



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
REV. FR. BANDANADAM SHOWRY PRABHAKAR

*"I AM THE RESSURECTION AND THE LIFE,
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET HE SHALL LIVE"*
JN 11:25



DATE OF BIRTH : 06TH DECEMBER, 1973
DATE OF ORDINATION : 09TH DECEMBER, 2002
DATE OF DEATH : 14TH MAY, 2025



Memorial Mass on 11th June 2025 at 9:30 am in St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad

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Archbishop's Message



This month of June, once again brings all the true disciples of the incarnate Son of God, the delight of hearing His kindly and divine invitation to approach Him and renew their personal and family consecration to His most Sacred and adorable Heart: 'Come to Me all you who are weary and heavily burdened and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28).' In order to partake progressively, permanently and eschatologically of this divine 'rest' of His own most Sacred Heart, a human person must be drawn by the Son of God unto Himself, to be given the power of His most Holy 'Spirit of Truth,' through the works of His holy, redeeming and eschatologically sanctifying 'high priesthood according to the order of Melchisedek,' to abide in Him: 'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men (namely, 'human persons') to myself (Jn.12:32).'

Thereby, they will be able to pursue their present baptismal pilgrimage of faith, hope and charity 'in Him' and in His 'Holy Spirit' in an enlightened and lively manner, and securely with Him, to join Him finally forever, through a holy and well provided 'sleep of death,' to join Him with all His Saints in the home of His Eternal Father: "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also may be (Jn.14:2-3)."

POPE'S INTENTION: JUNE 2025

That the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: JUNE 2025

Let us pray for Peace and end of conflicts: In this month, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Let us pray for peace in our nation, India. That there may be cessation of violence and the restoration of peace in all places torn by disturbances and conflict. That the hearts of leaders may be moved to dialogue and justice, and that all people be protected from the ravages of hatred, destruction, and displacement.



RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
06-05-2025	SANTHOSH NAGAR	205
07-05-2025	KHAIRATHABAD	1000
08-05-2025	BOLARUM	70
23-05-2025	METTUGUDA	5000
26-05-2025	JAGADGIRIGUTTA	40
27-05-2025	SECUNDERABAD	800
27-05-2025	TRIMULGHERRY	550
	Total	7665

Solemnities and Feasts

JUNE 1st

The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12). It is also alluded to in various other passages (John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7–10; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21–22).

Only Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary have entered Heaven body and soul—Jesus by His own divine power in the Ascension, and Mary by God's power in the Assumption. The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission, uniting divine and human nature.

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, Jesus had beatific (direct knowledge of God), infused (divinely given truths), and learned (human experience) knowledge, which grew and was perfected in love throughout His life. Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, He revealed perfect divine love, and in the Ascension, brought glorified humanity into Heaven, opening the way for us. Mary, being sinless, followed. At the end of time, Christ will return to judge all. The faithful will rise, be transformed, and share fully in the Beatific Vision—body and soul. Celebrated since apostolic times, the Ascension was fixed 40 days after Easter by the Council of Nicaea (325), traditionally on a Thursday. Many churches now observe it on the following Sunday for wider participation.

Source:mycatholic.life



JUNE 08th

The Solemnity of the Pentecost

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, given to Jesus' disciples after His Resurrection. After forty days of teaching and preparing them, Jesus ascended, telling the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's promise. Ten days later, on Pentecost, the disciples were gathered in the upper room when the Holy Spirit descended upon them with the sound of wind and tongues of fire. They were empowered to speak in different languages and boldly proclaimed the Gospel.

Peter's powerful sermon led to the baptism of 3,000 people, forming the first Christian community in Jerusalem. Despite persecution and miracles, the Church continued to grow rapidly. The Holy Spirit played a vital role in empowering the disciples for their mission and sanctifying believers. The Apostles, inspired by the Spirit, wrote the New Testament, and the Church expanded beyond Jerusalem.

The Holy Spirit's mission is ongoing, giving us the seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) and twelve fruits (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity) that help us grow in holiness. As we celebrate Pentecost, we are called to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide and transform us, so we can fulfill our mission in the Church.

Source:mycatholic.life



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>

The nature of the Most Holy Trinity was one of the most fiercely debated dogmas in the early Church. Though today’s solemnity was only added to the General Roman Calendar in the 14th century, we honor the Trinity in every liturgy. This feast gives us a chance to deepen our worship and reflection.

The Trinity is first and foremost a Divine Mystery. We must humbly accept that even in Heaven, we will never fully grasp God’s inner reality—only God knows Himself perfectly. Yet, we are called to contemplate Him as deeply as we can, for in doing so, we find our purpose and fulfillment. God is perfectly simple—unchanging, eternal, and wholly unified. Unlike creation, which is made of parts and subject to change, God simply *is*. Within this divine simplicity, we can identify attributes like omnipotence, justice, mercy, wisdom, and love—all united in perfect harmony. God is transcendent yet intimately involved with creation. God is Love.

Though God is One, He is revealed as Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is not something human reason could discover; we know it only through divine revelation. The Father eternally begets the Son; the Holy Spirit proceeds from both, as the personified love between them. This eternal exchange is not creation, but relationship—an eternal giving and receiving of love.

The Nicene Creed expresses this mystery: the Son is “begotten, not made,” and the Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” The Trinity is one God in three Persons, united in perfect, self-giving love. Though the mystery surpasses our understanding, we are invited to contemplate it with humility and faith. Through grace, the Church—guided by councils and theologians like St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas—has given us glimpses into this divine reality. Yet even the deepest theology offers only a faint image of the God who is Love. Source: mycatholic.life



JUNE 22nd

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.

