



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - November 2019

My dear Parishioners,

It is good to say hello to you all once again. The month of October was celebrated as the Extraordinary Mission Month as declared by Pope Francis. It was a moment to reflect on our missionary vocation. The theme chosen by the Pope was **BAPTIZED AND SENT: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON THE MISSION IN THE WORLD**. I elaborated this theme during the catechesis during the four Sundays of October.

On the **first Sunday** we dwelt on the first dimension namely our **PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS** as the foundation of our being Missionary Disciples. This encounter with Jesus is built up and maintained in and through the Eucharist, the Word of God and through our spiritual and Prayer life. On the **second Sunday** I spoke about how this missionary calling is lived out in our **Parish and Community living of our Christianity**. We need to feel Accepted, Valued and Included in the Church community. That is to say, we need to feel a **SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE CHURCH**. Instead of starting with behaviours, which might lead to belief and end up with a sense of belonging, we need to start with a sense of Belonging, which would lead to belief and consequently we would Behave in a particular way. The sequence of **BELONG - BELIEVE - BEHAVE** should become normative in the Church. On the **third Sunday**, which was Mission Sunday, I spoke of our duty to support the Missions and Missionaries through our **PRAYER, MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT MISSION WORK**, and of the **FAMILY** that lives a good Christian life and hence is able to bear witness in the world today. Finally on the **fourth Sunday** I spoke of the **MISSIONARY COMMITMENT**. We are all **BAPTIZED AND SENT**. Our Baptism is only half of our identity. We are not baptised merely for our personal sanctification. We are baptized so that we can **PROCLAIM** to the whole world that Jesus died and rose from the dead for the Sanctification of the whole world. Hence each one of us is called to be an Apostle or a Missionary Disciple by virtue of our Baptism. This is what it means to Be Missionary.

Thanks to all of you dear parishioners who either helped in the organization of the **Mission Fete**, or patronized the stalls during the fete, or who contributed towards the **Mission collection**. It was a collective effort that bore good fruit. We collected about three lakhs for the building of the Church in Nashik. During the holidays some of our Sunday School teachers and volunteers from the Confirmation Candidates, organized the **Vacation Bible Joy** for about 70 children of our parish. I appreciate those parents who sent their children to the VBJ, because it revealed to us which of our parents are interested in the Catholic and spiritual upbringing of their children and which parents have other interests for their children as their priorities.

During the month of November, we pray for all our deceased family members, relatives and friends. We also have the **official visit of the Provincial to our community** and to **the Parish** on 8th and 9th November 2019. This will lead us into the celebration of the **World Day of the Poor (November 17th)**, and the celebration of the **Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (November 24th)**, especially through the full day in Eucharistic Adoration and the Eucharistic Procession around the streets of our parish.

May all these initiatives bring us all closer to Jesus.

Yours affectionately in Christ,

Fr. Savio D'Souza sdb.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2019

07th	November:	Celebrating Fr. William's Birthday & Golden Jubilee as a Salesian.
08th - 09th	November:	Provincial visitation to our parish
10th	November:	Newspaper drive
17th	November:	World Day of the Poor / Raffle Draw
24th	November:	Christ the King

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

November 2019

02 Nov	6:30pm	Bank Bldgs
03 Nov	10:30pm	PPC
09 Nov	6:30pm	BPT
10 Nov	10:30am	FWA
16 Nov	6:30pm	Bhakti Park
17 Nov	10:30am	Dosti Estate

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23 Nov	6:30 pm	Legion of Mary
24 Nov	10:30am	Christ the King
30 Nov	6:30pm	Margaret House

December 2019

01 Dec.	10:30 pm	PPC
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GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : NOVEMBER 2019

STEP 1 . Opening Hymn

**One day at a time, sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking from you.
Just give me the strength to do everyday what I have to do.
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus, and tomorrow may never be mine.
Lord, help me today, show me the way one day at a time.**

Do you remember when you walked among men?
Well, Jesus, you know, if you're looking below, it's worse now than then:
Cheating and stealing, violence and crime.
So, for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.



STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 21: 5-19

When some were talking about the temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stone work and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are sharing at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am He' and, 'The time is near at hand.'" Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name- and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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

We watched in horror at the collapse of the iconic twin towers in New York. Herod's Temple was an architectural marvel, it was immense and glorious. The disciples must have listened in shock and disbelief at Jesus' prophecy of its destruction which happened in 70 AD at the hands of the Romans. Jesus' prophecy continues to be fulfilled even in our own time. We live in perilous times, there are Christians who right now are facing suffering, persecution, and death for living their faith. We need to persevere and our endurance will gain us everlasting life. The Church is the temple of our times. We are the church, Jesus is the Head and we are His body. The building may be destroyed and like the phoenix rising from the ashes, we will be born anew through the power of the Spirit. We will partake in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant (3) today!**

Ere you formed me in my mother's womb,
You called me by my name;
And you touched my mouth and appointed me a prophet to the world.

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

