

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-: YEAR C 28/07/19

#### Sunday and Weekday Mass Schedule

**Sundays:** 7:00 am & 8:30 am

**Weekday** 6:30 pm - [Monday to Friday]

**Saturday & Public Holidays:** - 8.30am.

**Wednesday** Fijian Mass [Misa Vakaviti]

**Thurs Holy Hour,** Adoration & Benediction: 5.00pm – 6.pm

**Holy days** 7:00 am.& 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

**Confessions:** - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

**Baptisms:** The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader and Priests before commencing session with Baptism helpers.

**Matrimony:** Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 3 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** Community Discussion Group

*The RCIA program, which is specifically for adults, is not only for those who are wanting to be converted to the Catholic Faith. It is also important for everyone to note that, as required by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there is a preparation period. This period normally begins in June and runs until the Easter the following year. A special invite is directed to those “practicing Catholics” who have yet to receive all 3 or any of the sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. We do have some in our Parish, and it is very important that these people come forward. Also note that the RCIA team would gladly visit any community or SCC should they wish to know more about the program. RCIA is due to start on Monday 5 August 2019, 5- 6pm. Please note that the RCIA Community Discussion Group will no longer meet on Sundays after the 7am Mass. RCIA Community Discussion Group will now meet every Monday 5-6pm, in the Parish Hall. Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph. 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator for further information about the program.*

The Priests of the parish and the Parish Executives wish to sincerely thank the Leaders, Financial Reps and members of all the communities in the parish for supporting our Annual Bazaar once again this year. In spite of the terrible day that we all experience, there was a great family and parish spirit present. Congratulations to all who contributed to the Bazaar.

#### Reflection for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C: Lord, Teach Us to Pray:

We can readily identify with the disciple who asked, after watching Jesus at prayer, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They wanted to know how Jesus set about prayer, in his own heart. St Luke’s Gospel is noted for its prayerful focus. More than the other Evangelists he draws attention to Jesus praying – whether alone, on the hills or in the garden of olives.

Like that unnamed disciple, we can sincerely ask, “Lord, teach us to pray.” But first we need to sit in silence, just aware of him. Slowly we too begin to repeat that central prayer which links us to the one that Jesus calls, “Father.”

The simple prayer taught by Jesus contrasts with the many formulas used in Jewish and Greco-Roman prayers, not to mention some modern equivalents! Although “Abba” can be translated “daddy,” one should not think of God as a weakly indulgent “papa,” spoiling his children by granting every whim and never correcting them. On the contrary, Jesus taught us to love our enemies and to trust, love and reverence His Father, who is the Lord God Almighty.

There is a positive value in praying alone as well as in praying with others. Not only did he pray in the garden and in quiet places, but Jesus also prayed in the synagogue and in the temple. He would have said the *Shema*, the daily prayer of a faithful Jew, about loving God with all our heart and soul (perhaps like our Rosary or Angelus) And in the temple he blamed the priests for failing to make it a house of prayer for all nations. Do we ourselves pray daily? Do we pray that God’s will be done? And do we give thanks in all circumstances?

**In Loving Memory:** Mrs **Jessie Fong**, Extension St, Suva – mother-in-law of Stephanie Clarke who died during the week. Her Memorial Mass was offered here yesterday morning 27<sup>th</sup> July. Also remember in your prayers **Mr Dixon Seeto** – one of the organizers of the Synod. Requiem Mass and Burial yesterday too. May they Rest in Peace.

**Parish St Vincent de Paul Central Eastern Street Appeal** (6 July – 14 September) is a 3-month initiative that will be carried within the vicinity of Suva area. Proceeds from the Street Appeal will go towards the financial upkeep of Fr Law Home. Every donation is highly appreciated.

**Parish Website:** This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site.

**Faith Formation:** Catechism classes continue this morning after both Masses. Confirmation and post-Confirmation classes to be held inside the church after the 0900 Mass. Thanks to St Joan of Arc for the refreshments today and we invite St Peter Chanel to supply refreshments of next Sunday.

**Youth Executive Monthly Meeting:** TOMORROW, Monday, July 29 at 7:30pm. Bring activity summaries.

**Senior Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meeting – This Tuesday at 7:30pm:** Raiwaqa Youth (Parish Hall – 1B+2+3+4A+4B+4C+6+7A+7B) / Vatuwaqa Youth (Master Amani’s House – 5A+5B).

