

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-: YEAR C 04/08/19

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.p.m

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: RCIA is due to start on Monday 5 August 2019, 5-6pm. Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph. 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator.

Reflection for the 18th Sunday of the Year: Rich, but not wealthy?

Jesus speaks of treasure in heaven, as quite different from financial profit on earth. “There are no pockets in the shroud” is a wise old saying. To be poor in spirit, even if I am well off, so that my money does not own me, nor am I enslaved to it. It is a commonplace that while the first million (euro, pounds or dollars) may be the hardest to make, it breeds a compulsion to make even more. It cannot be right that some people own thousands of times more than the lowest-paid worker. Naked capitalism, unrestrained by some requirement of social sharing, is far from the fairness that God requires. There’s such a difference between monetary riches and spiritual wealth. There is no greater wealth than a loving, kind heart. Money cannot buy happiness. It is such a simple lesson, but one we never will learn unless we want to. When we die, we have to let go of everything. A doctor was at the bedside of a wealthy woman who was dying, who had a reputation for being miserly. She had no family of her own, so there was great interest as to who would inherit her wealth. When she passed away, one of the nurses whispered “I wonder how much did she leave behind?” Quietly the doctor answered, “She left everything.”

To the Community of Saint John Vianney – Today is your patron saint’s Feast Day.

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, (1786, 1859) from the district of Lyons, France, served as parish priest of the village of Ars for over 40 years (hence his popular name as Curé d’Ars’). Canonized in 1925, he is widely admired for his blend of calm humility and generous zeal, spending 7/8 hours daily hearing confessions. He is the spiritual guide and patron of parish priests.

In Loving Memory: Iliesa Delasau: Father of Kaliova, Community Leader 5b, and Sala, Miti, Tukai, Simi, Saki and Mitchi. RIP
Sympathy also to Sr Lavinia and Marist Sisters on the death of Sr Loyola SM in Nadi. Requiem Mass Monday 5th Aug ‘19

To the Marist Fathers: On the Death of Fr Milio Vakasirivoka SM. May Iliesa and Sr Loyola and Fr Milio rest in peace

Commission for Social and Ecological Justice (CSEJ) NEWS:

1.	16.8.19 (9.30am – 3.30pm)	Community Policing Session with parents	Parish Hall
2.	22.8.19 (7.15pm – 8.45pm)	Community Policing Session with children	Parish Hall
3.	14.9.19	People’s Community Network Annual General Meeting	Parish Hall

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.

Faith Formation: Catechism classes continue this morning after both Masses. Confirmation and post-Confirmation classes to be held inside the church after the 0830 Mass. Thanks to St Peter Chanel for the refreshments today and we invite St Patrick’s to supply refreshments for next Sunday.

Senior Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meeting – This Tuesday: please join with your parents.

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.

Children’s Catechism Annual Evaluation Schedule:

▶▶▶ Sun., Aug. 11: 8:30am (Hearing Session with parish parents, due for the submission of forms) Children will watch a Movie while parents are in the Hearing Session.

▶▶▶ 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.

Children's Choir Practice: TODAY at 4pm. Refreshment will be provided. Practice continues on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday during this week at 4pm.

Mass for all Liturgical ministers (lectors, cantors, sacristans, etc) of the parish: Tomorrow, Monday, 5 August, at 6.30pm.

Liturgical Ministers renewal workshop: Lectors, cantors, Extraordinary ministers, Ushers, who wish to RENEW your commitment as Liturgical ministers please give your names to Liturgy Head of Commission by Monday, 5 August. Workshop is on Saturday, 17 August.

Rabi Ordination Trip: Deacon Teakare Betero's Priestly 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

Holy Family Parish, Labasa will celebrate 55th Anniversary of the Parish on Sunday, August 18.

Meetings Today and During the Week:

Liturgy Commission meets this morning, August 4th, at 1000, in the AB Mataca Hall.

Parish Youth meets this morning at 1000 in the carport. All Senior Youth are requested to come.

Youth Executive monthly meeting, tomorrow, Monday, 5 August, at 7.30pm. Bring activity summaries.

