

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,

Since we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's Day, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year! I pray that the Lord Jesus and his Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of Divine blessings.

Today's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, is a very appropriate way to begin a new year, reminding us to rely on the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother.

The Church also observes the World Day of Peace on this day and invites us to pray specially for lasting peace in the world throughout the New Year.

Today's First Reading gives us the beautiful Divine blessing from the Book of Numbers for the New Year, and the Responsorial Psalm begs for that blessing. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Galatians and us that God's Son has become one of us through Mary and that it is through her son, Jesus Christ that we have become the children of God. Today's Gospel describes how the shepherds spread to all their neighbours the Good News surrounding the birth of Jesus which the angel had revealed to them, and how Mary treasured "all these things" in her heart. The Gospel also tells us that on the day of Jesus' Circumcision, the Child received the name Jesus that had been chosen by God Himself.

We honor Mary primarily because God honoured her by choosing her to become the mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, when he took on human flesh and became man, as stated in the Holy Bible. The angel said to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High...".

After the Angel had received her consent to become the mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth. At Mary's greeting, Elizabeth said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Hence, the Council of Ephesus affirmed in AD 431 that Mary was truly the Mother of God (Theotokos), and in AD 451, the Council of Chalcedon affirmed the Divine Motherhood of Mary as a Dogma, an official doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church.

May the Lord continue to guide us and bless us in the year ahead, bless our world and all its peoples with peace and harmony, and with the guidance of his blessed Mother, Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Have a blessed New Year!

Arthur Charles Parish Priest

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - (A) [NEW YEAR]

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

1st Reading Numbers 6:22-27

They shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Psalm 67:1-2, 4-7

May God bless us in his mercy.

2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7

When the time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.

Acclamation

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now God speaks to us through the Son.

Gospel Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.

Communion Antiphon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Lectionary Spirituality

The priestly blessing from Numbers is one of the most beautiful prayers in the Bible, and it reveals God to us - blessing, kindness, graciousness, and peace. That is what God desires for us - we need to remember that. The willingness of Mary to conceive and give birth to Jesus made it possible for us to be adopted as children of God - no longer slaves. When we cry, 'Abba, Father!' it is a cry of recognition we know that we came from God and will return to Him. The shepherds related the strange tale of the heavenly host and the message they had been given to Mary. She did not understand completely at that point, but she trusted totally. She treasured all she had heard in her heart, trusting that illumination would eventually come. Mary and Joseph did what was expected - they took Jesus to the temple for His circumcision and naming, all in keeping with Jewish law and tradition. These readings call us to reflect on the long process that led to our redemption and to pray for greater trust, fidelity, and attention to the will of God. Mary is the Mother of God and the mother of us all.

Announcements

- 1. Dear people of God, receive, all of you, greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ from His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Coutts, Rev. Fr. Melito Dias, Rev. Fr. Arthur Charles the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Parviaz Khalid, Rev. Fr. Benjamin Mushtaq, the visiting Priests, Brothers on Pastoral Work and the Pastoral Team in this New Year. Let us thank God for all the blessings we received the past year and we hope to see the countless blessings for the New Year that he has in store for us. The Parish Priest, Fr. Arthur Charles wishes you, dear sisters and brothers, that in this New Year all your projects may be fulfilled, next to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us not forget that each day is a gift and we must give him thanks. May the Lord bless you! May we be open to Almighty God's Blessings and Graces; may our troubles be few; our challenges not overcome us; and our joy increase throughout year 2023.
- 2. Parents and Children attending the Faith Formation Classes are reminded that regular Classes will resume from January 14th 2023. Kindly make sure that you attend all the classes on time and regularly.
- 3. The Liturgical Calendar Ordo 2023 is an important source for daily reading of the Holy Bible and to prepare for the meaningful celebration of the Holy Mass. Those who wish to have a copy of it, please contact Ms. Angela Vaz.
- 4. If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or simply in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions can we offered for our daily weekday Masses and on Sundays. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass Intention during normal office hours.
 - 5. The Parish offers many opportunities to volunteer in several areas of parish life. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office.
- 6. Our Parish Wall-Calendar 2023 is now available. It will be given as a gift first to those who have been regular in paying the Parish Support throughout the year. You may buy it for Rs. 300 to give it as a Christmas and New Year gift to your friends and relations. For information, please contact Ms Angela Vaz.
- 7. We request our parishioners to help and serve the poor and needy with basic necessities of food. You may offer your support either in cash or in kind by donating basic essentials preferably rice, lentils, tea, milk powder and cooking oil. These items can be offered during all Masses or you can put them in Boxes kept outside the main Entrance of the Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity.
- 8. Kindly note that there will be no Evening Mass at the Presbytery on New Year's Day.
- 9. The Parish Office will remain closed for public on Monday, 2nd January 2023.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 125,695 Tuesday Collection Rs. 70,420

Next Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Acclamation

We have seen his star in the east; and have come to adore the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

واخله

اے مقدر سال تجھے ہو سلام وڑعا۔ تجھ ہی ہے ہم نے وہ باد شاہ پایاجو ہمیشہ کے لیے دونوں جہانوں کا حکمران ہے۔