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

JUNE 24th

The Nativity of St. John The Baptist (Solemnity)

Jesus called John the greatest among those born of women (Luke 7:28), yet said the least in the kingdom of God is greater. John, an ascetic in the desert, preached repentance to prepare the way for Jesus, saying one greater than he would come—baptizing with the Holy Spirit and fire. Humble and self-effacing, John said of Jesus, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

When Jesus came to be baptized, John hesitated, saying, "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14), but Jesus insisted to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus joined the community awaiting the Messiah, making it truly messianic.

John's importance is highlighted in Luke's Gospel, which parallels the announcements and births of John and Jesus. Crowds came to John, and some thought he was the Messiah, but he always pointed to Jesus—even sending his own followers to him. Later, from prison, John questioned if Jesus was truly the Messiah. Jesus' response revealed a Messiah who fulfilled Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant. John, too, shared in this suffering, ultimately losing his life to Herodias' revenge. *Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>*



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. *Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>*

On June 29, the Church celebrates the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, revered as the founders of the See of Rome through their preaching, ministry, and martyrdom. As early as 258 AD, there is evidence of this joint celebration. **St. Peter**, originally named Simon, was a fisherman from Galilee introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Jesus named him Cephas (Petrus in Latin), meaning "Rock," signifying that he would be the foundation of the Church. Though Peter boldly professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," he also stumbled in faith—denying Jesus and faltering on water. Despite his flaws, he was chosen to lead the Church and became the first Pope. He ministered in Rome and was martyred there around 64 AD, crucified upside down. He is buried on Vatican Hill, where St. Peter's Basilica now stands.



St. Paul, known as the Apostle of the Gentiles, was formerly Saul, a zealous Jewish Pharisee who persecuted Christians. He witnessed the martyrdom of St. Stephen and was converted on the road to Damascus after a dramatic encounter with Christ. Baptized and renamed Paul, he became a tireless preacher of the Gospel across the Mediterranean. Paul was eventually imprisoned and martyred in Rome around 67 AD by beheading. He is buried at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Together, Peter and Paul are honored as pillars of the Church and witnesses to Christ through their sacrifice and faith. *Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>*

Archbishop's Engagements

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

JUNE 2025

2. Mon : In Office
3. Tue : TFC Annual General Body Meeting, at HASSS
4. Wed 10.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations and Akshara Abyasa Matha Feast at St. Paul the Hermit Church, Nandrakal
5. Thur : Meeting the Archdiocesan Seminarians
6. Fri Morning : In Office
05.30 p.m. : Blessing and Inauguration of the Newly Renovated Building, CHAI Directorate, Sec-bad
8. Sun : Holy Mass at Kurnool
10. Tue 10.00 a.m. : Blessing of St. Mary's Vidya Nikethan High School, at Pragnapur.
11. Wed 09.30 a.m. : Memorial Mass of Rev. Fr. B. Showry Prabhakar at St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad.
12. Thur : In Office
13. Fri 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. Sat 6 pm : Holy Mass at Our Lady of Vailankanni Chapel, Valluvar Nagar (Ammuguda Parish)

15. Sun 10.00 a.m. : Festive Mass, First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram.
- 16 Mon : In office
- 17 Tue : In office
- 18 Wed 9:30 am -1:00pm: Seminar at Archbishop's house for Archdiocesan Young Clergy, Religious Parish priests and Assistants and Other Diocesan Assistants working in the Archdiocese.
19. Thurs 10.00 a.m. : Blessing & Inauguration New Class Rooms of Infant Jesus EM School, Pedda Umenthal
21. Sat 05.30 pm : Diaconate Ordination of Brothers of Missionaries of Compassion at Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Aliabad
22. Sun 10.00 a.m. : Blessing of the Renovated Holy Cross Church, Vanastalipuram.
- 06.00 p.m. : Festive Mass, First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St John the Baptist Church, Arul Colony, A.S. Rao Nagar.
- 24-27 Tue-Fri : In Office
29. Sun : Mass at Pondicherry

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: JULY 2025

03. Sun : Mass at St Thomas Mount National Shrine, Chennai
20. Sun 09.00 a.m. : Festive Mass, First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, New Bowenpally
29. Tue 09.00 a.m. : Final Profession of JMJ Sisters, Provincialate, Somajiguda

30th May, 2025
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. ON THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS AND THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with a heart full of prayer, gratitude, and reflection that I write to you in these momentous days for our Holy Church.

The passing of our beloved Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, has left a deep void not only in the Vatican but in the hearts of millions across the world. I had the solemn privilege of traveling to Rome to be present for his funeral which is a profound and humbling moment. As I stood alongside my brother cardinals, clergy, and faithful from all nations, I was reminded of the vastness and unity of our Church. Pope Francis was a shepherd who truly walked with his flock. His humility, closeness to the poor, and firm commitment to the Gospel inspired me personally, and I know his legacy will continue to bear fruit.

Soon after, I was called, as a member of the College of Cardinals to participate in the sacred and historic duty of electing a new pope. **This was the first time in the history of the Telugu Church that a Cardinal from our land took part in a papal conclave**, and I carried your prayers and hopes with me into the Sistine Chapel. The weight of this responsibility was immense, but so was the grace that accompanied it.

In the days leading up to the conclave, we cardinals entered into a period of spiritual retreat and reflection. These days of prayer, silence, and fraternity allowed us to listen deeply to the Holy Spirit and to one another. We sought not only to discern who among us would be the next Vicar of Christ but also to renew our own faith and readiness to serve the Church in unity and humility.

When the time came to enter the Sistine Chapel, I felt an overwhelming sense of awe. Stepping into that sacred space was a moment of deep personal reflection and a powerful reminder of the holiness to which I am called, and the holiness I must constantly seek in my own life and ministry.