St Gabriel (4A) 7 Steps will be held at residence at Barbara Edwards, 7.30pm on Tuesday night.

Our Lady of Hope (4A) Seven steps will be held Opeti and Kapileila Katoni's residence on Tuesday 6/8

Community Evaluation of Children's Catechism on Tuesday, 6 August, after all Community Seven Steps.

Womens League soli -night will be held on the 9th of August 2019 7.30pm. All men of the parish are welcome to support.

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

Evangelization News: Prayer meetings continue as usual this afternoon in Church for Cenacle, Divine Mercy and Charismatic.

Evangelisation Commission meets next Sunday after 8.30am Mass. Members please take note.

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

Parishioners support given to SVDP Gate collection for the month of July came to the total of **\$228.20**

For your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$685.45** 2nd Collection:

\$83.20 Total Collection: \$768.65

SVDP Secret bag collection for the month of July: **\$228.20**. Thank you for your generous support for the needy.

Readings for the week: Today Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time **4/8:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21; **Mon 5/8:** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21; **Tue 6/8** The Transfiguration of the Lord: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36; **Wed 7/8:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28; **Thurs 8/8** St Dominic, Priest(Memorial): Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23; **Fri 9/8:** Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28; **Sat 10/8** St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26; **11/8** Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Thanks and A few thoughts and analysis on our 2019 Bazaar: Who would have thought that we would experience such a wet night and day for our Bazaar this year? However, the resilient spirit of Raiwaqa prevailed. You came, tackled the element and conquered!!! Thank you so much. On the day the result was amazing. I was truly humbled seeing you setting up your community stalls and bringing in all the necessary gear to make a success of the day – hail, rain or snow. The Parish Team, Financial Council and Community Financial Reps are grateful and thank you most sincerely. The results in short were - 1st Prize to 4a St Peter Chanel, 2nd Place to 5b St Columbans and 3rd Place 2 St Joseph Worker, 4th place to 1b St Cecilia and 5th place to 4c St John the Baptist. What a lesson 4c thought us this year about unity of purpose and hard work at community building – they 4c taking Best Improved Community, Best Stall and best Entertainment. They must give other Communities hope and encouragement. Well done St John the Baptist. St Michael community collected \$4530.35 to just make the target. Congratulations. It was these 6 above communities who reached the Bazaar Target this year (3 fewer than last year) **Thanks to our Donors and Sponsors this year:** To: Pan Pacific Tours, Pure Fiji, Westpac, Goodman Fielder, Zenith Marketing/Ricoh and Office 2000 +, Raiwai Construction, DHL Raiwaqa, The Columban Fathers, Carpenters, Tech 360. ***Our Sponsors were way down in numbers this year.*** There was also a remarkable absence (perhaps due to the weather) of Religious, Priests and parishioners from nearby parishes. And of course the usual flow of passing callers and visitors to pick up their lunch.

Other areas that we will need to improve on for next year's Bazaar DV: There was no Chief Guess organised, no one invited to open or close the Bazaar. Apart from Angie Kainamoli (parish treasurer) there was only one other money counter (and all the bankers we have in the parish) The judges for stalls and entertainment didn't turn up. The Green Teams efforts – left much to be desired – there was no concerted team effort on their part this year. These are all areas that need to be looked into next year.

But huge thanks to the Security Team. They were evident on the ground and did their job until the very end, to Master Dan and Kele for making all the preparations and looking after the permissions need from SCC, Police and District Officer, to the DJ, NuaKunau who had just arrived from NZ – to our MC Mausio, to Emily Tabua and team for decorating of the main Stage and to Nabzville Scaffolding for the much improved structural setup of the stalls. And to all those we forgot to mention, 'Thank you'.

On the day no one can fault the Community Spirit and good will in all of the Communities. The Parish Team also recognises and salutes the great effort Community leaders and the Financial Reps made to make this year's Bazaar such success. It was a wonderful display of Community and Parish Spirit. The end result was gigantic. ***A few more small donations have brought the total to \$66,004.05*** To everyone involved n one-way or other - Vinaka Vakalevu - A million thanks.

(Fr John McEvoy – Proud of what you achieved).