



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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"FOR MY FLESH IS THE TRUE FOOD AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK"



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS & SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
OF VELANKANNI NAGAR COLONY AT SHAMSHABAD ON 19TH MAY, 2024.**



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Archbishop's Message



'Father, You are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives You praise! All life, all holiness comes from You, through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit' These are *the awe-inspiring words* with which the Church greets God, the Self-existing Eternal Father, in the third Eucharistic prayer of her Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as the mystical body of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ!

In this liturgical text of the Holy Mass, the Church *confesses* the Truth and *reminds* the Eternal Father of *two other divine Persons* through whom alone all creatures *receive from Him* their existence and sustenance, and in particular She receives her holiness. These two Eternal Persons are *His Son and the Holy Spirit Who exist co-eternally, consubstantially and co-equally with Him, the Eternal Father, in His one uncreated divine nature, as the Holy, undivided and Blessed Trinity and as our one, true and living God.*

The Eternal uncreated origin of the Eternal Son and of the Eternal Holy Spirit in the one uncreated divine nature of the Self-existing Eternal Father is *not* the divine nature but solely, *the Eternal Father's natural, beginningless, immutable and endless act of giving consubstantial, Eternal and perfect co-equal existence to another . Person* in His own one uncreated divine nature (rightly named as His only-begotten Son , Who proceeds eternally at once from Him), *and in that very same Eternal natural act, consubstantially enabling this only begotten Son, to give uncreated, co-equal and consubstantial existence to another Eternal Person*, distinct from Himself and from His only-begotten Son, in His own one uncreated, indivisible and immutable one divine nature (rightly name as His Holy Spirit , proceeding eternally and at once from Him and His consubstantial Son).

In this same liturgical text, the Church rejoices and confesses to the Eternal Father that He eternally willed and granted His Only-begotten Son to become our Lord Jesus Christ by taking our human nature and use it solely to work out our redemption from our original sin-death condition, *and thereby* as the Son sent to give us eternal life and through His sacramental high-priestly work as our Lord Jesus Christ, make us everlasting partakers of the holiness, immortality and glory of His divine Sonship through the mission of the Holy Spirit as the sanctifying Spirit of Truth in the inner spiritual human natures of all human persons who have been sacramentally baptized by Him 'into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' and who conscientiously fulfil their baptismal promises to receive the fullness of our divine adoption into His divine Sonship on 'the last day,' in the same manner in which He has brought His own human nature to partake of the holiness and glory of His divine Sonship and enjoy it at His Eternal Father's right hand (through His own obedience of faith in this human nature to His Eternal Father unto death on the Cross), and in the manner in which He has brought the Blessed Virgin Mary's entire human nature to partake of the fullness of His very same divine through Her own perfect obedience of faith to His Eternal Father with Himself and enjoy it at His own right hand in heaven as the Virgin Mother of God and the Virgin Mother of all Her adopted children in Christ on earth namely, the Church).

Only to the extent we discover the truth of our existence as human persons in Christ and in the Holy Spirit can we be, as true evangelisers, proclaim to all people of good will that God, the Eternal Father, creates every human person in the likeness of His Eternal Son, solely to be made partakers of the holiness and glory of His Eternal Son. And that is why the Son says 'He who believes and is baptised will be saved, and he who does not believe will be condemned.'

POPE'S INTENTION: JUNE 2024

For Migrants Fleeing their Homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: JUNE 2024

For Vocations to Religious Life: May God help people to respond generously and courageously to His call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults



Solemnities and Feasts

JUNE 2nd

Corpus Christi (Solemnity)

Feast of Corpus Christi, festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honour of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries, the Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries. The Feast of Corpus Christi originated in 1246 when Robert de Torote, bishop of Liège, ordered the festival celebrated in his diocese. He was persuaded to initiate the feast by St. Juliana, prioress of Mont Cornillon near Liège (1222–58), who had experienced a vision. It did not spread until 1261, when Jacques Pantaléon, formerly archdeacon of Liège, became pope as Urban IV. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.



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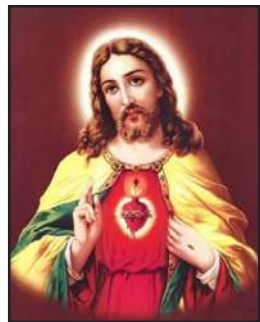
JUNE 07th

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus first came through the mystic Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque was a seventeenth-century Visitation nun. She received visions from God for most of her life, thinking them to be a normal human experience for several years. She had an intense devotion to both Jesus and his mother, Mary. When she became older, her mother encouraged her to go to a dance. While at the dance, she received a vision of a scourged and bloody Jesus, and he asked her if she had forgotten about him. At this point, she decided to enter consecrated life.

She did, indeed, become a nun, and her visions continued. Jesus taught her a particular devotion with three different elements: The reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month for seven consecutive months; Time spent in Eucharistic Adoration during a weekly Thursday holy hour. For Catholics, Eucharistic Adoration refers to spending time praying in the presence of the Eucharist held within a monstrance; Celebration of a Feast of the Sacred Heart.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds the faithful of Jesus's love for humanity. The heart is considered the seat of love in the human body, and therefore, it is from the heart of Jesus that this love flows. At some points in history, the faithful focused too strongly on the innate brokenness of human nature and humanity's unworthiness of God, sometimes even falling into heresy. When the faithful practice devotion to Jesus's sacred heart, they remind themselves and the world that Jesus's mission was one of mercy and reconciliation.