Together, through prayerful deliberation, we elected **Pope Leo XIV**, formerly

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost to lead the Church as the 267th successor of St Peter. His words and countenance reflect peace, wisdom, and a pastoral heart. I was moved by his call for unity and mercy, and I believe the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a shepherd who will lead the Church in continuity with the values of his predecessors while facing the challenges of our time with courage.

I ask you all to join me in fervent prayer for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV that the Lord may grant him strength, wisdom, and the love of Christ to lead His people. Let us also continue to remember Pope Francis with gratitude, asking that his soul be granted eternal peace, and his teachings be lived out through our witness.

2. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Recollection at Deanery level in the last week of the month of June, 2025. All the clergy are requested to attend the “Deanery Level Recollection.” If anyone is unable to attend the recollection, please inform the respective Deans. All the Deans are here-by requested to note down the minutes of the meetings with the list of the participants and send a copy to Archbishop’s House, Secunderabad.

3. NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Archdiocese of Hyderabad would like to express and extend best wishes, every success, for the new academic year 2025 - 2026 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 moulding 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.

4. DEMISE OF REV. FR. BANDANADAM SHOWRY PRABHAKAR:

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.”
Matthew 25:23

With deep sorrow and heartfelt grief, we communicate the passing of **Rev. Fr. B. Showry Prabhakar**, who departed this life on **14th May 2025**.

Fr. Showry Prabhakar was a devoted servant of God, a compassionate shepherd to his flock, and a faithful witness to the Gospel. Throughout his ministry, he touched countless lives through his steadfast commitment to the Church, his pastoral care, and his gentle spirit. His life was a proof to humility, service, and love and a true reflection of Christ’s teachings. He will be remembered not only for his dedication to the priesthood but also for the kindness and wisdom he shared with all who knew him.

As we mourn his loss, we also give thanks for his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May the Lord, whom he served so faithfully, welcome him into eternal rest and grant comfort to all who grieve.

Archdiocesan level Memorial Mass for Fr. Showry will be Celebrated on 11th June, 2025 in St. Mary’s Basilica, Secunderabad at 9:30 am.

5. HEARTY CONGRATS

We are happy to inform you that **Rev. Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr)**, has been appointed as the CCBI Coordinator of the Social Apostolate in addition to his present appointment in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad as the Director of HASSS.

We congratulate him and wish him all the best and God’s Blessings.

CHANCERY NOTICE

1. 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, 2025. Please contact Procurator’s office for details of your parish/institute dues.

2. ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE OFFICE:

- a. Kindly note that all offices at Archbishop's House will function Five days a week. (Monday to Friday).
- b. All financial transitions to be done from 1st to 25th of every month.
- c. Second Sunday and other special collections to be sent before 25th of every month.

3. REGARDING ADMISSIONS AND CONCESSIONS:

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

4. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Fr Yeruva Marreddy– Priest In-charge (*Ad Tempus*), Maria Rosa Mystica Church, L.B. Nagar.

Religious Parish Priests

1. Fr Balla Anand Bhasker ALCP/OSS – Parish Priest, Lourdh Matha Church, Church Colony.
2. Fr. Joseph Chinnabathini MSC – Parish Priest, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Kissannagar.
3. Fr. Mariadas Mekala SAC – Parish Priest, St Anthony's Church, Sappersline.
4. Fr. P Sagayaraj SVD – Parish Priest, Arogya Matha Church, Zaheerabad.
5. Fr. Vatti Rayappa SDB – Parish Priest, Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir.
6. Fr. Mekala Sebastian Reddy MSFS – Parish Priest, St Cecilia Church, Dayananda Nagar
7. Fr Chinnabathini Prasanth Kumar CMF, Parish Priest of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Basuregadi

Assistant Parish Priests from other Dioceses and Religious.

1. Fr Sandeep Kumar ALCP/OSS – Asst PP, Lourdh Matha Church, Church Colony.
2. Fr. Akhil Nimmagadda SAC – Asst PP, St Anthony's Church, Mudfort
3. Fr. Cheruvathur James SDB – Asst PP, St Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda.
4. Fr. Emparil Matthew SDB – Asst PP, St Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar.
5. Fr. S. Shantha Murthy SDB – Asst PP, St Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar.

6. Fr. Guta Kishore – (Srikakulam) Asst. Infant Jesus International School, Shamshabad.
7. Fr. Bogi Balaraju MSFS - Asst PP, St. Cecilia Church, Dayananda Nagar
8. Fr. Pilli Bala Showry MSFS - Asst PP, R.C. Church, Medipalli
9. Fr. James Madappatt CMF – Asst. PP, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Basuregadi
10. Fr. Sikha Kumar CMF - Asst PP, St. Joseph's Church, Medchal.

Regency

1. Br. Chilkoor Calvin Kenneth - St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, King Koti

We welcome and wish you all the best and God's Blessings in your new assignments. May the Risen Lord give you wisdom and knowledge to be effective ministers of the Gospel.

With Regards and Prayers
+Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad

**Kindly find below the Gist of the Guidelines from
 CCBI Commission for Liturgy about the
 Naming of the Pope and the Bishop in the Eucharistic Prayer.**

1. Names in Eucharistic Prayer:

- Only the Pope's first name is used, **"Leo our Pope," without numerals**, Not "Leo XIV" OR Not any other name in Vernacular Translation.
- For our Archbishop, only the **first name** is used, **Anthony our Bishop**, omitting the Surname and titles like, "Grace," "Archbishop," "Cardinal," etc.

2. Who Must NOT Be Named:

- **Other Bishops**, including Emeritus Bishops, Presiding or Concelebrating Bishops, even Cardinals or Nuncios, are not to be mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer.

5. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		52		Mahendra Hills	
2		Alirajpet		53	23-04-2025	Madinaguda	2500
3		Ammuguda		54	17-05-2025	Mallapur	952
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		55		Manikonda Mission	
5		Arul Colony		56	22-04-2025	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	802
6		Balaji Nagar		57		Medchal	
7	29-04-2025	Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)	15480	58		Medipally	
8		Band Lines		59		Mettuguda	
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		60	15-04-2025	Miyapur	3000
10	11-04-2025	Banjara Hills	12000	61		Moul-Ali	
11		Basuregadi		62	27-05-2025	Mudfort	8000
12	23-04-2025	Bayyaram	1500	63		Muthangi	
13		Bazar Ghat		64		Nacharam	
14		BHEL - MIG		65		Nandrakal	
15	15-05-2025	Begumpet	6330	66		Narayankhed	
17		Bodhan		67		Nedunoor	
18		Boduppall		68		Neela Camp	
19	26-04-2025	Bhoiguda	10000	69	05-05-2025	Nizamabad	3150
20	21-04-2025	Bolarum	22020	70		Pargi	
21		Borabanda		71		Patancheru	
22		Bowenpally		72	23-04-2025	Ramachandrapuram	8500
23		Cherlapally		73		Ramanthapur	
24	07-05-2025	Chintalacheruvu	500	74	24-04-2025	Ramnagar	25000
25		Church Colony		75		Sadasivpet	
26		Dammaiguda		76		Sainikpuri	
27		Dharmaram		77	23-04-2025	Sanathnagar	18000
28	07-05-2025	Dayanandnagar	5300	78		Sangareddy	
29	23-04-2025	Emjala	20000	79		Santhoshnagar	
30		Gaddiannaram		80		Sappers Lines	
31		Gagillapuram		81	27-05-2025	Secunderabad	50276
32		Gajwel		82		Shabad	
33	24-04-2025	Gandhinagar	3000	83		Shamshabad	
34		Garrison (Trimulgherry)		84	12-04-2025	Shanthinagar	2165
35	15-04-2025	Ghatkesar	800	85	15-05-2025	Shapurnagar	9493
36	19-05-2025	Golconda	24255	86		Siddipet	
37		Gothumakunda		87		Seethaphalmandi	
38		Gunfoundry		88	28-04-2025	Sultan Bazar	5000
39		Jadi Jamalpur		89	15-04-2025	Suraram	3000
40	28-04-2025	Jagadgirigutta	3500	90		Tandur	
41		Jahanuma		91		Toopran	
42		Jogipet		92	25-04-2025	Trimulgherry	35200
43		Joipet		93		Uminthal	
44		Kalwakole		94		Vanasthalipuram	
45		Kamareddy		95		Venkatapuram	
46		Khairatabad		96		Vikarabad	
47		Kissan Nagar(Armoor)		97	15-04-2025	Yapral	3500
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49		Lallaguda		99		Yellareddy	
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51		Lillipur				Total	3,06,123

POPE LEO XIV: A SHEPHERD FOR A CHANGING WORLD

In a moment charged with history and hope, the world looked to the Vatican as white smoke rose above the Sistine Chapel on May 8, 2025. The conclave had spoken. The Roman Catholic Church had a new leader — and with him, a new vision.

From Chicago to the Chair of St. Peter



Robert Francis Prevost was born on **September 14, 1955**, in **Chicago, Illinois**, he grew up in a vibrant, multicultural household. His father, of French-Italian descent, and his Spanish-American mother raised him in a deeply faithful home, where the Church wasn't just part of life — it was the heartbeat of the family.

A gifted student, Robert studied **mathematics and philosophy** at Villanova University before answering a higher calling. In 1977, he entered the **Order of Saint Augustine** and was ordained a priest in 1982. But his journey was just beginning.



Missionary Heart, Global Reach

In 1985, Fr. Prevost was sent to **Peru** — a country that would shape much of his ministry and spiritual identity. There, he walked dusty roads and mountainous trails to bring the Gospel to the poor and forgotten. He served as a **parish priest, seminary rector**, and ultimately, a **bishop**. His fluency in Spanish and deep love for Latin American



culture earned him respect and affection across the continent

By 2001, his leadership was undeniable. He was elected **Prior General of the Augustinians**, guiding the global order through over a decade of transformation and growth.

Called to Rome, Chosen by God

In 2023, Pope Francis brought him to the heart of the Vatican, naming him **Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops**

— one of the most influential roles in the Church’s hierarchy. That same year, he was made a **cardinal**, placing him in the inner circle of papal advisors.

Two years later, as the conclave gathered after the passing of Pope Francis, Cardinal Prevost’s quiet strength, missionary zeal, and administrative wisdom made him a unifying figure. The cardinals cast their votes. A new era began.



Pope Leo XIV: A Name, A Mission

Choosing the name **Leo XIV**, he reached back to the legacy of **Pope Leo XIII**, known for championing workers’ rights during the Industrial Revolution. Pope Leo XIV signaled from the start that he would not shy away from the complex challenges of the modern age — from **artificial intelligence** to **climate change**, **migrant crises**, and **war**.



In His Own Words (Paraphrased from Inaugural Address):

“I take the name Leo in memory of a pope who taught the world that justice and mercy must walk hand in hand—that truth does not fear progress, and that

faith must be alive in every age.”

His inaugural Mass in **St. Peter’s Square** drew over **200,000 people** and global leaders from every faith and nation. In his homily, he spoke of a Church that listens, heals, and leads — a Church that belongs not to a throne, but to the streets.

“We must be a Church of bridges, not walls,” he said, “a light in a time of digital shadows and moral fog.”

