

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 as we listened to the words of the Scriptures, all of us are reminded that God has revealed to us his most amazing kindness and love, which he has extended to us through his Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by his coming into this world and by his works, as he set to save us all from our many predicaments and troubles, gathering us all into his loving embrace and caring for each one of us.

In his invitation, Our Lord uses the image of a 'yoke', an image familiar to the farmers, though perhaps not so familiar to most people today. This was a curved wooden beam placed over the neck of two animals (usually oxen) to enable them to pull a cart or a plough. In the Holy Bible the 'yoke' was often used as symbol of the bondage and oppression from which God had delivered the enslaved people of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright' (Lev 26:13).

The 'yoke' of Jesus Christ, unlike that of the heartless masters we may be tempted to serve – Wealth, Power, Fame – does not enslave. It frees us. Even when we sometimes fail to live by the demands of the Gospel, all is not lost. The Lord never rejects us. As our Responsorial Psalm reminds us: 'The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. He supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down' (Ps 144: 13-14). In tune with today's Gospel, St. Paul reminds us, in our Second Reading, that the Spirit of Christ is living in us, enabling us to resist the downward pull of our unspiritual selves and embrace the invitation and challenge of Jesus Christ. Trusting in the Spirit and going all the way with Jesus is never a burden, but a constant source of liberation, peace and joy.

Our Lord is saying to us, 'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'? Through these words, all of us are reminded that first of all, it is in God alone that we have true hope of redemption and liberation of all of our troubles and trials, all the bondage we have to sin. Through Christ Jesus alone there is hope for salvation and eternal life, as we all should realise.

Let us all therefore be genuine and faithful Christians, ever committed and courageous in our calling and mission to proclaim the Lord, Our Saviour and King, to the whole world. Let us all embrace the Lord and his love for us, and then bear his love, and his light of truth so that many more may come to believe in him as well and be saved. May the Lord continue to bless and guide us in our missions and journey of faith, and in our every good works, efforts and endeavours, now and always – Amen!

Arthur Charles
Parish Priest

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Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Lo, your king comes to you, humble and riding on a donkey.

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

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

2nd Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble in heart.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Lectionary Spirituality

In ancient agrarian societies, a yoke, a wooden bar fastened on the neck of an animal, eases the work of pulling loads and ploughing. When two animals are used, they are yoked side by side, usually, one more experienced and stable, with a younger one. The imagery of a yoke is fittingly used in today's Gospel to describe the relationship between those who trust and serve Him. To be yoked to Christ is to submit to His authority and allow His hand to be on the plough to lead us. In doing so, we place ourselves under His care and safety; we work in His field, not our own. We discover true freedom, restfulness, and peace in carrying out His will. How so? "My yoke is easy and my burden light...." He is pulling beside us, balancing our load (burdens) and taking over so that we can rest when we are tired. We do not follow a legalistic taskmaster but He, the 'gentle and humble of heart.' It is possible to do God's work with great zeal even when yoked to ourselves, but that might lead to pride and self-glorification. Yoking to Christ tills our hearts with the right motivations for labouring in humble service to Him for His greater glory, not ours. How much of our Christian service results from taking up Christ's yoke, and how much comes from being yoked to our desires or others?

Announcements

- Today, a Second Collection will be taken for the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. It is used for needy people of our Parish. Kindly give joyfully and big-heartedly.
- 2. Please note that 'Parish Support Card' is one of the components which show your Affiliation and Registration with the Parish. The minimum Monthly Amount is Rs. 200 however, if anyone wishes to give more, it will be highly appreciated. Kindly, send your Parish Support Card on monthly basis. If anyone of you has not given the prescribed amount, please update it soon.
- 3. The Parish offers many opportunities to volunteer in several areas of parish life. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office.
- 4. We request our parishioners to keep on providing non-perishable food items for the needy people of our Parish. We thank you in advance for your generosity.
- 5. Holy Family Hospital, Karachi is having a Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with Hussaini Blood Bank on 15th July, 2023. We encourage our people to donate blood for this life-saving cause. For details please see the Church Notice Board.

