

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

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Third Sunday od Advent - [Gaudete Sunday] (A) | December 11, 2022 | 150/2022 - 21-20

My Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the Third Sunday in the Time of Advent, which is also known as the Gaudete Sunday. This comes from the opening Antiphon of this Sunday's Mass, 'Rejoice in the Lord always...' which reminds us of the aspect of Joy that we focus on in this Sunday's celebration. We rejoice because of the great joy and happiness in the coming of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In our First Reading today, we heard from the Book of the prophet Isaiah of God speaking to his people reminding all of them not to be fearful or afraid anymore, and that God will give them rest and new strength, freedom from their hardships and troubles, and they will return once again to Zion, singing and rejoicing because God is with them and that their days of trials and struggles are over.

That is also what we heard in our Second and Gospel Reading passages today, as St. James detailed upon us all in his Epistle the reminder for all of us the faithful, that God is coming again in glory, at the time of his choosing, and we ought to look up to him and be hopeful, as well as being patient, awaiting for his coming and return to our midst, while being reassured of his ever continued presence and love for us.

Our Gospel passage today reminds us that the Lord himself has come into this world, to fulfil all the promises that he has made to us, to redeem us, to heal us from our sickness, maladies, and most importantly, the bondage and shackles of sin and death that have kept us apart from him.

As we focus our attention this Sunday on the more joyful aspect of our Advent observance, we ought to keep in mind that the true joy of Christmas is not referring to all the celebrations, festivities, merrymaking and all the things that we commonly associated as the joyful celebration of Christmas. Instead, we celebrate and rejoice, because our great Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ is the one whom God had sent into our midst.

Let us not forget that there are some among our sisters and brothers who are not truly able to celebrate Christmas with joy. There are those who do not have the means to celebrate because of their various hardships and challenges in life. There are those who cannot even make ends meet each day and less still the ability to celebrate. In whatever way we can do, let us help them either spiritually or in material, through our prayers and charity, and also by sharing the joy that we have, so that through us, our less fortunate sisters and brothers may also experience the Joy of Christ in Christmas.

May God bless us all in our every good endeavours, our efforts, actions and works, and bless our Advent preparations and observances - Amen!

> **Arthur Charles** Parish Priest

Third Sunday of Advent [Gaudete Sunday] - (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Here is your God, who will come and save you.

Psalm 146:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

2nd Reading James 5:7-10

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Acclamation

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Lectionary Spirituality

Dry, barren, and harsh describe the desert. In our lives, there are also desert spaces. Spiritual emptiness because prayer is dry. Emotional desolateness because loved ones hurt us. Wasted hopes because we've squandered Godgiven opportunities. We avoid these wastelands within us. We fill them with anything and everything to mask these deserts, distract our gaze elsewhere and numb us from confronting them. Perhaps this describes our Advent thus far - busy with Christmas preparations like present shopping, house decorating, choir caroling and much more. What about preparing ourselves spiritually to welcome baby Jesus? Today's readings insist we enter our desert spaces. There, God will prepare us spiritually for Jesus' coming. He will do for us what He did through John the Baptist for the crowds in the wilderness - point all to Jesus' coming and renew their hearts for Him. God wants to do the same for us with Jesus' coming. The parched land within us will bloom. The sickness we have will be healed. The fear we dread will lessen. The brokenhearted will be restored. With God, the wastelands within us are surprisingly grace-filled spaces for God to re-create us anew in Jesus. Advent cannot be about busying ourselves for Christmas; it distracts. Advent begins when we return within ourselves; there, God has already birthed Jesus in us. This truth is outrageous but joyful. This is why we must wait expectantly for Jesus' coming: he is God-with-us, now and at Christmas.