**Youth First Friday Mass:** THIS FRIDAY, August 2 (followed by Adoration + Confession until 8pm).

**Youth Gunusoli:** After Friday Mass, August 2 starts at 8pm at AB Hall for the Ordination Trip to Rabi. All parishioners are invited to support our parish youth. Special invitation to Rabi community in Greater-Suva Area.

**Parish Youth Meeting:** Sunday, August 4 at 10am – Priest Car Park. All Senior Youth are requested to come.

**Youth Choir Competition:** Friday, August 16 at 7:30pm at the AB Hall (Commemorating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary): Groups 1) Raiwaqa Youth (1B+2+4A+4B+4C) / 2) Vatuwaqa Youth (5A+5B) 3) Nairai + Upper-Raiwaqa Youth (3+6+7A+7B). **See the details on the notice board.**

**Columban Companions in Mission (CCIM):** Registration for the next 2 years is open now. Please, fill the form with \$2.00 for 2 years to support our Columban Missionaries. Forms are available at the parish office or see Joana Qalo.

**CCIM Gunusede on Friday 9th August at 7:30 pm**

**Women of the Parish Saqamoli Day: In the Parish Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.**

**Children’s Catechism Annual Evaluation Schedule:**

Sun., July 21: PPC (Community Leaders, please collect the forms)

▶▶▶ **Tues., Aug 6: after 7 Steps (Community Evaluation)**

▶▶▶ Sun., Aug. 11: 8:30am (Hearing Session with parish parents, due for the submission of forms)

▶▶▶ Sun., Aug 25: PPC (Evaluation Report will be given to the Community Leaders)

▶▶▶ Tues., Aug. 27: after 7 Steps (Community members will share the Evaluation Report)

Community Leaders are responsible for the collecting and bringing the Evaluation forms after filling the forms by the community members.

**Rabi Ordination Trip:** Deacon Teakare Betero’s Priest Ordination at Rabi Island. Departure on Fri. morning on Nov. 29 & Return to Suva wharf by Mon. afternoon, Dec. 2. Fee: \$200.00. Pay to the parish office.

**Natovi Parish Bazaar:** Friday, August 9 – Saturday, August 10

**Meetings Today and During the Week**

**MOP** informal discussion after 0900 Mass in the AB Mataca Hall.

**St Patrick Community** – will have their last session tonight with Fr Tino and his group of seminarians. It has been a long and worthwhile journey for families in the community and they have grown all the wiser having gone through all those sessions with the team. Nest Community is St Peter Chanel Community. This has been endorsed by the PPC.

**Liturgy Commission Meeting next Sunday, August 4th 10:00 am**

**St Gabriel (4A)** 7 Steps will be held at Mili and Sakapo’s residence at 1 Talbot Lane, 7.30pm on Tuesday night.

**Evangelization News:** Prayer meetings continue as usual this afternoon in Church.

**Thanks and Appreciation:** St Paul Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Jacob’s Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening

For your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$986.80**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$134.15** Total Collection: **\$1120.95**

**Readings for the week: Sun 28/7 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13;

**Mon 29/7 St Martha:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 (401)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42; **Tues 30/7:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt

13:36-43; **Wed 31/7 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46; **Thurs 1/8 St Alphonsus Liguori:** Ex

40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53; **Fri 2/8 :** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58; **Sat 3/8:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-

12; **Sun 4/8 Eighteen Sunday In Ordinary Time:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**The Result of this St Pius X Parish Bazaar 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Community	Amount	Community	Amount	Community	Amount
St Cecilia 1b	\$5,283.85	<b>St Joseph 2</b>	<b>\$9083.35 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	St Joan of Arc 3	\$1139.30
<b>Peter Chanel 4a</b>	<b>\$13,837.30 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	St Patrick’s 4b	\$3929.50	<b>St John-Bapt 4c</b>	<b>\$5,000.00 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>
St Michael’s 5a	\$4530.35	St Columban 5b	<b>\$10,254..50 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	St Paul’s 6	\$3262.90
St Jacob’s 7a	\$4163.00	Teresa of CJ 7b	\$3,000.00		
		Donations	\$2,240.00	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$65,724.05</b>

**Total this Year’s Bazaar = \$65,724.05; Last Year = \$75,130.90. In 2017 = \$62,025.15 - While in 2016 Bazaar realised \$ 50, 437.75 and in 1915 = \$40,000+ A filler report on next Sunday’s Newsletter. Vinaka Vakalevu all.**