Gratitude

Sunday Collection Rs. 43,520 Tuesday Collection Rs. 103,180

Next Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.

Psalm

65:9-13

Your word, O Lord, brings forth life.

2nd Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

Listen: A sower went out to sow.

سال کے دوران چودھوال اتوار

واخله

اے خُداہم تیری ہیکل کے اندر تیری شفقت کو یاد کرتے ہیں۔اے خُداتیرے نام کی مانند تیری تعریف بھی انتہائے زمین تک پہنچتی ہے۔

ميلي الاوت ذكريا 9:9-10

و کھے تیر اباد شاہ حکیمی سے تیرے پاس آتاہے۔

زير 144: 1 - 2، 8 - 14

اے خُدامیرے باد شاہ میں ابدالا باد تیرے نام کو مُبارک کہوں گا۔

ووسرى طاوت روميول 8: 11،9 – 13

ا گرتم روح سے بشریت کے کاموں کومار وگے توزندہ رہوگے۔

تعره جمد

اے باپ آسان اور زمین کے خُداوند۔ میں تیراشکر کر تاہوں کہ تُونے باد شاہی کے راز حچوٹوں پر ظاہر کئے ہیں۔

المجل مقدس مقدس متى 11: 25 - 30

میں حلیم اور دل کا فروتن ہوں۔

پاک شراکت کی آیت

چکھواور دیکھو کہ خُداوند کیسا بھلاہے مبارک ہے وہ آدمی جواس کی پناہ لیتا ہے۔

غوروخوض

اعلانات

- 1. آج دوسری بار ہدیے لیا جائے گا جو کہ سینٹ ونسنٹ ڈی پال کے لیے ہے۔ اس سے پیرش کے ضرورت مندول کی مدد کی جاتی ہے۔برائے مہر بانی دل کھول کر ہدیے دیں۔
- براہ کرم نوٹ کریں کہ 'خاندانی کارڈ' جسے 'چندہ کارڈ' بھی کہا جاتا ہے یہ آپ کی پیرش کے ساتھ وابستگی اور رجسٹریشن ظاہر کرتا ہے۔اس کا ماہانہ ہدیہ صرف200روپے ہے۔ برائے مہر بانی اسے ماہانہ بنیاد پر ادا کیا کریں۔اگر آپ نے کسی وجہ سے اسے مکمل نہیں کیا تو براہ کرم جلد ہی اسے اداکریں۔
 - 3. اگر کوئی چرچ کی با قاعد گیسے صفائی میں مدد کرنے کے لیے تیارہے تو براہ کرم رابطہ کریں۔فی الحال ہمارے پاس رضاکار مدد کررہے ہیں، لیکن بیا چھاہوگا کہ مزیدا بماندار بھی خدمت کے لئے اپنے آپ کو پیش کریں۔خواہشمند افراد براہ کرم پیرش آفس سے رابطہ کریں۔
- 4. 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 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 جاسکتی 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۔

آئندہ اتوار کی خلاو تیں سال کے دوران پیندر ھواں اتوار

> ملى الاوت اشعيا 55: 10 - 11 ملى الاوت اشعيا

> > بارش زمین کی روئیدگی کا باعث ہوتی ہے۔

زير 64: 10 – 14

كي المجيى زمين ميں گرااور كھل لايا۔

ووسرى الاوت روميول 8: 18 - 23

خلقت کمال آرزوہے خُداکے فرزندوں کے ظاہر ہونے کی منتظرہے۔

تعره تم

خُداوند فرماتاہے میری بھیڑیںمیری آواز سنتی ہیں میں اُنہیں جانتا ہوں۔اور وہ میرے پیچھے تیجھے آتی ہیں۔

المجل مقدس مقدس متى 13: 1 - 23

ایک بونے والانتج بونے نکلا۔