Announcements

- St. Anthony's Parish Charismatic Group is arranging Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, 13th December, 2022 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Fr. Benjamin Mushtaq will lead the Service. Everyone is most welcome to join.
- 2. The Blessing and Lighting of the Christmas Stars and the Christmas Trees will take place on Saturday, December 17, 2022 after the Evening Mass. The ceremony will include Carol Music and Singing by our different Choirs. All the Parish Groups are requested to be present for the programme. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to take part in the event.
- 3. A Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul on December 17th and 18th, 2022. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and open-heartedly!
- 4. The Little Friends of Jesus presents Carol's of the Season. Please join us in welcoming baby Jesus and experience the spirit of Christmas on 18th December at 7pm. Your presence will be a source of encouragement for the children. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and with Faith Formation Teachers for Rs 200 only.
- 5. The Advent Penance Service with the Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 21st starting at 5:30pm here in the main Church in English. Rev. Fr. James Borg will facilitate the faithful. Whereas, at Stella Maris Church, on Thursday, December 22nd Rev. Fr. Shahzad Peter will conduct Penitential Service and Holy Mass at 6pm. There will be a couple of Priests available for Confessions. Please let us seize the opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus Christ's Nativity.
- The A-Team of the Parish invites you to a Bonfire on Wednesday, 21st December 2022 at the Church Ground from 7pm to 11pm. For stall kindly contact the A-team. All are invited!
- 7. St. Anthony's Church Christmas Tree Party will be held on Thursday, 22 December 2022 after 6pm Mass. Tickets are available with Rosemary D'Silva, Maria Lucy Campos and Celine Vaz. Last date for giving your names is 18 December 2022. For further details please see the notice board.
- 8. The Catechism School Teachers [formally known as Sunday School] are organizing a Christmas Party for Children and their parents on Thursday, 29th December 2022 after the Evening Mass. The entry is with a Ticket. The last day to obtain the Ticket is Tuesday, 27th December 2022. For further details please contact Ms. Mariam Gulzar, Ms. Eurm Samson and Mr. Saleem Nawab.
- Admissions are open for Class I in St. Anthony's High School [Morning Shift] for the Academic Year 2023 – 2024. For details, please see the Church Notice Board.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 43,425 Tuesday Collection Rs. 100,540

Next Sunday

Forth Sunday of Advent

Lst Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Look, the virgin is with child.

Psalm

24:1-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.

Acclamation

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

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(شادمانی کااتوار)

واخل

خُدوند میں خوشی کرو۔ دوبارہ کہتا ہوں خوشی کرو۔ کیونکہ خُداوند نزدیک ہے۔

كلى الاوت اشعيا35: 1-6،61

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ووسرى الاوت يعقوب 5: 7 - 10

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رُوحِ خُداوند مجھے پر ہے۔اُس نے مجھے بھیجاہے کہ مسکینوں کوخوش خبر یادُوں۔

