

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,

This Sunday reminds us of the theme of calling and mission, which God has called each and every one of us to do, in following him and entrusting ourselves to him, to obey him and listen to his words.

In our First Reading today, we heard how God called a man named Abram from the land of Ur in Mesopotamia, in the present day Iraq, to follow him. Abram obeyed the Lord and listened to him, chose to depart from his homeland, which he never saw again in his lifetime.

The Psalm is "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you", which echoes the theme of trust heard in the First Reading. The Second Reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength.

In our Gospel passage today, we heard the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord, detailing the moment when the Lord Jesus Christ was transfigured before three of his disciples - St. Peter, St. James and St. John, who went up to Mount Tabor with him. There, they witnessed how the Lord revealed the glimpse of the truth about his true nature, as the Divine Son of God, the Divine Word Incarnate in the flesh, God himself, taking up our human nature and existence, coming down into our midst and walking among us, so that through his coming, he may reach out to us and embrace us truly, as his own.

Those three disciples obeyed and listened to the Lord, despite having initially wanted to stay on that mountain with the Lord, in that blissful glory, with Moses and Elijah. We must understand that this request as mentioned by St. Peter was likely made because if they were to stay there in that blissful place, then they could enjoy being there and away from the hardships of the struggles and trials that they had to endure in following the path of the Lord. But God reminded all of them to listen to his Son, and to follow him.

As we listened to this Sunday's Scripture passages and reflect upon them, let us all be truly touched by the Lord and be inspired by him and his own examples, and also the examples of our holy predecessors, who had followed the Lord and answered his call.

May God bless us all and guide us through this Time of Lent so that we may be able to resist the many temptations all around us, and be ever more faithful and better role models and inspirations in faith in all of our actions and deeds, throughout our lives - Amen!

> **Arthur Charles** Parish Pries

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Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading Genesis 12:1-4

The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God.

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God called us to be holy and gives us life and immortality through the gospel.

Acclamation

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Lectionary Spirituality

Hearing the voice of God is only one-half of our faith journey. The other half is obeying and following its direction and guidance. Abraham was commanded to leave everything that was familiar to him - homeland, friends, work - and strike out into the unknown. He had to trust God completely, and if he did so, God would make his descendants too numerous to count. Abraham would be a source of blessing for all the peoples of the earth. He is our father in faith because he believed in God and trusted God completely. When we are asked to step out of our comfort zones, God is with us to bless us in our journey. We need only trust and obey. Some of the Apostles encountered God in a new way on the mountaintop as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. But the experience was not to dazzle or impress them, despite Peter's insistence on building a shrine on the spot. It was the voice of God speaking from the cloud that bore the message for us: this is My Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him! Jesus did not come to be worshipped but to be listened to and followed.

Announcements

- We the Priests, thank all our Parishioners for remembering us and the Priests of the Archdiocese of Karachi during the Annual Retreat. It was truly a spiritual experience. Of course, you were part of our prayers.
- A Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul on March 11th and 12th, 2023. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and openhandedly.
- 3. During the Lenten Time under the guidance of Fr. Benjamin Mushtaq, the Legion of Mary is conducting the Liturgy of the Word using 'Update' a publication of Catechetical Centre based on Biblical Reflections in different Buildings and Apartments of our Parish. For details please contact members of the Legion of Mary.
- 4. The Helping Hands Group of our Parish accompanied by Fr. Benjamin Mushtaq and The Legion of Mary is conducting Night Prayer on Saturdays in the evening. On 11th March prayers will be held at Mariam Apartments. It will start at 7:45pm and end at 9pm.
- 5. Please note this year the traditional 13 Tuesdays Novena to St. Anthony will start from March 14, 2023.
- 6. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally observed as Carias Sunday. This year it falls on 19th of March, 2023. All collection taken up on that Sunday and donations through the envelopes, which are being distributed today, will be entrusted to our Archdiocesan Caritas for various charitable works.
- 7. On Friday, 24th March 2023 Rev. Fr. Irfan Wilson will give a talk on the Topic صليب كي عظت at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. On Saturday, March 25th, 2023 Rev. Fr. Mario Rodrigues, Rector of St. Patrick's School will give a talk on the theme: The Paradox of the Cross. Session will be held at the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome to participate in these sessions.
- 8. During the month of March, on all Sundays [that is 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th] a wide range of SAREES will be on sale after each Mass at very affordable prices.
- Karachi Grammar School is looking for a nurse and receptionist to work at their College Section Campus in Clifton from 7:30am to 3:30pm. All interested candidates please contact Virginia Coelho. For details, please check the noticeboard.
- 10. We recommend for faithful to give non-perishable food items for the needy people of our Parish.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 49,590 Tuesday Collection Rs. 88,100

Next Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7,9

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

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Acclamation

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel John 4:5-42

The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

روزول کے دوران دوسرا اتوار

واخله

میرادل تجھ سے ہم کلام ہوتا ہے۔اے خُداوند میں تیرے چہرے کی تلاش کرتاہوں۔ میں تیرے دیدار کاطالب ہوں۔اپنامنہ مجھ سے نہ موڑ۔