A Vision for the 21st Century Church

In his first weeks as pope, Leo XIV has already captured imaginations. He has:

- Called for a **global dialogue on the ethics of AI**, warning against technology that replaces compassion with calculation.
- Urged peace efforts in **Ukraine and Gaza**, calling for “a ceasefire of conscience.”
- **Robert Prevost meeting Pope John Paul II**

Met with faith leaders across Christian denominations and beyond, emphasizing **unity over division**.

- Pledged to **protect the dignity of migrants**, challenging rising nationalism and fear.



A Humble Beginning. A Bold Future.

Whether speaking in fluent Spanish, walking among Peruvian villagers, or addressing tech giants from the Vatican, **Pope Leo XIV** embodies a rare mix of **humility, intellect, and action**. He may wear the white robes of tradition, but he steps boldly into tomorrow.

In a world desperate for direction, Pope Leo XIV’s papacy represents a blend of tradition and responsiveness to contemporary challenges, with a focus on unity, faith, and social justice.

ORDERS

Ordination : June 19, 1982 by Jean Jadot
Consecration : December 12, 2014 by James Green
Created cardinal : September 30, 2023 by Francis
Rank : Cardinal deacon (2023–)
Cardinal bishop (2025)

HIS PREVIOUS OFFICES

- Prior Provincial of Our Mother of Good Counsel (1998–)
- Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine (2001–)
- Titular Bishop of Sufar (2014–)
- Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo (2014–)
- Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–)
- Apostolic Administrator of Callao (2020–)
- Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops (2023–)
- President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (2023–)
- Cardinal Deacon of Santa Monica (2023–)
- Cardinal Bishop of Albano (2025)

INSTALLATION OF POPE LEO XIV





Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti bestowed the pallium on Pope Leo XIV during his inaugural mass. Cardinal Mamberti also announced the new Pope to the public from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

The pallium is a woolen vestment symbolizing the Pope's pastoral office and role as the chief shepherd of the Church.



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, gave the Fisherman's Ring to Pope Leo XIV during the Mass of Inauguration of his pontificate on May 18, 2025.

Symbolism:

The ring is a symbol of the Petrine Ministry, tracing back to St. Peter, who was a fisherman and the first Pope. The imagery on the ring, typically depicting St. Peter's boat, reinforces this connection.

Tradition:

The Fisherman's Ring is part of the papal regalia and has been a tradition since at least the Middle Ages.



MASSIVE CROWD. A general view of Saint Peter's Square as Pope Leo XIV holds his inaugural Mass at the Vatican.

THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

Blazon

The left field is blue with a silver fleur-de-lis; the right is white, with a flaming heart pieced by an arrow, entirely red, and resting on an uncovered book.

Above the shield there is a silver mitre, adorned with three gold bands joined by a gold vertical post, with fluttering red infulae, fringed with gold and adorned with gold crosses; in front of the infulae there are the crossed Petrine keys, gold (bend) and silver (bend sinister), linked by a red cord.



Motto

IN ILLO UNO UNUM

Explanation

On the left field of the coat of arms of the Holy Father Leo XIV, the blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and is characterized by its Marian significance, a classic symbol referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the lily or fleur-de-lis (*flos florum*).

In the other field, white in colour, there is the emblem of the Augustinian Order, a flaming heart pieced by an arrow. This image symbolically represents the words of Saint Augustine in the book of Confessions: “*Sagittaveras tu cor meum charitate tua*” (“You have wounded my heart with your love”). It is an element that has always been present in the emblem of the Augustinians from the sixteenth century onwards, albeit with several variations, such as the presence of the book symbolizing the Word of God capable of transforming the heart of every man, as it was for Augustine. The book also recalls the enlightened works that the Doctor of Grace gave to the Church and humanity. White (in an ivory shade in the papal coat of arms) is a recurrent colour in other coats of arms of religious orders, and can be read as a symbol of holiness and purity.

The motto, “*In Illo uno unum*” (“In the one Christ we are one”), recalls the words of Saint Augustine in a sermon, the *Exposition on Psalm 128*, explaining that “in the one Christ we are one”, “one in the One Christ”.



Pastoral News

1. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, GAGILLAPURAM ON 04th MAY, 2025.



2. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BOLARUMON 18th MAY, 2025



3. CONVOCAION FOR THE LAY FAITHFUL FOR DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY



Archdiocesan News

1. EMPOWERING FAMILY MINISTRY: SEMINAR ON JOURNEYING WITH FAMILIES – PART 3 AT SATYODAYAM RETREAT CENTER

Secunderabad, May 10, 2025 – The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad took a significant step forward in strengthening its family ministry with the successful hosting of “Journeying with Families – Part 3” at the Satyodayam Retreat Center, Tarnaka. The seminar brought together clergy, religious, and lay faithful for a day of learning, reflection, and empowerment, focused on building effective outreach and support for families.

The event commenced with an opening prayer by Sr. Nirmala and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, setting a tone of reverence and unity. Fr David Francis, Director of the Family Apostolate, welcomed participants and resource persons, highlighting the importance of collaborative ministry in today’s rapidly changing family landscape.

The morning session featured a compelling talk by Dr. Diana Monteiro, an internationally acclaimed psychologist. Dr. Monteiro addressed the challenges faced by families in their brokenness, delving into the root causes of conflict and break-

ups in contemporary marriage and family life. Her practical insights and compassionate approach inspired attendees to serve families in distress with renewed wisdom and empathy.



Following a brief tea break, Rev. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar, Episcopal Vicar, delivered an informative session on “Marriage Annulment.” He clarified the Church’s teaching on annulment, distinguishing it from divorce, and offered guidance on supporting couples navigating this sensitive process. His informative, interactive talk equipped participants with the knowledge and sensitivity needed to accompany families through difficult times, answering questions and clarifying related issues.