الجيل مقدس مقدس متى 11: 2- 11

کیاجو آنے والاہے تُوہی ہے یاہم کسی اور کی راہ دیکھیں۔

ماک شراکت کی آیت

کم ہمتوں سے کہدوو کہ خوصلہ کریں اور گھبرائیں نہیں۔ کیونکہ ہماراخُداآنے کو ہے جو ہمیں نجات دے گا۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. سینٹ انتھونی پیرش کاکاتھولک کیرز مینک گروپ منگل 13د سمبر 2022 کوشام 7:00 سے رات9:00 بجے تک اقدس یو خرست کے سجدہ کی عبادت کااہتمام کررہا ہے۔فادر بیجیمن مشاق عبادت کی قیادت کریں گے۔آپ سب کوشر کت کی وعوت ہے۔
- 2. کرسس سٹارزاور کرسمسٹری کی برکت 17 دسمبر 2022 بروزہفتہ شام کی پاک ماس کے بعد ہوگی۔ تقریب میں ہماری مختلف کوائرز آمد کے ایام اور کرسس کے گیت بیش کریں گا۔ تمام گروپس اپنی شرکت یقین بنایں۔ریفریشنٹ پیش کی جائے گا۔تقریب میں شرکت کے لیے ہر کسی کا خیر مقدم ہے۔
- اتوار 18 دسمبر 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 ہانی دل کھول کر ہدیہ دیں۔
- 4. دی الل فرینڈز آف جیززاس سال بھی کیرول آف دی سیزن پیش کر رہے ہیں۔اس پروگرام میں آپ بھی شامل ہو بچے یہوع کو خوش آمدید کہیں اور اُس کا استقبال کرنے کے لئے تیاری کریں۔ پروگرام 18 دسمبر کوشام 7 بج شروع ہوگا۔ نیز آپ کی موجود گی بچوں کے لیے حوصلہ افزائی کا باعث ہوگا۔ ٹکٹ پیرش آفس اور فیتھ فار میشن ٹیچر زہے صرف200ر ویے میں دستیاب ہیں۔
- خداوند یموع میے کے مجمم کی عید کی روحانی تیاری کے لئے سینٹ انتھونی چرچ میں بروز بدھ 21 دسمبر 2022اور اسٹلا ماریس چرچ میں بروز جعرات، 22د سمبر 2022 کو شام 5:30 بیج اعتراف کا ساکرامنٹ حاصل کرنے کی خصوصی عبادت ادا کی جائے گی جس کا اختتام پاک ماس سے ہو گا۔ ریورنڈ فارد جیمزبورج سینٹ انھونی چرچ میں جبکہ اسٹا ماریس چرچ میں ریورنڈ فادر شہزاد پیٹرعبادت کی قیادت کریں۔ آپ سب سے شرکت کی درخواست کی جاتی ہے۔
- 6. کیٹی کیزم سکول کے اساتذہ (جو پہلے سٹڈے اسکول کے نام سے جانا جاتا تھا) جعرات 29 دسمبر 2022 کو شام کی پاک ماس کے بعد بچوں اور ان کے والدین کے لیے کرسمس پارٹی کااہتمام کررہے ہیں۔ داخلہ کے لئے ٹکٹ لازمی ہے۔ ٹکٹ حاصل کرنے کاآخری دن 27 دسمبر 2022 بروز منگل ہے۔ مزید تفصیلات کے لیے برائے مہر بانی محتر مہ مریم گلزار ، محتر مهارم سمسن اور مسٹر سلیم نواب سے رابطہ کریں۔
- 7. سینٹ انھونی جا کلڈ کیئر سنٹر میں 2024 2023 کے لئے زسری، KG-1اور GK-2 میں جنوری 2023 میں نئے داخلے ہوں گے۔داخلہ فارم 16،17اور 18 جنوری 2023 کوسینر کے دفتر سے دستیاب ہوں گے۔تفصیلات کے لیے براہ کرم چرچ نوٹس بور ڈدیکھیں۔
- 8 ۔ ہم اپنے ایمان داروں سے درخواست کرتے ہیں کہ وہ غریبوں اور ضرورت مندوں کی خوراک کی بنیادی ضروریات میں مدد کریں۔ آپ بنیادی ضروری چیزیں پاک ماس کے دوران پیش کر سکتے ہیں یا پھر چرچ کے مرکزی دروازے کے باہر رکھے بکسوں میں ڈال سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آپ کی سخاوت کے لیے پیشگی شکر بیادا کرتے ہیں۔

آئندہ اتوار کی خلاوتیں

آمد كا يوتفا الوار

مكل طاوت اشعيا 7: 10- 14

کنواری حاملہ ہو گی۔

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مراوند داخل ہو۔وہ جلال کا باد شاہ ہے۔

دوسرى الاوت رويول 1:1 -7

خُداكابيٹا۔يبوع مسيح جوداؤد كى نسل ہے۔

بھو **گواری حاملہ ہو گی۔اوراُس سے بیٹاہو گا۔اوراُس کانام ٹمانو ٹیل رکھیں گے۔ جس کا ترجمہ ہے خُدا ہمارے ساتھ ہے۔**

ا تُلْ شَرِي مِنْ اللهِ 18:1-25

بیوع، مریم کے بطن سے پیدا ہواجو داؤد کے بیٹے یُوسف سے بیابی ہوئی تھی۔