كيلى الاوت عكوين 12: 1- 4

خُداکی اُمت (قوم) کے باپ ابرام کی بلاہٹ

22, 20 - 18,5 - 4:32 M

اے خُداوند۔ تیری رحت ہم پر ہو۔ کیونکہ ہماری اُمید تجھ ہی پر ہے۔

ووسرى الاوت 2 يمواكس 1: 8 - 10

خُدا ہمیں بلاتاہے اور روش کر تاہے۔

Ropi

نورانی بادل میں سے باپ کی آواز سنائی دی کہ یہ میر ابیٹا ہے۔المحبوب۔اس کی سنو۔

انجيل مقدس مقدس متى 17: 1- 9

اُس کا چېره سورج کی مانند حیکنے لگ گیا۔

پاک شراکت کی آیت

ید میراییٹا ہے۔المحبوب۔جسسے میں خُوش ہوں۔اس کی سنو۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. ہم اپنے تمام ایمان داروں کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہیں جیوں نے آرچ ڈایوسیس کے کاہنوں کو ان کے سالانداعتکاف کے دوران ابنی دعاؤں میں یادر کھا۔یہ واقعتاً ایک روحانی تجربہ تھا۔ آپ سب ہماری دعاؤں کا حصہ تھے۔
- 2. اتوار 12 مارچ 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 پانی دل کھول کر بدیدویں۔
 - 3. مسیحی روزوں کے ایام کے دوران فادر بینجن مشاق کی رہنمائی میں لیجن آف میری کے ممبران مختلف اپار طمنٹس میں Update کی عبادات کاانعقاد کریں گے۔ مذید معلومات کے لئے لیجن کے ممبران دے رابط کریں۔
 - 4. میلینگ بینڈز گروپاورلیجن آف میری کے ممبران مختلف علاقوں میں صلیب کے رائے کے چودہ مقامات کی عبادت بروزہفتہ شام 7:30 بجے ہوگا۔
 - 5. براه كرم نوث كرين: اس سال مقدس انتقوني كي عزت مين ادا كئے جانے والےروايتي 13 منگل كے نووينه كا آغاز 14 مارچ 2023 سے ہو گا۔
- 6. ہر سال روزوں کے چوتھے اتوار کو کاریتاس کے اتوار کے طور پر منایا جاتا ہے۔ اسسال یہ 19مارچ 2023کوہوگا۔ اس روز عبادت کے دوران لیے جانے والے بدیہ جات اور اور لفافوں کے ذریعہ جو آج تقلیم ہورہے ہیں، جمع ہونے والے عطیات کاریتاس کراچی کے سپرد کیے جائیں گے جہیں وہ مختلف رفاہی کاموں کے لیے استعال کریں گے۔
- 7. بروزجمعه،24مارچ2023 قابل احترام فادر عرفان ولسن صلیب کی عظمت کے عنوان پر جبکه بروز ہفته،25مارچ2023 قابل احترام فادرماریو راڈر کس The Paradox of the Cross عنوان پر پیرش بال میں شام 7:30 بیج تقریر کریں گے۔ آپ سب کواس میں شرکت کی دعوت ہے۔
 - 8. ماهمارچ کے تمام اتواروں کوساڑیوں کی ایک وسیع رینج ہر ماس کے بعد انتہائی سستی قیمتوں پر فروخت کی جائیں گی۔
- 9. کراچی گرام اسکول کافٹن میں کالج سیشن کیمیس میں صبح 7:30 بج سے دوپیر 3:30 بج تک کام کرنے کے لیے نرس اور ریسیشنٹ درکار ہے۔ تمام دلچیں درکھنے والے امیدوار برائے مہربانی ورجینیا کوکلوو (Virginia Coelho) سے رابطہ کریں۔ تفصیلات کے لیے، براہ کرم نوٹس بورڈ دیکھیں۔
- 10. برائے مہربانی یاد رکھیں کہ ہم میں روزہ کشائی کی کوئی رسم ورواج، ریت اورروایت نہیں ہے۔ اس لئے انفرادی اور اجماعی عبادات کے دوران یا بعد میں اس کو عمل میں نہ لائیں بالخصوص پاک جمعہ کے روز کسی قشم کی بھی کھانے پینے کی چیز ہر گز گرجا گھر نہ لائیں۔ انظامیہ اس پر عَمَل وَرْآئد کروائے گئی۔ آپ کا بھرپور تعاون درکار ہے۔
 - 11. برائے مہر بانی اپنے ضرورت مند بہنوں اور بھائیوں کے لیے خشک راشن کانذرانہ دیں۔ آپ کس بھی وقت راشن باہر رکھے ہوئے بکس میں ڈال سکتے ہیں۔

آئدہ اتوار کی حلاوتیں

روزول كا تيسرا الوار

ميل الاوت فروج 17: 3- 7 مال

ہمیں پینے کے لئے پانی دے۔

9-6-2-1:94

آج تُمُاس كي آوازين كرايية دل كوسخت نه كرو_

وومرى الاوت رويول 5:1 - 5-5 - 8

ر وح القدس کے وسلے سے خُداکی محبت ہمارے دلوں میں اُنڈیلی گئی ہے۔

Rox

ا نه خُداوند، تونی الحقیقت دُنیاکا نجات دہندہ ہے۔ مجھے زندگی کا یانی دے تاکہ میں چرپیاسانہ ہوں۔

أيل مقدس مقدس يوحا 4: 5- 42

پانی کاچشمہ جو ہمیشہ کی زندگی کے لئے جاری رہے گا۔