Sr. Jessy Kurien also contributed with a brief but impactful reflection on the family, underlining the Church’s commitment to holistic family care.

Representing Cardinal Poola Anthony, who was away, Fr Victor Emmanuel, Procurator and Chancellor, served as Chief Guest. He conveyed the Cardinal’s greetings and appreciation for the Family Apostolate’s dedicated work, assuring continued support and encouragement for their initiatives.

The post-lunch session engaged participants in group discussions on pressing family issues, fostering collaborative problem-solving and the sharing of practical solutions. The seminar also spotlighted various Couple and Family Movements active in the twin cities, including Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, Grey and Graceful, Missionary Families for Christ, Family Counselling, and Alcoholics Anonymous – resources available to support families in need.

Roger and Jessy, Secretary Couple of the Family Apostolate, presented a brief report on the journey and activities of the Apostolate, celebrating achievements and outlining future plans. The seminar concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, marking the end of a fruitful day dedicated to empowering those who serve families across the Archdiocese.

This seminar stands as a testament to the Archdiocese of Hyderabad’s ongoing commitment to nurturing resilient, faith-filled families and building a supportive community for all.

- Sylvester Isaac for the Family Apostolate

2. SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN, ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP, ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS CAMP ORGANIZED AT ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, BHOIGUDA

From April 30th to May 6th, St John Maria Vianney Parish, New Bhoiguda, hosted a vibrant and spiritually enriching Summer Camp 2025 under the guidance of Fr. Jerome, with enthusiastic support from our parish youth. The camp welcomed 204 children, from primary

to high school, for six faith-filled days from 9 AM to 4 PM. Each day began with joyful Praise and Worship, setting a prayerful tone. Mornings were dedicated to sessions on the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Gospels, offering children both detailed and holistic insights into



Scripture. Fr. Jerome Lewis and Fr. Prince Xavier led the senior classes, while Ms. Manoranjani, Mrs. Angela Moses, Mrs. Sheeba, and dedicated volunteers guided the younger groups. A delicious lunch was prepared daily by Anthony Raj, Anthony Vincent, Xavier, Kietan, Benny, Stanley, and team. In the afternoons, children were divided into eight groups and engaged in lively competitions—singing, dancing, Bible enactments, and games—led by youth volunteers. On the final day, Fr. G. Arogyaswamy offered an inspiring recap of the week’s teachings. Every participant received a Certificate of Participation, presented personally by the Parish Priest in recognition of their dedication.

The picnic day which was a joyful and memorable highlight of the camp began with a trip to Emjala Church, where all the children, volunteers, and adult coordinators participated in a special Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerome. After a hearty breakfast, the group set out for Siri Nature’s Valley Resort—a scenic, child-friendly destination surrounded by nature. The day was filled with laughter, fun, and bonding, featuring activities such as swimming and water play in a well-supervised pool, outdoor games, team-building exercises, and plenty of time to enjoy the peaceful natural surroundings. The return journey was cheerful and smooth, with everyone arriving back at the church by 8:00 PM. The day concluded with a

heartfelt thanksgiving prayer, bringing the camp to a joyful and fulfilling close. May God bless everyone who contributed to this beautiful journey of faith, learning, and fun.

The Annual Youth Camp titled “REVIVE” was held at St John Maria Vianney Parish, New Bhoiguda, over two days in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The camp saw an enthusiastic turnout from the parish youth, all eager to deepen their faith and fellowship. On the first day, the session was led by Bro. Varghese



from the Jyothirmmai team. His session helped the youth to understand the Jubilee year and how we are pilgrims of hope. The second day began with a powerful worship session led by Fr. Jerome, which created a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere. This was followed by an inspiring input session by Mr. Roger John, who shared valuable insights and personal reflections that resonated deeply with

the young participants. The young minds had a beautiful time connecting with God and one another, making it a truly memorable event for all involved.

The Annual Altar Servers Camp 2025 was a memorable and spiritually enriching experience for around 50 altar servers from St. John Maria Vianney Parish, New Bhoiguda. The one-day camp began with a visit to the scenic Ananthagiri Hills, where the altar servers spent time in reflection and bonding with one another. From there, the group proceeded to St. Jude’s Shrine in Vikarabad, where we had a brief moment of prayer. The next stop was Siluvakonda, where an inspiring input session was conducted by Fr. Jerome along with some of the former altar servers of the Bhoiguda Parish. Their words and experiences motivated the young participants to grow deeper in their faith and commitment to service. Following this, the group visited Jeevandata Parish in Ummnithal, where they



participated in the Holy Mass, engaged in special sessions, and received practical training in altar service. The day was also filled with fun and interactive activities that strengthened their sense of community and joy in service. The camp concluded with the journey back to the parish, with the group returning by 8:00 PM. It was a day full of faith, learning and lasting memories, leaving the altar servers renewed and encouraged in their role.

3. RCIA PROGRAMME IN HYDERABAD ARCHDIOCESE WELCOMES FIRST CANDIDATES AND ANNOUNCES KEY UPDATES

The Family of Faith is pleased to announce a major milestone for the Archdiocese of Hyderabad's faith formation efforts. With the recent launch of the



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme, the first candidates—Mrs. Aboorwam and her daughters, Divya and Nithya—have received Baptism. The sacrament was administered by Fr. M. Sundar at Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally, on Saturday, May 17.

