



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - September 2019

My dear Parishioners,

We are at the beginning of the tenure of a newly constituted Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). At our PPC meeting in July we examined and reflected upon the purpose and role of the PPC in the animation of the parish community. In the next meeting we studied the Small Christian Communities (SCC), their structure and purpose and we also became aware of the role and functions of the SCC Animator. It is necessary to identify and understand our duties and responsibilities as leaders in the parish. We are now in the process of taking this understanding further as we formulate the Pastoral Plan of our parish. We begin this process by formulating the Priorities of our parish. This will help us in formulating the policies for our parish and it will also give purpose and direction to all that we intend doing during the next three years.

The constitution of the PPC spells out the basic elements of the Church's mission as follows:-

1. To **proclaim the good news** of God's Love to all people.
2. To encourage one another to **grow in holiness**.
3. To **include** in the life of the parish **ALL** the faithful.
4. To **permeate society with Gospel values** and thus to make the Church present wherever they are.

We shall pick from the following for our priorities:

Worship; Evangelization; Discipleship; Fellowship / Community building; Ministry; Faith Formation; Divine Renovation and Transformation of our parish; Family; Pastoral Care; Youth.

The role of the SCC Animator and of the Leaders of the Cells and Associations is to build up each community into a **genuine Eucharistic Community** and to **foster Communion** within and between communities. Hence the Pastoral Plan of the Parish and the implementation of this plan is the key to the growth and transformation of our parish. The preparation of this Pastoral Plan is the responsibility of the Parish Priest and the PPC, and its implementation depends on the Parish Team, the PPC and all parishioners working together for the good of the parish.

This, my dear people is the mandate given to each one of us. As we are preparing for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask for her blessings and also for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon this responsibility. With our God walking with us, we can all strive to be a Parish, **ROOTED IN CHRIST TO BECOME AN EMPOWERED AND VIBRANT PARISH**. Happy Feast to one and all.

Yours affectionately in Jesus Christ,
Fr. Savio D'Souza sdb.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

05th September	:	Teacher's Day
07th September	:	Feast of the Nativity of our Lady - 6:30pm mass
08th September	:	Girl Child Day celebrated in the Sunday School.
25th September	:	Fr. Cleophas' Birthday
28th September	:	Association Day
28th & 29th September	:	Charity Sunday

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

September 2019

01 Sep	10:30am	PPC
07 Sep	6:30pm	Feast of the Nativity
08 Sep	10:30am	S.V.P
14 Sep	6:30pm	Dolours
15 Sep	10:30am	Eucess C
21 Sep	6:30pm	BPT
22 Sep	10:30am	Eucess A&B
28 Sep	6:30pm	Marina Colony
28 Sep	10:30am	Dominic Chawl

October 2019

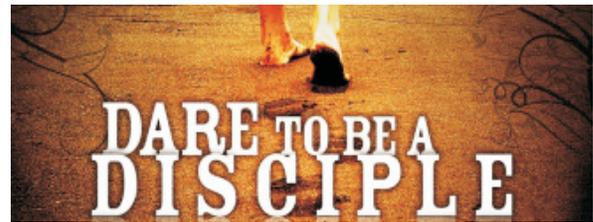
05 Oct.	06:30 pm	Our Lady of Rosary
06 Oct.	10:30 am	PPC

GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : SEPTEMBER 2019

STEP 1 . Opening Hymn/God still loves the world

**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.**

Even though you were in the form of God,
You took the form of a slave.
You accepted death even on a cross,
So God exalted you name.



STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, " Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish". Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

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

The Gospel uses the expression "to hate one's parents". In another place, Jesus says one must love and respect one's parents. How can this contradiction be explained? When we love our God more than our parents then we are ready to hate them but only so that we might come closer to God. These are revolutionary times that call for strong measures. We estimate costs all the time. Is "this" worth the money, the time, the risk? We examine the pros and cons, and only then do we make a decision. For most people, to be Christian is not a personal choice, and neither is it a decision for life, but simply a cultural phenomenon. They are Christians because they were born as one, without having to choose their faith. To be Christian and to follow Jesus is something serious. Here, Jesus is telling us that when we choose to follow him we shouldn't rush to make the decision. We should first estimate the cost. Because while salvation doesn't cost us a dime; following him means denying ourselves and taking up his cross daily. Only when we are ready to give up all our possessions should we really follow him.

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

**If you wish to be my disciple,
Take up your cross and follow me.**

The Foxes have their holes, the birds their nest,
But I have not a place to take my rest. Chorus.

Whoever loves his life, will only lose it,
It's only sacrifice that brings one gain. Chorus.

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

