, in all of our lives and actions. May all of us remain humble and concerned for our fellow brethren in faith, at all times, so that we may always work together to glorify God through our lives and actions. Amen!

> **Arthur Charles** Parish Priest

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - (C)

# **Entrance Antiphon**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

1st Reading

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

You are merciful to all, for you love all things that exist.

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in you, and you in him.

#### Acclamation

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.

### **Communion Antiphon**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

# **Lectionary Spirituality**

God is the "lover of life", says the author of Wisdom. This insight marks a kind of transition in the passage we read today. The first part of the passage deals more with the physical world of which the human race is a part. The author wishes us to consider how small our great and wonderful universe is compared to God's infinity: it is like a speck of dust or a drop of morning dew. The real greatness of our universe is not its physical size but the fact that God loves it, for He loves all that exists. For us, God's infinite greatness is His forgiving and everlasting love.

When he acknowledges God as the "lover of life", the author turns to our spiritual reality with the words "whose imperishable spirit is in all". He thus re-formulates the doctrine of Genesis – that we are created in God's image and likeness, and sums up the doctrine that all life comes from God. As God's spirit, breathed into us at our creation, is imperishable, so our soul is immortal.

#### Announcements

- O1 The Legion of Mary of our Parish is organizing the closing of the Month of the Rosary on Monday, October 31. The recitation of the Holy Rosary and the procession will start at 5:30pm at the Grotto of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The children and their parents, who have received the First Holy Communion this year, are invited to take active part in it. The children are requested to come in the First Holy Communion attire. For further information, please contact the members of the Legion of Mary.
- 02 Please note that the Masses on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be at 6 O'clock in the morning and 4, 5 & 6 O'clock in the evening.
- 03 Throughout the Month of November a Box will be placed near the Altar of the Word of God in which you may put your Mass Intentions along with the Stipend. Kindly note that the Intentions will not be announced at the beginning of the Masses rather they will be placed close to the Altar of the Holy Eucharist.
- 04 On All Souls Day [2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022] His Grace, Archbishop Benny Travas will celebrate a Solemn Mass at the Christian Cemetery [Gora Qabaristan]. Before the Mass, Holy Rosary will be recited which will be followed by Hamd-o-Sana. Holy Mass will start at 4pm. You may give the Mass Intentions; however, they will not be announced. We will place them close to the Altar of the Holy Eucharist. Offerings will be taken to meet the expenses etc. Please carry with you a bottle of water. His Grace, Archbishop Benny Travas at the close of the Mass will bless the water, which you can use to sprinkle on the graves of your deceased dear ones.
- 05 On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 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.
- 06 On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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.
- 07 The Little Friends of Jesus will present Carols of the Season, on Sunday, December 18, 2022 from 6:30pm onwards at St. Anthony's Church premises. Children ages 3 17 years are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held on every Saturday at 4:15pm, commencing from Saturday, 5th November 2022. For Registrations please contact Erum Gonsalves, Nadeeka Francis and Alidia Fernandes. For booking stalls please contact Rosemary D' Silva or any member of the COTS team.
- 08 The Filipino Community of our Parish will have Holy Mass at the Presbytery on 6th November 2022 at 9am. The Mass will be officiated by Fr. Louie Ybanez, a Columban Missionary.
- 09 St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish is organizing a Food and Fun Fair on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 from 10:30am to 3:30pm on the Grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Entry is free. Kindly patronise the event.
- 10 The heads and members of our Church Groups and all those interested to take part actively in preparing and giving spiritual and aesthetic atmosphere in the Church and the Compound for the Solemnity of Christ the King, Advent and Christmas Time, please attend a meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
- 11 A Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and open-handedly.
- 12 The A-Team of our Parish will hold Bake-Sale on Sunday, November 13, 2022 after each Mass.

#### Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 58,780 Tuesday Collection Rs. 75,545

#### **Next Sunday**

#### 1st Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life.

#### **Psalm**

17:1, 5-6, 8,15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

May the Lord strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

#### Acclamation

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Gospel

Luke 20:72 - 38 He is not God of the dead, but God of the living.