After launching the RCIA, the Family of Faith received valuable feedback about challenges faced by candidates, especially regarding the course's length and structure. In response, the programme has been revised to better meet community needs while preserving the essentials of Catholic formation. Here are the key updates:

- **Shorter Duration:** RCIA will now run for four months, making it more accessible for participants.
- **Biannual Sessions:** The programme will be held twice a year—January to April and July to October—offering more opportunities to join.
- **Flexible Class Structure:** Online classes will be held at least twice a week, with a minimum of two in-person sessions to foster community.
- **Comprehensive Content:** All essential components of Church teachings will be covered, ensuring that candidates receive an in-depth and meaningful formation, ensuring a thorough formation despite the shorter duration.

- Continuous Improvement: Ongoing feedback from candidates and priests will be used to further enhance the programme.

RCIA is a journey of faith, study, and prayer for adults seeking to join the Catholic Church. The Family of Faith urges all parishes to promote the revised RCIA and send candidates for preparation. Parish support is vital for nurturing new members' spiritual growth.



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4. CENTENARY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF SACRED HEART CHURCH, BACHUPALLY – NEDUNOOR PARISH: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS

The village of Bachupally, part of the Nedunoor Parish, proudly marked the **Centenary Jubilee** of its settlement and the founding of the **Sacred Heart Church**. This milestone is a celebration of a hundred years of faith, unity, and community rooted in the enduring legacy of our forefathers.

On this auspicious occasion, we were honored by the presence of **His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Sagili**, Bishop of Khammam, who joined us to bless the celebrations and share in the spiritual joy of our community. Priests, nuns, family members, and well-wishers from near and far also gathered to commemorate this historic event.



Historical Overview

The origins of our community trace back to the **Rayalaseema region**, where Catholicism first took root in Andhra Pradesh. The faith was introduced by **Fr. Ligory**, a French missionary affectionately known as *Sanjeeva Nath Swamy*, who administered the first Christian baptism in the state. Over time, several families embraced the faith and migrated through regions including Kadapa, Kurnool, and Guntur—eventually settling in Telangana.



In **1925**, eight pioneering families migrated from Vangamarthy to Bachupally, laying the foundation for our village. They were later joined by families from Rentachintala, Iriven, Alwal, and Nedunur. These settlers purchased and cultivated farmland, built homes, and led lives centered on faith and simplicity.



Worship began in makeshift huts, with visiting priests from Fatimapur. The spiritual needs of the growing community led to the foundation of a church in **1945** by **Fr. Kakumanu Rayanna**. In **1981**, the formation of the **Nedunoor Parish** brought pastoral support under the leadership of Fr. Peter. A new church was constructed in **2000** by **Fr. Michael Selvaraj**, and during this

jubilee year, it has been beautifully renovated under the guidance of **Fr. Michael Samala**.

A Century of Growth and Faith

Over the past century, Bachupally has seen significant spiritual and social growth. The village has been blessed with **three priests** and several **nuns** who have dedicated their lives to service. Many students educated in faith-based

institutions have gone on to achieve great success in various fields.

The Centenary Jubilee is not just a celebration of the past but a reaffirmation of our commitment to carry forward the legacy of faith, service, and community for generations to come. We give thanks to the Almighty for guiding us through this remarkable journey.

5. FAMILY BLESSING CONVENTION AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, TRIMULGHERRY

A three-day *Family Blessing Convention* was held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of May 2025 at Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry. The event was organized under the initiative of Rev. Fr. Prabhudas, Secretary of the *Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)*, Archdiocese of Hyderabad, with the blessings of His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad. The convention was conducted in collaboration with the Catholic Association of Hyderabad, under the leadership of Mr. F. John Bosco (President).

Each day of the convention began with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, followed by Praise and Worship, Message/Healing/Deliverance sessions, and concluded with the Holy Mass.

- On 16th May 2025, the Healing and Deliverance service was led by Rev. Fr. Cyril Doss SVD from the *Divine Word Centre, Muthangi*.
- On 17th May 2025, the service was conducted by Rev. Fr. Xavier Arulraj from the *Divine Mercy Retreat Centre, Mangalagiri, Tuticorin*.
- The final day, 18th May 2025, featured Fr. Augustine Mundackatt V.C., Council General of the *Vincentian Congregation*, Vincentian Generalate, Edappally, Kerala.

Youth from various parishes across the Archdiocese actively participated by leading the Rosary, assisting in the choir, and helping with overall arrangements.

The preachers emphasized the importance of daily family prayer, inviting families to seek God's divine presence in their lives over material desires, and to build their homes on Christ-centered values. The Holy Mass was concelebrated by several priests from the Archdiocese, who also made themselves available to hear confessions.

It was truly a blessing that the weather remained pleasant throughout the three

days. The convention drew over 3,000 faithful from various parishes, all seeking anointing, healing, and deliverance. Many testified to being touched and healed during the event.

Special thanks go to Rev. Fr. K. Mareddy, Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, for his unwavering support; the youth members from various parishes; and the Catholic Association of Hyderabad for organizing and providing dinner for all three days to the faithful.

The convention concluded with a heartfelt felicitation ceremony to honor all those who selflessly contributed to the success of the event.

International News

1. FIRST “URBI ET ORBI” BLESSING OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV, 08.05.2025

Before the Blessing, the new Pope addressed the following words to the faithful:

Words of the Holy Father

Peace be with you all!

Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God’s flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!

It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

We can still hear the faint yet ever courageous voice of Pope Francis as he blessed Rome, the Pope who blessed Rome, who gave his blessing to the world, the whole world, on the morning of Easter. Allow me to extend that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God’s hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs

his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also thank my brother Cardinals, who have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries.

I am an Augustinian, a son of Saint Augustine, who once said, “With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop.” In this sense, all of us can journey together toward the homeland that God has prepared for us.

A special greeting to the Church of Rome! Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.

