



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - March 2019

My dear Parishioners,

"The real journey in life is interior; it is a matter of growth, deepening and an ever greater surrender to the creative action of love and grace in our heart." These words of Thomas Merton capture the spirit that reigns in our parish during these days. Yesterday, on 2nd March 2019, 40 of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received, will definitely help them to lead a deep interior life, which will lead to a growth in the love of God and a deepening of their Christian faith as a result of the graces that they received in this sacrament. The experience of these youngsters will be available for all of us parishioners during the season of Lent which will begin with the mark of the ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday which falls on March 6th this year. We begin 40 days of grace, which are days and opportunities for each of us to allow the love and grace of God to bring about a conversion of our hearts. If we cooperate with Him this can lead to a turning away from sin and a turning towards God. The intense days during the period will be from **Sunday 10th March to Saturday 16th March when we have the Parish Lenten Mission, preached by Fr. Sunil Monis.** There will also be **Lenten Missions in Tamil (March 29th, 30th, 31st), Marathi (17th March) and Konkani. (March 14th, 15th and 16th)** During each of these moments, as also during the Way of the Cross in various languages every week, we will hear the voice of Jesus speaking to us directly, "RETURN TO ME." May each one of us heed his call during Lent.

I also take this opportunity to wish all the Women of our Parish a HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY on March 8th 2019. My dear women, you are the backbone of our families, you are the heart of our parish, you are the motor that keeps society progressing. As we salute you, we salute your dedication, your spirit of self-sacrifice and your resilience to bear with all that life offers you. On this day we thank you for all that you are and all that you do for us here at St. Dominic Savio Parish. God bless each one of you.

So, my dear people let us enter into Lent with a spirit of openness and prayer, so that with the Lord's grace, each one of us may RETURN TO HIM, with hearts and lives renewed. **Happy Journey, and a Spirit filled Lent to each and every one of you.**

Yours affectionately,

Fr. Savio D'Souza sdb.

(Parish Priest.)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

10th - 16th March: PARISH LENTEN MISSION. (Sun: 10:15 am - 12:00 noon)
Mon to Sat: 6:00 to 8:30 pm. (6:00 pm Praise and Worship, Rosary; 6:30 pm Mass followed by Mission Preaching)
14th to 16th March: KONKANI LENTEN MISSION (4:00 to 5:00 pm)
17th March: MARATHI LENTEN MISSION. (9:30 am to 4:00 pm)

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

March 2019

02 Mar	6:00pm	Confirmation
03 Mar	10:30am	PPC
09 Mar	6:30pm	Euress A&B
10 Mar	8:00am	Women's Cell
	10:30am	Lenten mission
16 Mar	6:30pm	Margaret House
17 Mar	8:00am	Dolours Colony
	10:30am	Auxilium House
23 Mar	6:30pm	Bank Buildings
24 Mar	8:00am	Euress D&E
	10:30am	PLT
30 Mar	6:30pm	SVP
31 Mar	8:00am	Dosti Estates
	9:15am	Sunday School Teachers
	10:30am	Dosti Acres

April 2019

06 Apr	6:30pm	FWA
07 Apr	8:00am	Post Office
	9:15am	Marina Colony
	10:30am	PPC

GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : MARCH 2019

STEP 1. Opening Hymn/Invite the Lord in our midst

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 4: 1 - 13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you," and again, "They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone."'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.
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:

Today's text reminds us that our capacity to resist temptation comes from our relationship with God and the grace of his deliverance rather than from our own strength and initiative. Comfort of the body, power and pride, these were the three temptations that confront us. Jesus, armed with the scriptures and the spirit fought against evil and came out victorious. And in his victory, he inspired and shaped us. Jesus bequeaths these gifts to us. The word of God and the Holy Spirit, together they are our biggest strength and protection. We are as strong as our weakest link, so we must remember to cloak ourselves with these precious gifts. As we enter into lent, let us boldly follow Jesus into the wilderness, prepare to suffer with him, and armed with the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit emerge victorious.

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

Refrain:

Into your hands, we commend our spirits, oh Lord,
Into your hands, we commend our hearts.
For we must die to ourselves in loving You,
Into your hands, we commend our love.

Oh God, my God, why have You gone from me.
Far from my face, far from my cries?
To you I call and You never answer me,
You send no comfort and I don't know why.

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

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PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME - 2019

RETURN TO ME

ASH WEDNESDAY - 6th March, 2019

MASSES

in English at 6.30 a.m.; 7.15 a.m.; 6.30 p.m.

in Tamil at 7.00 a.m. at St. Antony Chapel & at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish

WAY OF THE CROSS - EVERY FRIDAY 7.00 p.m.

Date

Community

8th March

Legion of Mary

15th March

Auxilium

22nd March

Eucress CHS

29th March

Dolours Colony

5th April

Family Cell

12th April

Dosti Estates & Dosti Acres

19th April

Good Friday - Youth Group



Tuesday : MARATHI
Wednesday : KONKANI
Thursday : TAMIL
Friday : ENGLISH

PARISH LENTEN MISSION - Fr. Sunil Monis

Sunday 10th March to Saturday 16th March

Sunday

10.15 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Week days

06.00 p.m. Praise & Worship and Rosary

06.30 p.m. Eucharist followed by Mission preaching

RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND CONFESSIONS

15th April

Reconciliation Service

07.00 p.m.

16th & 17th

Confessions

07.00 a.m. - 08.00 a.m.; 07.00 p.m. - 08.00 p.m.

Holy Week Programme 2019

PALM SUNDAY 14th April 2019

- 7.00 am : Mass in Konkani
- 7.00 am : Blessing of Palms & Mass in Tamil at St. Anthony's Chapel
- 8.00 am : Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass in English**
- 8.30 am : Blessing of Palms & Mass in Marathi at St. Anthony's Chapel
- 9.15 am : Mass in English
- 10.30 am : Mass in English
- 10.30 am : Blessing of Palms & Mass in English at CGS Church
- 6.15 pm : Blessing of Palms and Mass in Tamil

MAUNDY THURSDAY

ADORATION

An Hour with Jesus

- After Mass : Marathi
- 9.00 pm : Konkani
- 10.00 pm : Tamil
- 11.00 pm : English

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18th April 2019

- 5.00 pm : Mass for the Sick and Aged
- 7.00 pm : Service in English**
- 7.00 pm : Service in Tamil at St. Anthony's Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April 2019

WAY OF THE CROSS

- 7.00 am : Out Door (Animated by Parish Youth)**
- 9.00 am : English
- 10.30 am : Tamil

THREE HOURS AGONY

12.00 Noon to 3.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

- 6.00 pm : Service in English**
- 6.00 pm : Service in Tamil at St. Anthony's Chapel

THE EASTER VIGIL 20th April 2019

- 8.30 pm : Service in Tamil at St. Anthony's Chapel
- 10.00 pm : Service in English**

EASTER SUNDAY 21st April 2019

- 7.00 am : Konkani
- 8.00 am : Marathi
- 9.15 am : English
- 10.30 am : Tamil
- 10.30 am : English (CGS Church)

PARISH FEAST and DIVINE MERCY FEAST

28th April, 2019

Tridum - 25th, 26th, 27th April

6.30 pm Eucharistic Celebration



*The Parish Team Wishes you all a
Happy Easter!*