# سال کے دوران اکتیسواں اتوار

وافل

اے خُداوند مجھے نہ چھوڑ، اے میرے خُدام بھے سے دُور نہ رہ، اے خُداوند اے میری نجات میری مدد کے لئے جلدی کر۔

الله الله والله علمت 11: 12،22: 2

تُوسب پررحم كرتام كيونكه تُوسب چيزول پرمهربان ہے۔

14-13-11-8-2-1 :144)

اے میرے خُدا باد شاہ میں تیرے نام کو مُبارک کہتار ہوں گا۔

دوسرى تلاوت 2 تىالونىكيون 1: 11 - 2:2

مسے کا نام تُم میں جلال پائے گااور تُمُ اُس میں۔

نعره يم

اے خُداہم تیری تعریف کرتے ہیں۔ ہم مجھے اپناخُداوند تسلیم کرتے ہیں۔ رسولوں کی جلالی جماعت،اے خُداوند تیری تعریف کرتی ہے۔

المجيل مقدس مقدس لو تا 19: 1- 10

ابن انسان اس لئے آیاہے کہ کھوئے ہوئے کوڈھونڈے اور بچائے۔

پاک شراکت کی آیت

اے خُداوند۔ تُومجھ کوزندگی کی راہ بتائے گا، نیز اپنے حضور میں خوشی کی بھر پُوری اور اپنے دہنے ہاتھ پر دائمی سُر ور دلائے گا۔

# غوروخوض

### اعلانات

- 1. برائے مہربانی نوٹ فرمائیں 2 نومبر بروزبدھ وار تمام مرحوم ایمانداروں کے یوم یادگار پر ہمارے اس گھرجا گھر میں پاک ماس صبح 6 بجے اور شام4، 5 اور6 بجے ہوگی۔
- 2. تمام مرحوم ایمانداروں کے یوم یادگار پر مسیحی قبرستان[ گورا قبرستان] میں آرچ بشپ بنی ٹراؤس شام 3 بجے پاک ماس ادا کریں گے۔ قبل از پاک ماس اقد س روزری کی عبادت ہوگی۔ بعد ازاں حمد و ثناء کی جائی گی۔ آپ دعائے مغفرت کے لئے اپنے عزیروں کے نام لکھوا سکتے ہیں۔ تاہم بیہ نام پاک ماس سے پہلے نہیں پکارے جائیں گے بلکہ ان کواقد س یو خرست کے الطار کے سامنے رکھا جائے گا۔ اپنے ساتھ پانی کی بوتل ضرور لائیں۔ پاک کے اختتام سے پہلے آر پ بشپ نینی ٹرواس پانی کو ہرکت دیں گے جسے آپ اینے عزیروں کی آرام گاہوں پر چھڑ کنے کے لئے استعمال کر سکتے ہیں۔
- 3. 4 نومبر بروزجمعہ شام5بج ہمارے اس گرجا گھر میں خداوند یسوع مسیح کے اقدس دل کی عزت میں دعائمیں ادا کی جائیں گی جس کا اختتام پاک ماس سے ہو گا۔
- 4. ہفتہ 5 نومبر کوخاتونِ والنکنی کی عقیدت میں اسٹلاماریس چرچ میں شام 45:5 بجے اقدس روزری اور پاک ماس کے بعد یو خرستی سجدہ ادا کیا جائے گا۔
- 5. سینٹ پیٹر کس کمیتھیڈرل پیرش کی انتظامیہ اتوار، 6 نومبر 2022 کو صبح 10:30 بجے سے دوپہر 3:30 بجے تک سینٹ پیٹرک کمیتھیڈرل کے گراؤنڈز پرایک تفریخی میلے کااہتمام کررہی ہے۔ داخلہ مفت ہے۔ برائے مہر ہانی اس میں بھر پور حصہ لیں۔
- 6. ہم اپنی کلیسیا کے تمام گروپس اور ممبران اور اُن افراد کو جو خُداوند یسوع مسیح کل کائنات کے بادشاہ، آمد اور کر سمس کی تیاری اور گرجا گھر اور کمپاؤنڈ کی روحانی اور جمالیاتی ماحول پیش کرنے میں حصہ لینا چاہتے ہیں اُن سے درخواست ہے کہ وہ بروز ہفتہ 12 نومبر شام 7 بجے پیرش ہال میں ایک اہم میٹنگ میں ضرور شرکت کریں۔
- 7. اتوار 13 نومبر 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 مہربانی دل کھول کر ہدیید دیں۔

# آئدہ اتوار کی حلاوتیں سال کے دوران بتیسواں اتوار

كلى الدت 2 كايول 7: 1-2، 9-14

شاہ کو نین ہمیں ابدی زندگی کے لئے زندہ کرے گا۔

- 15.8.6 - 5.1 :16.k)

اے خُداوند میں تیرے دیدارے سیر ہوں گا۔

ووسرى طاوت 2 تالونكيول 2: 16 -3: 5

خُداوند تمہارے دلول کوہرایک نیک کام اور کلام میں مضبوط کرے۔

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اے خُداوند تیرے قواعد دل کو مسرور کرنے والے ہیں وہ آٹکھیں کوروشن کرتے ہیں۔

المجل مقدس مقدس لو 20: 27- 38

وہ مرردوں کاخُدانہیں بلکہ زندوں کا ہے۔