(In Spanish)

Y si me permiten también una palabra, un saludo a todos y en modo particular a mi querida diócesis de Chiclayo, en el Perú, donde un pueblo fiel ha acompañado a su obispo, ha compartido su fe y ha dado tanto, tanto, para seguir siendo Iglesia fiel de Jesucristo.

(Translation)

And if you also allow me a brief word, a greeting to everyone and in particular to my beloved Diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people has accompanied its Bishop, shared its faith and given so much, so much, to continue being a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters in Rome, in Italy, throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.

Today is the day of the Prayer of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk at our side, to remain close to us, to help us with her intercession and her love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace: *Hail Mary...*

2. CATECHESIS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Pope Leo XIV resumed the cycle of catechesis to continue throughout the entire Jubilee Year, “*Jesus Christ our hope*”, focusing on the theme: “*The sower. He spoke to them at length in parables (Mt 13:3a)*”.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am pleased to welcome you in this, my first general Audience. Today I will resume the cycle of Jubilee catecheses, on the theme “Jesus Christ Our Hope”, initiated by Pope Francis.

Let us continue today to meditate on the parables of Jesus, which help us to regain hope, because they show us how God works in history. Today I would like to dwell on a parable which is somewhat peculiar, because it is a sort of introduction to all the parables. I refer to that of the sower (cf. *Mt 13:1-17*). In a certain sense, in this account we can recognize Jesus’ way of communicating, which has a great deal to teach us for proclaiming the Gospel today.

Every parable tells a story that is taken from everyday life, yet wants to tell us something more, to refer us to a deeper meaning. The parable raises questions in us; it invites us not to stop at appearances. Before the story that is told or the image that is presented to me, I can ask myself: where am I in this story? What does this image say to my life? In fact, the term “parable” comes from the Greek verb *paraballein*, which means *to throw in front of*. The parable throws before me a word that provokes me and prompts me to question myself.

The parable of the sower talks precisely about the dynamic of the word of God and the effects it produces. Indeed, every word of the Gospel is like a seed that is thrown on the ground of our life. Jesus uses the image of the seed many times, with different meanings. In chapter 13 of the Gospel of Matthew, the parable of the sower introduces a series of other short parables, some of which talk precisely about what is happening on the terrain: the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, the treasure hidden in the field. What, then, is this soil? It is our heart, but it is also the world, the community, the Church. The word of God, in fact, makes fruitful and provokes every reality.

At the beginning, we see Jesus who leaves the house and gathers a great crowd around him (cf. *Mt 13:1*). His word fascinates and intrigues. Among the people there are obviously many different situations. The word of Jesus is for everyone, but it works in each person in a different way. This context allows us to understand

better the meaning of the parable.

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls. He throws the seeds even where it is unlikely they will bear fruit: on the path, on the rocks, among the thorns. This attitude surprises the listener and induces him to ask: how come?

We are used to calculating things – and at times it is necessary – but this does not apply in love! The way in which this “wasteful” sower throws the seed is an image of the way God loves us. Indeed, it is true that the destiny of the seed depends also on the way in which the earth welcomes it and the situation in which it finds itself, but first and foremost in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life’s worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how he loves us: he does not wait for us to become the best soil, but he always generously gives us his word. Perhaps by seeing that he trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is hope, founded on the rock of God’s generosity and mercy.

In telling the way in which the seed bears fruit, Jesus is also talking about his life. Jesus is the Word, he is the Seed. And the seed, to bear fruit, must die. Thus, this parable tells us that God is ready to “waste away” for us and that Jesus is willing to die in order to transform our life.

I have in mind that beautiful painting by Van Gogh, *The sower at sunset*. That image of the sower in the blazing sun also speaks to me of the farmer’s toil. And it strikes me that, behind the sower, Van Gogh depicted the grain already ripe. It seems to me an image of hope: one way or another, the seed has borne fruit. We are not sure how, but it has. At the centre of the scene, however, is not the sower, who stands to the side; instead, the whole painting is dominated by the image of the sun, perhaps to remind us that it is God who moves history, even if he sometimes seems absent or distant. It is the sun that warms the clods of earth and makes the seed ripen.

Dear brothers and sisters, in what situation of life today is the Word of God reaching us? Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to welcome this seed that is his Word. And if we realize we are not a fruitful soil, let us not be discouraged, but let us ask him to work on us more to make us become a better terrain.

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. The Ascension of the Lord (Sol) | 13. St. Anthony of Padua, Pt & Dr (M) |
| 02. Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (Op. M) | 15. The Most Holy Trinity (Sol) |
| 03. St. Charles Lwanga & comp (M) | 19. St. Romuald, Abbot (Op. M) |
| 05. St. Boniface, Bish, Mrtr (M) | 21. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel (M) |
| 06. St. Norbert, Bp (Op. M) | 22. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Sol) |
| 08. Pentecost (Sol) | 24. The Birth OF St. John The Baptist (Sol) |
| 09. Our Lady, Mother of the Church, (M) | 27. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Sol) |
| 11. St. Barnabas, Ap (F) | 28. The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) |
| | 29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Ap (Sol) |



Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 01. Fr. Dominic Savio | 17. Fr. Gali Samson |
| 01. Fr. Madanu Prathap | 18. Fr. A. E. Raju Alex |
| 02. Fr. Yeddanapalli M. Joseph | 18. Fr. Gali Mathyas Reddy |
| 03. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Sr.) | 19. Fr. Mettu Arogyam |
| 07. Fr. Udumala J. Chinnappa Reddy | 23. Fr. Marneni Varaprasad |
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MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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We pray that His Holiness will lead the faithful with wisdom and compassion. May His papacy be a profound blessing to the Church and to the world at large.