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JUNE 11th

St. Branabas, Apostle (Feast)

St. Barnabas, “son of consolation,” was a first century disciple of Jesus who was a Levite and hailed from the island of Cyprus. St. Barnabas’ given name was Joseph. The apostles gave him the name Barnabas after he sold his land and gave the money to assist the church in Jerusalem. According to St. Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius, the early church historian, St. Barnabas was one of the 70 disciples of Jesus. After Paul’s conversion, St. Barnabas was the first to introduce Paul to the apostles and convince them of Paul’s conversion to Christ (Acts 9:26-30). While living and preaching in Antioch, God called the two men apart for missionary work. Laying hands on Paul and Barnabas, the Christians in Antioch sent Paul, Barnabas, and others, including John Mark (Barnabas’ cousin), on Paul’s first missionary journey, which began in Cyprus (Acts 13:1-5). John Mark (author of St. Mark’s gospel) departed from them in Perga. Mark’s abrupt departure would cause great strife between Paul and Barnabas such that they would go their separate ways on the second missionary journey. Barnabas would travel with Mark back to Cyprus while Paul, traveling with Silas, went to Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:36-41). Eventually, Paul and Mark would reconcile, and Mark would become an important friend to Paul.



Source: <https://www.stbarnabasrec.org>

JUNE 24th

The Birth of St. John The Baptist (Solemnity)

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John....” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28). John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30). John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic. The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus. Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.



Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God’s flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter’s Basilica is built over his tomb. St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul’s conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.



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RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
03-05-2024	Dammaiguda	794
10-05-2024	Dammaiguda	140
22-05-2024	Secunderabad	760
23-05-2024	Trimulgherry	510
	Total	2204

Archbishop's Engagements

N.B.: "In office days", Please call the Secretary before coming. Ph No : 72079 40883

JUNE

01. Sat 06.00 p.m. : Flag Hoisting and Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Gandhinagar.
03. Mon 10.30 a.m. : Religious Golden Jubilee of Sr. Maria at Holy Spirit Convent, Jeedimetla.
- 04-07. Tue -Fri : Occupied
08. Sat 11.00 a.m. : Books Distribution to the Poor Children at HASSS.
09. Sun 09.30 a.m. : Festive Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lalaguda.
10. Mon : In Office
13. Thu 11.30 a.m. : Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda.
06.00 p.m. : Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Bazarghat
14. Fri : In Office
16. Sun 10.00 a.m. : Annual Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram.
- 17-18. Mon-Tue : In Office
19. Wed 09.30 am : Clergy Recollection at Archbishop's House
23. Sun 09.00 a.m. : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. John the Baptist Church, AS Rao Nagar.
24. Mon : In Office
26. Wed 03.30 p.m. : Governing Body and General Body Meeting of HAES at Vianney House.
- 27-28. Thu - Fri : In Office

30th May, 2024
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

I. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

Archdiocesan Monthly Recollection is arranged, at Archbishop's House, on 19th (Wednesday) June, 2024 from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. Kindly take note of it and be on time. All the Archdiocesan Priests and Pastoral clergy working in the Archdiocese are to participate in this Recollection.

II. SEMINAR CUM GET-TOGETHER.

➤ **A SEMINAR FOR THE SEMINARIANS:**

A seminar for all our Seminarians of the Archdiocese will be organized at St Vianney Hall, Archbishop's House on 1st June, 2024 from 09:00 am to 01:00 pm. Priests are requested to come and encourage the Seminarians and to share your insights.

➤ **SEMINARIANS' BENEFACTORS GET-TOGETHER:**

We have a get-together for all the benefactors on 1st June, 2024 together with all the Seminarians in St Vianney Hall, Archbishop's House, Secunderabad, at 3 pm to 5 pm. Kindly join us and share our joy.

III. SEMINARIAN FUND:

We have a fund For the Archdiocesan Seminarians and young priests. We have sent the Brochures and forms to all the parishes. Please announce in the churches and encourage the faithful to come forward to support the future priests. This year we have taken eight New Seminarians for the Archdiocese. They will be sent to St Pius X Inter- Diocesan Minor Seminary in Karunapuram, Warangal. Let's pray for them.

IV. NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Archdiocese of Hyderabad would like to express and extend best wishes, every success, for the new academic year 2024 - 2025 to Principals/Headmasters/Headmistresses/Correspondents/Directors/Directresses, Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and Students of all the Catholic Schools, Colleges, Boarding Homes and all other Institutions in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. We wish and hope that all our Catholic Institutions, during this new academic year, will strive towards excellence through quality academic performance, value-based education and all-round development of the Students and there-by become exemplary institutions offering not only quality education but also molding the lives of the students with values, ethics, morals, Faith Formation and Catechism Classes to Catholic Students. Please be assured of our prayers, cooperation and collaboration.

V. REMINDER:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as

possible. Please clear all dues till June, 2024. Please contact Procurator's office for details of your parish/institute dues.

VI. ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE OFFICE:

1. Kindly note that all offices at Archbishop's House will function Five days a week. (Monday to Friday).
2. All financial transitions to be done from 1st to 25th of every month.
3. Second Sunday and other special collections to be sent before 25th of every month.
4. **Visiting hours:** Monday to Friday 10 am to 12:30 pm. (Kindly make an appointment with Secretary if you want to meet the Archbishop)

VII. ADMISSIONS AND CONCESSIONS:

There are number of issues regarding admissions, concessions and other issues connected to schools and colleges. The respective Deans, Parish Priests, Religious in charge and Education in charge of the Deanery are asked to do the needful

VIII. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Rev. Fr. S. Devadass SVD – Dean of Sangareddy Deanery.

We thank Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj SVD for his services as Dean of Sangareddy.