ملى الاوت مدد 6: 22- 27

ايك بيثا بمير لعلى كياكيا

8,6-5,3-2 :66

خُداہم پررحم کرے اور ہمیں برکت بخشے۔

دوسرى الاوت فلاطيول 4:4 - 7

خُدانے اپنے بیٹے کو بھیجاجو عورت سے پیدا ہوا۔

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گذشته زمانے میں خُدانے آ باؤاجداہے وقت بہ وقت اور طرح بہ طرح انبیاء کی معرفت کلام کرکے ان آخری ایام میں ہم ہے بیٹے کی معرفت کلام کیا۔

انجيل مقدس مقدس لوقا 2: 16-21

أنهول نے مریم، بوسف اور نتھ بچے کو پایا۔۔۔اور جب آٹھ دن پُورے ہو گئے تواس کانام بسوع رکھا گیا۔

بإك شراكت كاتيت

یسوع مسے کل اور آج بلکہ ابدتک یکساں ہے۔

غوروخوض

آپ سب كومقدسه مال مريم خُداك مال كى عيداور خُداو ثد كاسال 2023 مُبارك موا!!!

اعلانات

1. آپ سب کو فضیلت آب کارڈینل جوزف کوٹس ،ریورنڈ فادر ملیٹو ڈائس، پیرش پیرسٹ ریورنڈ فادر آرتھر چارلس، معاون فادر پرویز خالد،

فادر بنجمین مشاق، وقاً فوقاً مدد فراہم کرنے والے فادر صاحبان، برادرصاحبان اور پاسٹرل ٹیم کی جانب سے مقدسہ مریم خُداکی مال کی عید

مبارک ہو۔ ہم سب کی جانب سے آپ سب کو خُداوند کا سال 2023 بھی مبارک ہو۔ ہم دعا گو ہیں کہ اس سال میں آپ کو خُداوند خُداوند خُداوند خُدا کی طرف سے بے شار فصائل حاصل ہوں، آپ کی مصیبتیں کم ہو جائیں اور چیلنجز آپ کو مغلوب نہ کریں اور آپ کی خوشیوں میں خاطر خوا اضافہ ہو۔ آمین!

- 2. ہمارے پیرش کا کیلینڈرتیار ہے۔ یہ سب سے پہلے ان ایمان داروں کو دیا جائے گاجنہوں نے گزشتہ سال باقاعدگی سے چندہ دیا ہے۔ آپ صرف 300 روپے میں خرید کر اسے اپنے دوستوں اور عزیزوا قارب کو دے سکتے ہیں۔معلومات کے لئے جناب ماسٹر رفیق رحمت،ماسٹر روفن جان اور جناب سموئیل بھٹی سے رابط کریں۔
- 3. سال2023 کے لئے لطوریائی جُدول جو کہ ہر روز کلام مقدس کو پڑھنے اور پاک ماس کے لئے روحانی تیاری میں مدد فراہم کرتا ہے تیاری کے آخری مراحل میں ہے۔ اگر آپ اسے حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو جناب ماسٹر رفیق رحمت، جناب ماسٹر روفن جان اور جناب سموئیل بھٹی سے رجوع کریں۔
- 4. ہم اپنے ایمان داروں سے درخواست کرتے ہیں کہ وہ غریبوں اور ضرورت مندوں کی خوراک کی بنیاد ی ضروریات میں مدد کریں۔ آپ بنیاد ی ضرور ی چیزیں جیسے کہ چاول، دالیں، چائے کی پتی، خُشک دودھ اور کو کنگ آئل عطیہ کرِ سکتے ہیں یا پھر نقذی پیش کر سکتے ہیں۔ یہ اشیاء پاک ماس کے دوران پیش کی جا سکتی ہیں یا پھر آپ انہیں چرچ کے مرکزی دروازے کے باہر رکھے بکسوں میں ڈال سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آپ کی سخاوت کے لیے پیشگی شکریہ اداکرتے ہیں۔
 - 5. برائے مہر بانی نوٹ فرمائیں: پیرش آفس پیر، 2جنوری 2023 کو کر سمس کی تعطیلات کے لیے بندرہے گا۔

آئده الواركي حلاوتين

عيد ظهور مسيح

میلی طلوت اشعیا 66: 1-6 خُداوندکی مجلی تجھ پر طلوع ہوئی ہے۔

13-10،8-7،2 :71 مان

اے خُداوند۔سب قومیں مجھے سجدہ کریں گی۔

ووسرى الاوت اقسيول 3: 2-5،3 - 6

اب بیر کشف کیا گیاہے کہ غیر قومیں بھی ہم میراث ہیں۔

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ہم نے اُس کاستارہ مشرق میں دیکھا ہے۔ اور ہم خُداوند کو سجدہ کرنے آئے ہیں۔

المجل مقدس مقدس لوقا 2: 1-12

ہم نے اُس کاستارہ مشرق میں دیکھاہے اور ہم باد شاہ کو سجدہ کرنے آئے ہیں۔

