



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - January 2020

My dear Parishioners,

A very Happy New Year 2020 to each one of you and to your families! We have been blessed with another year of life and a new set of opportunities. God in his goodness has offered us another year of life so that we may be able to continue spreading the message of Christmas, namely - the message Salvation which he offers to the whole world. May this be a year of blessings for each one of us.

For us at St. Dominic Savio's Parish, January is a special month because while we begin a new year it is also the month of Don Bosco. During this month while we try to learn more about Don Bosco, we also strive to understand his way to holiness and strive to attain sanctity by our way of life. Don Bosco was a person who was deeply human and deeply holy. He was a man of God who strove all his life to save many souls for God, especially the souls of young people. As we go through this month, and especially as we make the novena to St. John Bosco (which begins on 22nd January 2020 at the 6:30 pm mass) may we be ready to celebrate his feast on 31st January 2020 by being persons, like Don Bosco, Deeply Human and Deeply Holy.

In his message for the year 2020, our Rector Major, Fr Angel Fernandez Artime presents a message from Don Bosco himself: to help our boys, girls and young people TO BE 'GOOD CHRISTIANS AND HONEST CITIZENS'. We need to help our young people to develop a strong sense of citizenship, social justice and Christian values that will help them to live a life of holiness, of service to others, commitment to civic duties, personal honesty and integrity of life. We also have to encourage and support the fight against corruption and injustice in our country, a sensitivity to the world of the poor, the need to care for creation. May these concerns lead us forward during 2020.

While we keep this in mind, we are also progressing with the Divine Renovation and Transformation of our parish. As we prepare a plan and work out a strategy for the divine renovation, let us keep this intention in our prayers in all our prayer groups, in our SCC's and whenever we pray as a parish community. May our Lord Jesus and his Blessed Mother, bless and guide us through this process.

In the parish and in all our SCC's we have had a wonderful preparation during Advent, a meaningful celebration of Christmas and a prayerful start to the New Year 2020. A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the leaders, animators and all of you dear parishioners for your contribution towards all these celebrations. May our Good Lord continue to bless and protect all the families of our parish. Through the intercession of Don Bosco may our families grow in becoming Deeply Human and Deeply Holy, while striving to be GOOD CHRISTIANS AND HONEST CITIZENS.

Yours affectionately in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Savio D'Souza. sdb.
Parish Priest.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2020

- 12th January'20 : First Mass of Newly Ordained Priests.
- 18th January : Steering Committee Training.
- 23rd January : Novena of Don Bosco Begins.
- 31st January : Feast of Don Bosco.
- 02nd February : Feast of Don Bosco for Sunday School Children.

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

January 2020

- 04 Jan 6:30pm Dosti Acres
- 05 Jan 10:30am PPC
- 11 Jan 6:30pm Holy Cross
- 12 Jan 10:30am Auxilium House
- 18 Jan 6:30pm Legion Of Mary

January 2020 Contd.

- 19 Jan 10:30am PLT
- 25 Jan 6:30pm Post Office
- 26 Jan 10:30am Eucess A&B

February 2020

- 1st Feb. 6:30pm Eucess D&E
- 2nd Feb. 10:30pm PPC

GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS: January 2020

STEP 1 . Opening Hymn

CHORUS

**Let all proclaim to the glory of the Father
That Jesus is Lord, that Jesus is Lord,
Let all proclaim to the glory of the Father
That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Go to all the people, proclaim my name to all,
Make disciples everywhere, baptize them in my name,
Teach them to observe the things I've taught you all along.
Know that I am with you always until the end of time.



STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Matthew 4:17-23

From that moment Jesus began to His preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As He was walking by the sea of Galilee He saw two brothers, As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there, he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. At once, living the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing all kinds of disease and sickness among the people.

The word of the lord.

STEP 3. We pick out words and phrases which struck us and repeat them 3 times.

STEP 4. We remain silent for 2 minutes and allow God to speak to us.

STEP 5. We share on what struck us in the Gospel Passage.

Reflection

A Life Changing Call - The call of Jesus is always an invitation; never an imposition. Jesus chose with care the 'Disciples' who would become his 'Apostles.' The chosen ones were not elitist of an ancient civilisation or of great social power nor individual wealth. On this day they were ordinary individuals called to an extraordinary mission that they would have not have fully comprehended. They followed without hesitation - The evidence of the power of Jesus' call. Having begun to assemble His disciples, Jesus turns to his work. Proclaiming the kingdom, teaching and healing define the ministry of Jesus. The reign of God dawned not only because Jesus spoke it into existence but also because through a series of actions He brought wholeness and healing to individuals and communities. Two millennia hence, the work of proclamation, teaching and healing that Jesus started in this ethnically diverse land called Galilee has continued throughout the centuries. Infact Jesus' closing word in Matthew commands the continuation of this Ministry. Let us ask the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name to help us discern our true pathway when we hear the call.

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

Refrain:

**Follow me, follow me, leave your home and family,
Leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.
Leave the seeds that you have sown,
Leave the crops that you have grown,
Leave the people you have known and follow me.**

If you would follow me, you must leave old ways behind.
You must take your cross and follow on my path.
You may be far from loved ones, you may be far from home,
But my father will welcome you at last.



STEP 7. Discuss the task to be carried out for the month of January.