2. RELIGIOUS PARISH PRIESTS APPOINTMENTS:

1. Fr. Raghu Victor Gorinkala MSC : Parish Priest of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Kissannagar.
2. Fr. Pasala Praveen Kumar SHS : Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bolligudem.
3. Fr. Muchakarla Anand Prakash MSFS: Parish Priest of Our Lady of Compassion Church, Medipalli.
4. Fr. Kollithanathu Joseph : Parish Priest of St. Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar
5. Fr. Michael Alex Jaya Raju : Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda.
6. Fr. Anthony Bala Joseph SAC : Parish Priest of St. Anthony Church, Mudfort

3. RELIGIOUS ASSISTANT PARISH PRIESTS APPOINTMENTS:

1. Fr. Kiran Moses SHS: Assistant Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bolligudem.
2. Fr. Pasala Bala Sudheer MSFS: Assistant Parish Priest at St Cecilia Church, Dayananda Nagar.
3. Fr. Arun Kumar Baddeswaram SAC, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church, Mudfort
4. Fr. Vatti Rayappa, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar.
5. Fr. Thala Wilson, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda.
6. Fr. Gangarapu Anil, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda.
7. Fr. Dasari Shiva Johannes, Assistant Parish Priest of Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir.

9. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		51		Mahendra Hills	
2		Alirajpet		52		Madinaguda	
3		Ammuguda		53		Mallapur	
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		54		Manikonda Mission	
5		Arul Colony		55	30-04-2024	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1006
6		Balaji Nagar		56		Medchal	
7		Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)		57		Medipally	
8		Band Lines		58	25-04-2024	Mettuguda	12000
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		59	27-05-2024	Miyapur	3000
10	18-04-2024	Banjara Hills	10000	60		Moul-Ali	
11		Basuregadi		61		Mudfort	
12		Bayyaram		62		Muthangi	
13	15-04-2024	Bazar Ghat	2000	63		Nacharam	
14	22-04-2024	BHEL - MIG	2880	64		Nandrakal	
15	10-05-2024	Begumpet	6780	65		Narayankhed	
16		Bhoiguda		66	15-04-2024	Nedunoor	400
17		Bodhan		67		Neela Camp	
18		Boduppall		68	10-05-2024	Nizamabad	2500
19	18-05-2024	Bolarum	16380	69		Pargi	
20		Borabanda		70		Patancheru	
21		Bowenpally		71		Ramachandrapuram	
22	25-04-2024	Cherlapally	1600	72	15-04-2024	Ramanthapur	3200
23		Chintalacheruvu		73	18-04-2024	Ramnagar	16643
24	29-04-2024	Church Colony	2500	74		Sadasivpet	
25	19-04-2024	Dammaiguda	15593	75		Sainikpuri	
26	10-05-2024	Dharmaram	1000	76	14-05-2024	Sanathnagar	20000
27		Dayanandnagar		77		Sangareddy	
28	29-04-2024	Emjala	20000	78		Santhoshnagar	
29		Gaddiannaram		79	02-05-2024	Sappers Lines	1500
30		Gagillapuram		80	18-04-2024	Secunderabad	61422
31	01-05-2024	Gajwel	300	81		Shabad	
32	20-04-2024	Gandhinagar	8000	82		Shamshabad	
33	15-04-2024	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1195	83	18-04-2024	Shanthinagar	2135
34	18-04-2024	Ghatkesar	800	84		Shapurnagar	
35	09-05-2024	Golconda	11906	85		Siddipet	
36		Gothumakunda		86		Seethaphalmandi	
37		Gunfoundry		87		Sultan Bazar	
38		Jadi Jamalpur		88	22-04-2024	Suraram	3000
39	30-04-2024	Jagadgirigutta	3500	89		Tandur	
40		Jahanuma		90		Toopran	
41		Jogipet		91	18-04-2024	Trimulgherry	33500
42		Joipet		92		Uminthal	
43		Kalwakole		93		Vanasthalipuram	
44		Kamareddy		94		Venkatapuram	
45		Khairatabad		95		Vikarabad	
46		Kissan Nagar(Armoor)		96	08-04-2024	Yapral	3500
47		Kukatpally		97	22-04-2024	Yeddumylaram	730
48		Lallaguda		98		Yellareddy	
49		L. B. Nagar		99		Zaheerabad	
50		Lillipur				Total	268970

Pastoral News

1. BLESSING OF THE NEW SPIRITUS SANCTUS PRESBYTERY, NEW HOLY SPIRIT MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, BLESSING OF THE RENOVATED ARCH, FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS, AND CONFIRMATIONS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT CHINTALCHERU PARISH, REDDYPALEM VILLAGE ON 29TH APRIL, 2024

It was a red letter day in the history of Chintalcheru Parish Community as we had the Blessing and Inauguration of the New Spiritus Sanctus Presbytery, New

Holy Spirit Multi-Purpose Hall, blessing of Renovated Arch, Parish Church Feast Day Celebrations and Confirmations & First Holy Communions by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad on 29th April, 2024. We thank the Holy Spirit Lord for blessing,



leading and guiding the Parish Community in all endeavours. The auspicious day began with welcoming His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony at the entrance of Reddypalem Village followed by Blessing of the Renovated Arch. Then we had procession followed by Kolatam welcome dance. The Solemn concelebrated Feast Day Holy Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by His Eminence. During the Holy Mass, His Eminence administered the Sacraments of Confirmations and First Holy Communions to 10 of our Parish Children. After the Holy Mass, His Eminence blessed and inaugurated the New Spiritus Sanctus Presbytery and sincerely thanked and appreciated Rev. Fr. Mettu Johannes, who has generously donated for the construction of New Presbytery. Then His Eminence also blessed and inaugurated the New Holy Spirit Multi-Purpose Hall. We specially thank His Eminence for gracing the occasion. We also thank all the concelebrant Priests who have prayed for us and shared in our joy.

Our sincere and whole hearted thanks to Rev. Fr. Mettu Johannes, who not only generously donated for the New Spiritus Sanctus Presbytery but also guided the Presbytery construction work. Rev. Fr. Mettu Johannes donated for the new Presbytery in loving memory of his Parents Late Mettu Showreddy and Chinnamma, which is a noble thought. Chintalcheru Parish Community will always remain grateful to Rev. Fr. Mettu Johannes for his generosity.

We extend our sincere and heart-felt thanks to all the donors, who have



generously contributed for the construction of New Holy Spirit Multi-Purpose Hall, namely: Archdiocese of Hyderabad, Rev. Fr. Mettu Arogyam, who donated for the flooring, and Mr. Edara Solomon Reddy, Chairman of St. Anthony's Educational Society, Sangareddy; I would like to

specially acknowledge and appreciate all the collaborative and collective efforts of Chintalcheru Parish Community in this regard. Parish Community will always remain grateful to His Eminence and Archdiocese of Hyderabad for the generous contribution in this regard. The New Holy Spirit Multi-Purpose Hall will be of great use for conducting various activities of the Parish Community and also will be given for programs & functions for the Parishioners and also for others.

Special mention has to be made about the untiring efforts and dedicated work of Mr. Edara Solomon Reddy, Chairman of St. Anthony's Educational Society, Sangareddy, in completing the New Presbytery and New Multi-Purpose Hall in time, without whom it would not have been possible. Parish Community will remain grateful to him.

Our sincere and whole hearted thanks to Rev. Fr. Tanugundla Gabriel, who generously donated for purchasing a Generator for the Parish Community, in loving memory of his parents Thanugndla Showreddy and Theresamma, and at the same time we also thank Mrs. Ambati Rojamma and family, who offered this Generator for very less price for the Church, in loving memory of Late Ambati Showreddy, and also sponsoring the flooring work at the Grotto in the Church Campus. We extend our sincere and heart-felt thanks to all the donors, who have generously contributed for the Renovation of Arch, namely: Thumma Sleeva Reddy, Thanugundla Rayapreddy, Mettu Thomas Reddy, Thumma Showreddy, Gopu Arogya

Reddy, Pasala Lourdhamma, Thanugundla Elias Reddy & Thanugundla Prathap Reddy.

His Eminence acknowledged and greatly appreciated all the above-mentioned donors, and also the collective efforts of the Parish Community.

On the Church Feast Day, His Eminence also released the new Book 'Sadhrushyamu – Darhsana Grandham' written by Rev. Fr. Kunduri Joji SJ, sponsored by Mr. Edara Solomon Reddy.

As preparation for the Church Feast we had three days programs from 26th to 28th April, 2024. On 26th April, 2024 we had Rosary, Holy Mass, Flag Hoisting, etc, organized by Parish Youth and the Main Celebrant was Rev. Fr. Thumma Fatima Reddy. On the Second day we had Rosary, Holy Mass, etc, organized by Parish Youth and the Main Celebrant was Rev. Fr. Bala Joji MSFS. On 28th April, 2024 we had Rosary Procession, Holy Mass, etc, organized by Parish Women and the Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass was Rev. Fr. Madanu Isaac and Homli by Rev. Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin, Dean of Gagillapuram Deanery. I would like to sincerely thank the above-mentioned Priests for leading us during the above-mentioned three days, and also Parish Children, Youth and Women who have organized the three days programs respectively.

30th April, 2024, following day of the Church Feast, is specially dedicated to remember and pray for all the departed ones, specially for all the elders, who were Pioneers of the Village, and also for all the souls in Purgatory and abandoned souls. Rev. Fr. Mettu Johannes, Rev. Fr. Mettu Arogyam, Rev. Fr. Thanugundla Gabriel and Rev. Fr. Edara Innareddy SVD, Sons of the soil, were present for this special occasion. We had specially prayer service at the Graveyard and the blessings of the graves, followed by Holy Mass offered for all the departed souls.

I would like to acknowledge all the dedicated services rendered by Rev. Sr. Ancella, Superior & Community in preparing the children for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmations and First Holy Communions, Liturgical arrangements, etc. Special thanks to all the Women who have sponsored for the gifts for all the Guests for the Feast Day. I would like to whole heartedly thank Carmel High School Montfort Brothers' Community, Sisters of St. Ann's of Bangalore Community, Church Elders, Village Elders, Mahila Mandal, Youth, Children and the Parish Community for all their constant support, cooperation and collaboration.

**(- Rev. Fr. Y. Amala Francis, Parish Priest & Parish Community,
Chintalcheru Parish)**

2. FESTIVE MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, GUNFOUNDRY ON 01ST MAY, 2024.



3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT MARIA RANI CHURCH, MARIAPURAM ON 06TH MAY 2024.



4. MASS AND BLESSING OF DWAJA STAMBAM AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, BAZARGHAT ON 12TH MAY 2024.



5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AND SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF VELANKANNI NAGAR COLONY AT SHAMSHABAD ON 19TH MAY, 2024.

On May 19, 2024, His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Poola D.D. honoured the Shrine of Our Lady of Velankanni in Shamshabad with his presence, marking the jubilee celebrations of Velankanninagar Colony, Shamshabad. The Velankannia Nagar Colony jubilee celebrations began with a grand procession, starting from Velankanninagar Colony in Khammam. Parishioners and council members, along with the parish priest, warmly welcomed Cardinal Anthony Poola. The vibrant procession included a marching band and a traditional kolatam dance, showcasing



the rich cultural heritage of the community.

His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Poola's visit was a landmark event for the community, as he inaugurated several newly completed projects:

- A sand path- Kalvarigruha- A renovated Grotto- The refurbished Shrine

These inaugurations were significant milestones, enhancing the spiritual and physical infrastructure of the parish. Following the inaugurations, Cardinal Anthony Poola led a solemn Eucharistic celebration, joined by approximately 35 concelebrant priests. During this sacred service, he administered the sacraments of confirmation and Holy Communion to 18 young communicants, marking an important spiritual milestone in their lives. The celebrations were grand and festive, drawing nearly 3,500 devotees to the Holy Eucharistic celebration. The large turnout and enthusiastic participation reflected the deep devotion and strong sense of fellowship among the parishioners of Velankanninagar, Shamshabad. His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Poola's visit and the associated events marked a memorable milestone in

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the history of Velankanninagar Colony. The jubilee celebrations reinforced the spiritual bonds and community spirit that have been nurtured over the past 25 years, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

-Fr. Chinnabathini John Paul (Parish Priest)

6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY OF FATHIMA CHURCH, DAMMAIGUDA ON 20TH MAY, 2024.



Archdiocesan News

1. CHILDREN'S CAMP HELD AT ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, NEW BHOIGUDA FROM 06TH MAY, 2024 TO 11TH MAY, 2024,

This summer was eventful at St John Maria Vianney Church, New Bhoiguda. The First event was a week Children's camp held from 06th May, 2024 to 11th May, 2024. Around 170 children participated to be strengthened in their faith and find a deeper understanding of God's love through the sacramentality of the Church. The summer camp was conducted from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. All the sessions were well planned and executed in line with the theme - "**Sacramenta – unveiling the power within.**" Yummy snacks were provided twice, once in the morning and then in the evening along with a delicious lunch during the camp. Competitions were





held to motivate and encourage our children to improve themselves and unleash their hidden potential. On the concluding day of the camp a live TV broadcast of the Holy mass was arranged where-in individual participation certificates and medals were awarded to all the children who participated. From the quite

moments of reflection in Bible studies to the laughter filled moments of outdoor adventures, each moment has been a testament to the power of community and faith. Indeed we are grateful for the opportunity to have shared laughter, learning, worship and God's love with each child who walked through our doors. May the seeds of faith planted during this camp continue to grow and bear fruit in the lives of all the children who participated knowing that we are forever united in Christ's love.

The second event was a Three day Youth camp titled ***Pisteuo – Growing in Faith***, held from 16th to 18th May. Around 40 youngsters attended this event the focus of which was to enhance spiritual awareness and the knowledge of the beyond in them. The response of the participants was edifying and especially the patience they showed in the pursuit of grasping various concepts was appreciable. The use of Smart Board, Speakers like Fr. Jerome, Mr. Varghese and Mr. Jackson and numerous activities enriched their experience. We ended the program with a sumptuous lunch and Special Youth Mass in which certificates were given to them on the last day.



Altar Servers not only plays a pivotal role in the life of the Church but also in the life of every catholic. The memory of being at the Altar and serving the Lord is always has a special place in our hearts and minds. The Third event was one day **Altar Servers Camp** held on 25th May, 2024. We had 60 Altar Servers attending this camp. We got together all the Altar Servers incharges of our parish in recent

two to three decades and planned a beautiful program. Mr. Kaithan, Mr. Anthony Vincent, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Anthony Lawrence along with the present incharges Ms. Alekhya and Helda shared their experiences and gave instructions. Fr Jerome dealt with the dogmatic angle of the subject we had a good lunch and continued practices till 4 pm. On 26th we had the investiture of the Altar Servers in the 11:30 am Holy Mass. All the Altar Servers (around 50 excluding kids under 5th Class) were dressed in beautiful Altar Servers Cassocks and Surplices. The Participants pledged their allegiance to the Liturgy of the Church and received their certificates. We ended the day with Joy of a Happy meal.

- Fr. Madanu Prathap, Parish Priest

2. FROM FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Dear Fathers,

Greetings from Family Apostolate!

We request you to make announcement at your parishes on Sundays regarding the next Marriage Preparation Course. **The Marriage Preparation Course is a mandatory requirement in the Archdiocese for contracting marriage.**

For Announcement in the Parish: The next Marriage Preparation Course will be held on 8th and 9th June 2024, from 9:30 am to 04:00 pm at Satyodyam, Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Both days inclusive. Registrations to be done online. Please contact parish office for details and the registration link.

Please note that the respective candidates should inform the Parish Priest of the proposed date of their marriage in advance and procure the necessary letter for enrolment. **The link for the online Google registration form is provided**



below. Once they join the MPC March WhatsApp group (Link provide in the Google form itself) other details will be provided. Candidates can also send a message via my WhatsApp number (**9490941460**) and receive the link and other information. Participants will be charged Rs. 1000/- per head. For any clarifications and information please feel free to contact Mr. John Roger Anthony/Jessy (Phone No. 9515110473)– Secretary Couple, Family Apostolate or Mr. Donald Xavier (Phone No. 9849801672), Hyderabad Archdiocese. **Last Date for registration is 7th June 2024.**

Google link for registration: <https://forms.gle/aqt8GXQpxecXHAuB6>

Important request: Your encouragement to parents of participants to join the last session and mass on Sunday 9th June, will go a long way their accompanying and strengthening of the sacrament of marriage. **Overnight accommodation can be arranged for those coming from out of Hyderabad if you inform us at least three days in advance**

Please feel free to drop by at the venue during the Marriage Preparation Course for your interactions and feedback. Next MPC on 13th & 14th July 2024. The 4th World Grandparents & Elders Day will be held on the 28th of July 2024. Invitation and details will be mailed to all the Parish Priests prior to the event. Please save the date.

3. FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 July 2024. On this day, Catholics around the world will be invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly. In preparation for the 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life released the theme for the 2024 iteration.

The Pope has chosen the theme: **“Do not cast me off in my old age”** (cf. Psalm 71:9).

According to a press release from the Dicastery, it is meant “to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.”

By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that – as Scripture states – “It is not good for man to be alone” (*Gen 2:18*).

Loneliness' at heart of Pope's theme for 4th Grandparents Day

In his message, Pope Francis will draw on the verse from Psalm 71 that depicts the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of their friendship with God.

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Loneliness and tenderness of Christian community

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, expressed his gratitude to the Pope for highlighting the loneliness endured by many elderly people.

“Faced with this reality,” he said, “families and the ecclesial community are called to be at the forefront in promoting a culture of encounter, to create spaces for sharing, listening, to offer support and affection: thus, the love of Gospel becomes concrete.”

Loneliness, admitted the Cardinal Prefect, is an unavoidable condition of human life, as well as an invitation to turn to God the Father for comfort.

As Christians, he said, the World Day dedicated to grandparents and the elderly calls us to put aside our throwaway culture and show “tenderness and affectionate attention” to the most fragile members of our communities.

Prayerful preparation for Jubilee

In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of his friendship with God.

The Pope established the World Day in 2021 to take place on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Archdiocesan Celebrations

The Family Apostolate will be celebrating the 4th World Day of Grandparents and Elderly at the Archdiocesan level on Sunday 28th July 2024. Please send representatives from your parish to join this celebration. The details of venue, timings and forms for registration will be mailed to you.

Parishes and institutions are encouraged to celebrate this event in your parishes/institutions/deanery on Sunday 28th July 2024 or any appropriate Sunday

at one of the masses. The Archdiocesan Family Apostolate will mail the detailed information and liturgy of the day.

Maiden Senior Members Meet – 6th June 2024

The Hyderabad Archdiocesan Family Apostolate is organizing a maiden senior members meet called **GRAY and GRACEFUL**. This maiden venture will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at Satyodayam, Tarnaka from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Inviting all the grace-filled seniors 65 years and above to join this meeting for some time together, some fun, some games, some serious chat, etc. For details and information please contact Fr. David Francis (9490941460) or Mrs. Margaret Studden (9676619039).

-Fr. David Francis

Regional News

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

EMMAUS PROGRAMME For Discipleship

Offered by St. JOHN'S REGIONAL SEMINARY, Hyderabad

In collaboration with FAMILY OF FAITH, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

Prospectus

THE MEANING OF EMMAUS

We call this programme EMMAUS. The dejected disciples of Emmaus were enlightened when Jesus broke the Word to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the Lord in the 'breaking of the bread'. They immediately started back to the faith community to share and proclaim the message of Hope with them and later with others. (Cf. Luke 24.13ff). This is precisely what is supposed to happen to all Christians of this Pilgrim Church in general and to all those who participate in this programme.

COMMISSIONED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH

This programme is approved by the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. After successfully completing the course, the candidates will be commissioned by the Archbishop. The Diploma of Theology is offered by St John's Regional Seminary in collaboration with the Family of Faith, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

OBJECTIVES:

- To help our Catholic Laity.
- To become Listeners, Believers, Doers and Proclaimers of the Word of God.
- To be faithful followers of Jesus Christ spiritually, intellectually and passionately.
- To become well-informed Catholics who will be firmly rooted in their Catholic Faith-Tradition and develop the ability even to defend it when need arises.
- To build true Domestic Churches after the example of the early Christian Communities that lived the Gospel and through their example made disciples for Christ
- To be Parish Pastoral Council members.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Baptised Catholics
- Should have passed at least the undergraduate studies or something equivalent to that (for those above 40 years of age, their experience in life will be counted if they have passed the intermediate studies)
- Should possess fairly good knowledge of English (as the medium of instruction is English)
- Love for Jesus and a desire to grow in this love and become true disciples.
- Desire to share one's Jesus-relationship with others through the Word.
- Commitment to do good to the poor (to start within one's own parish)
- Commitment to do the entire programme.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum 80% attendance needed to sit for the final examination.
- Completing and submitting all course work in due time writing assignments
- A professional- pastoral approach in class and during field work.
- Being more interactive and involved in the class and in the field.

Academic integrity:

Students are expected to submit their own original work; properly cite sources for their ideas, including the Bible, Commentaries, Authors, web pages, handouts, class notes and the ideas from other students (when borrowed).

The Catholic Study Bible (NAB)

Instructors: A team of experienced and dynamic Professors and Instructors from **St. JOHN'S REGIONAL SEMINARY**, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.

COURSE FEE: Rs. 3500/- for two years which covers the honorarium for the instructors, hand outs (whenever given), tea and office expenses. Those who are in genuine need for scholarship may apply to the coordinator of the programme. They will be considered based on individual need, interest and commitment.

SCHEDULE:

The fourth batch of Bible study will commence from **22nd June 2024**

VENUE: at **St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, St. Francis Street, Secunderabad, T.S, every Saturdays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.**

TO APPLY: If you feel deep within you that Jesus is calling you to Living Gospel, please contact us at HASSS Office from Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:30pm for registration, along with a recommendation letter from your Parish Priest.

CONTENT OF DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

Course Duration 2 Years / Credits Required 40

Available 101 Saturdays - minus 2 Holy Saturdays, and 2 Saturdays after Christmas

97 Saturdays x 4 hours each = 388 hours

Each Credit = 14 hours (27.7 x 14 = 388 hours)

Each Period duration will be 45 minutes.

SUGGESTED CREDITS:

Scripture (12 credits)

(4 Credits) 56 hours i.e. 14 Saturdays over a 2 year period

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Systematic Theology (6 Credits)

(3 Credits) 42 hours i.e. 10.5 Saturdays over a 2 year period

(2 Credits) 28 hours i.e. 7 Saturdays over a 2 year period

14 hours i.e. 3.5 Saturdays over a 2 year period

Moral Theology (3 credits)

(3 Credits) 42 hours i.e. 10.5 Saturdays over a 2 year period

Canon Law (2 credits)

(2 Credits) 28 hours i.e. 7 Saturdays over a 2 year period

Liturgy (2 credits)

(2 Credits) 28 hours i.e. 7 Saturdays over a 2 year period

Church History (2 credits)

(2 Credits) 28 hours i.e. 7 Saturdays over a 2 year period

Spirituality (1 credit)

(1 Credit) 14 hours i.e. 3.5 Saturdays over a 2 year period

TOTAL = 28 credits i.e. 392 hours

28 Class Credits

11 Fathers = 11 assignments (1 credit each)

1 Research Paper

TOTAL = 40 Credits

We request Parish Priest to kindly make announcement in the church and to put the brochure in the notice board. The **Fourth batch Diploma in Theology will commence on 22nd June 2024 from 5pm to 8 pm at St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, St. Francis Street, Secunderabad, T.S, for further details contact the Family of Faith Office at HASSS Office for registration.**

A WORD ABOUT FAMILY OF FAITH

Family of Faith Catholic Ministry is a non-profit organization. Please consider donating to the Family of Faith to support our mission and ministry.

**Yours sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Raju Alex A.E**

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International News

1. CYCLE OF CATECHESIS. VICES AND VIRTUES. 19. CHARITY

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will talk about the third theological virtue, charity. The other two, let us remember, were faith and hope: today we will talk about the third, charity. It is the culmination of the entire itinerary we have undertaken with the catecheses on the virtues. To think of charity immediately expands the heart, and it expands the mind, it evokes the inspired words of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Corinthians. Concluding that wonderful hymn, Saint Paul cites the triad of the theological virtues and exclaims: “So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor 13:13).

Paul addresses these words to a community that is anything but perfect in fraternal love: the Christians of Corinth were rather litigious, there were internal divisions, and there were those who claimed to always be right and did not listen to others, regarding them as their inferiors. Paul reminds them that knowledge puffs up, whereas charity builds up (cf. 1 Cor 8:1). The Apostle then speaks of a scandal that touches even the moment of greatest union for a Christian community, the “Lord’s supper”, the Eucharistic celebration: even there, there are divisions, and there are those who take advantage of this to eat and drink, excluding those who have nothing (cf. 1 Cor 11:18-22). In the face of this, Paul gives a stark judgement: “When you meet together, it is not the Lord’s supper that you eat” (v. 20), you have another ritual, which is pagan, it is not the Lord’s supper. Who knows, perhaps in the community of Corinth, no-one thought they had committed a sin, and those harsh words by the Apostle sounded somewhat incomprehensible to them. They were probably all convinced that they were good people, and if questioned on love, they would have answered that love was certainly a very important value for them, just like friendship or the family. In our days too, love is on the lips of many “influencers” and in the refrains of many songs. We speak a lot about love, but what is love?

“But what about the other love?”, Paul seems to ask to his Christians of Corinth. Not the love that rises, but the one that descends; not the one that takes, but the

one that gives; not the one that appears, but the one that is hidden. Paul is concerned that in Corinth — as among us today too — there is confusion and that there is actually no trace of the theological virtue of love, the one that comes to us only from God. And even if people ensure to us with words that they are good people and that they love their family and friends, in reality they know very little about the love of God. The Christians of antiquity had several Greek words at their disposal to define love. In the end, the word “agape” emerged, which we normally translate as “charity”. Because in truth Christians are capable of all the forms of love in the world: they too fall in love, more or less as happens to everyone. They too experience the benevolence that is felt in friendship. They too feel love for their country and the universal love for all humanity. But there is a greater love, a love which comes from God and is directed towards God, which enables us to love God, to become his friends. It enables us to love our neighbours as God loves them, with the desire to share the friendship with God. Because of Christ, this love drives us where we would not humanly go: it is the love for the poor, for what is not lovable, for those who do not care for us and are ungrateful. It is love for what no one would love, even for one’s enemy. Even for the enemy. This is “theological”: this comes from God, it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preaches: “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them” (Lk 6:32-33). And he concludes: “But love your enemies” — we are used to speaking badly of our enemies — “love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish” (v. 35). Let us remember this: “Love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return”. Let us not forget this! In these words, love reveals itself as a theological virtue and assumes the name of charity. Love is charity. We immediately realize that it is a difficult, indeed impossible love to practice if one does not live in God. Our human nature makes us love spontaneously what is good and beautiful. In the name of an ideal or a great affection we can even be generous and perform heroic acts. But the love of God goes beyond these criteria. Christian love embraces what is not lovable, it offers forgiveness — how difficult it is to forgive! How much love it takes to forgive! — Christian love blesses those who curse, whereas, faced with an insult or a curse, we are accustomed to replying with another insult, with another curse. It is a love so ardent that it

seems almost impossible, and yet it is the only thing that will remain of us. Love is the “narrow gate” through which we will pass in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Because at the twilight of life, we will not be judged on generic love; we will be judged precisely on charity, on the real love we had. And Jesus says this to us, which is so beautiful: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). This is the beautiful thing, the greatest thing about love. Onwards and upwards!

2. CYCLE OF CATECHESIS. VICES AND VIRTUES. 20. HUMILITY

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will conclude this cycle of catechesis by looking at a virtue which is not part of the seven cardinal and theological virtues, but which is at the base of Christian life: this virtue is humility. It is the great antagonist of the most mortal of sins, namely arrogance. Whereas pride and arrogance swell the human heart, making us appear to be more than we are, humility restores everything to its correct dimension: we are wonderful creatures, but we are limited, with qualities and flaws. From the beginning, the Bible reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return (cf. Gen 3:19); indeed, “humble” derives from humus, that is, earth. And yet the delirium of omnipotence, which is so dangerous, often arises in the human heart, and this does us a great deal of harm.

It takes very little to free ourselves from of arrogance; it suffices to contemplate a starry sky to restore the correct measure, as the Psalm says: “When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?” (8:3-4). Modern science enables us to extend the horizon much, much farther, and to feel the mystery that surrounds us and which we inhabit even more.

Blessed are the people who hold in their heart this perception of their own smallness! These people they are preserved from an ugly vice: arrogance. In His Beatitudes, Jesus starts precisely from them: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven” (Mt 5:3). It is the first Beatitude, because it is at the base of those that follow: indeed, meekness, mercy, and purity of heart stem from that inner sense of smallness. Humility is the gateway to all the virtues.

In the first pages of the Gospels, humility and poverty of spirit seem to be the source of everything. The announcement of the angel does not happen at the doors

of Jerusalem, but in a remote village in Galilee, so insignificant that people used to say, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46). But it is exactly from there that the world is reborn. The chosen heroine is not a little queen who grew up coddled, but an unknown girl: Mary. She herself is the first to be astonished when the angel brings God’s announcement. And in her hymn of prayer, it is indeed this wonder that stands out: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden” (Lk 1:46-48). God is – so to speak – attracted by the smallness of Mary, which is above all an inner smallness. And He is also attracted by our smallness, when we accept it. From here on, Mary will be careful not to take centre stage. Her first decision after the angelic annunciation is to go and help, to go and serve her cousin. Mary heads towards the mountains of Judea to visit Elizabeth: she assists her in the last months of her pregnancy. But who sees this gesture? No-one, other than God. The Virgin does not seem to want to emerge from this concealment. Just as, when a woman’s voice from the crowd proclaims her blessedness: “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!” (Lk 11:27). But Jesus immediately replies: “Blessed rather are those that hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11:28). Not even the most sacred truth of her life – being the Mother of God – becomes a reason for her to boast before men. In a world marked by the pursuit of appearance, of showing oneself to be superior to others, Mary walks decisively, by the sole power of God’s grace, in the opposite direction.

We can imagine that she, too, has known difficult moments, days when her faith advanced in darkness. But this never made her humility waver, which in Mary was a granitic virtue. I want to highlight this: humility is a granitic virtue. Let us think of Mary: she is always small, always without self-importance, always free of ambition. This smallness of hers is her invincible strength: it is she who remains at the foot of the cross, while the illusion of a triumphant Messiah is shattered. It will be Mary, in the days leading up to Pentecost, who will gather up the flock of disciples, who had not been able to keep vigil just one hour with Jesus, and had abandoned Him when the storm came. Brothers and sisters, humility is everything. It is what saves us from the Evil One, and from the danger of becoming his accomplices. And humility is the source of peace in the world and in the Church. Where there is no humility, there is war, there is discord, there is division. God has given us an example of this in Jesus and Mary, for our salvation and happiness. And humility is precisely the way, the path to salvation. Thank you!

Dates & Events to Remember

Feasts and Solemnity

- 01.St. Justin, Mrtr(M)
- 02. Corpus Christi (Sol)
- 03.St. Charles Lwanga & comp (M)
- 05.St. Boniface, Bish, Mrtr (M)
- 06.St. Norbert, Bp (Op. M)
- 07.Sacret heart of Jesus (Sol)
- 08. Immaculate heart of BVM, (M)
- 11.St. Branabas, Ap (F)



- 13.St. Anthony of Padua, Pt &Dr(M)
- 19.St. Romuald, Abbot (OP.M)
- 21.St. Alosious Gonzaga, Rel(M)
- 22.St. Paulinus of Nola, Bp, Sts. John Fisher, Bp &Thomas more, Mtrs (op. M)
- 24.The Birth OF St John The Baptist(sol)
- 27.St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bp &Dr (Op. M)
- 28.St. Irenaenus, Bp &Mrtr(M)

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

- 01.Fr. Domnic Savio.
- 01.Fr. Madanu Prathap.
- 02.Fr. Yeddanapalli M. Joseph.
- 03.Fr. Madanu Joseph. (sr)
- 07.Fr.Udumula. J. Chinnappa Reddy.
- 09.Fr.Yeruva Bala Sudheer.
- 13. Fr.Udagandla Julain.



- 17. Fr.Gali Samson.
- 18. Fr.A. E. Raju Alex.
- 18. Fr. Gali Mathiyasu Reddy.
- 19. Fr. Mettu Arogyam.
- 23.Fr. Marineni Varaprasad.
- 23. Fr.Thumma Fathima Reddy.
- 30. Fr.John Vijay Kumar.

Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

- 02. Fr. Madanu Ajith Kumar

Necrology



- 02. Most Rev. Caprotti Pietro,PIME
- 02. Fr. Avvari M Sleevappa.
- 11. Fr. A. Amirdhan.
- 21. Fr. Chinnabathini Chinnia.

MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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*"A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth"
- Ecclesiastes 7:1*

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Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord