

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE NINETEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A: - 13/08/17

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 the Parish Priest 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: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

Parish Broadcast Mass today 13th Aug '17

Thanks to you all who were involved in this event in the parish after an absence of some years. The Liturgy Commission played its part and the choir practiced well. Thanks too to Leca Vunibobo and the Archdiocesan Communications Office for facilitating us.

Tuesday 15th August – Assumption of Our Lady

Feast day and as usual we will have Mass at 7.00am and at 7.00pm on the day. All Parishioners take Note.

Reflection for the for the 19th Sunday of the Year: Jesus calms the storm: In today's Gospel story, we notice how Jesus came towards the frightened disciples, walking on the sea. The disciples aren't able to recognize him in the midst of the storm and the dark night. Fear has them terror-stricken. The only reality is the storm.

This is our main problem too. We are living the crisis, spreading discouragement and lack of faith from one to another. We can't see that Jesus is coming close to us precisely of our present crisis. We feel ourselves more alone and defenceless than ever. Jesus says three things to them: «Courage! It's me! Don't be afraid». But their ears only hear the pounding of the waves and the power of the wind. This too is our mistake. If we only listen to Jesus' invitation to place our trust in him, things will work out for us as it did for Peter.

Peter feels an inner impulse to jump from the boat and start «walking towards Jesus across the water». That's how we need to learn to walk towards Jesus today in the midst of the crisis: supporting ourselves, not in power, prestige and securities of the past, but in the desire to meet up with Jesus in the midst of the darkness and uncertainties of our times. It's not easy of course. We too can falter and sink like Peter. But like him, we too can experience that Jesus reaches out and saves us while telling us: «You have so little faith. Why do you doubt? ».

Why do we doubt so much of the time? Why don't we learn anything at all anew from this crisis? Why do we keep looking for false securities to «just survive» in our communities, without learning to walk with renewed faith towards Jesus. Our crisis can be a means of purification that we need in order to free ourselves of mundane interests, that have separated us from Jesus over the years. Christ comes to us in our troubles. He reawakens our trust. So, don't be afraid.

In loving memory: Teresia Caje Ulunivanua, Kapadia Road, Raiwai (7b) who died on the 6th Aug and after Requiem Mass here in St Pius X on Friday 11th Aug was buried in Nasinu Cemetery. May she rest in Peace.

Congratulation on your Wedding: Christian Clarke Community 5b Vatuwaqa and Shantel Hazelman, Lautoka who were married here on Sat 12th Aug. We wish them God's Blessings and a long and happy married life together.

Budgeted Parish Contribution to Navesi Catechists Training Centre: \$1,000.00 paid out to them after our Bazaar.

New Community Leaders for St Paul's (6) The Parish Chairman and PP were present in St Paul's Community (6) on Sunday evening last 6th Aug. to witnessed the election of their new Community leader after the departure of Walusio Buatava. The results were as follows:

1. Leader - Rafaelo Roqica. 2. Asst. Leader - Emily Lockington

This is largest community in terms of land area in the parish. Let us support Rafa and Emily as they embark on a rather ambitious journey to revitalize this community. Their community borders the parishes of Suva, Tamavua, Laucala and Samabula. Even the Archbishop resides in this community's boundaries. This community was a power base in the Parish back in the 90's. They hope to restore their community to former glory in the not too distant future.

Program for Launching of Jubilee Year Monday 21st Aug.

1. Mass at 7.00pm/ Unfurling of Anniversary Banner and the distribution of anniversary prayer.
2. We encourage as many people as possible to attend this Launching Mass.
3. Offertory & Prayers of the Faithful – representative of different ethnic backgrounds.
4. 8.00pm. Dedication of Archbishop Petero Mataca Hall (Rev. J. McEvoy, Fr Kolodisi, Helen Mow).
5. 8.15pm Sevusevu – followed by Power Point presentations of Parish Projects & Anniversary Programme.

8.45pm Refreshments and Contributions by Communities as follows: - (1B) – Indian savouries; (2) – Sandwiches -Tuna, cheese, tomatoes; (3) – Fruits; (4a) – Sandwiches - Eggs, chicken, eggplant; (4b) – Cakes; (4c) – Fruits; (5a) – Pies; (5b) –Pies; (6) –Cakes; (7a) – Sandwiches - Chicken, cheese, tomatoes; (7b) Sandwiches-Tuna, Ham.

Novena to St Pius X ‘New Chapter New Beginning’: Will start this Sunday after 8.30 Mass with intentions for each day. The Novena will end before Mass on Launching Day Mon. 21st Aug. Thank members of Liturgy Commission.

Works to be done in Preparation of Dedication of Hall: – Repainting and beautification of main entrance to hall - sanctioned by parish Executives and Financial Council. **T- Shirts now on sale after Sunday Masses.**

CWL - AGM Namosi: The Members of the Catholic Women’s League will be presenting their i Tatau to the parish on Tuesday 15th Aug. after the evening Mass. They take this opportunity to thank Fr McEvoy and the parish Executives for their support. They also thank the ladies who helped out with the needle work which they will be displaying. They will be departing on Thursday 17th Aug.2017. They request your prayers for a successful AGM in Namosi.

Men of the Parish Mass of Thanksgiving and Social on completion of boundary Fence & Gate: Wed 16th Aug.

For Social the Men of the Parish are requested to provide the following: **1B Chop suey / rice; 2 Chop suey / rice; 3 chop suey / rice; 4A Curry chicken / Rice; 4B Curry chicken / Rice; 4C rourou /mutton; 5A rourou/mutton; 5B rourou/ mutton; 6 ika / tavioka; 7A ika / tavioka; 7B ika / tavioka.** (Men of the Parish)

Pre-Marriage Training Weekend: His Grace Archbishop Peter Loy will be conducting a 2-day marriage preparation training for couples intending to get married. Venue: Nicolas House on Saturday 19/08/2017 from 9 am- 5 pm & Sunday 20/08/2017 from 10 am - 5 pm (Couples are requested to attend 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart). All interested couples register with Mr Waqa Cavuilati on email: ckwaqa@gmail.com A few couples from Parish has expressed interest.

Students of PRS in Concert: on the 18th August at Lambert Hall. Mekes, Dances and Songs from national will be performed. Tickets on sale now from PRS at \$15.00. They are nearly sold out. So, hurry and get one immediately.

Meetings Today Sunday 13th Aug:

1. **Women of the Parish Meeting today 13th August:** This is an important meeting to revitalize and rejuvenate their spirit.
2. **The Cenacle @ 2.00pm; Divine Mercy @ 3.00pm; Charismatics @ 3.30pm; World Apostolate of Prayer - 4.30.**

Meetings during the Week:

1. **Tuesday 15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady:** Masses at 7.00am and 7.00pm on this day.
2. **Tuesday 15th Aug:** – Seven Steps Prayer in most Communities.
3. **Wednesday 16th Aug: Family Commission meeting** at 7.15pm at the Parish hall. All reps are asked to attend.
4. **Wednesday 16th Aug: Choir practice** for Jubilee Launching. Music Ministry – Parish Choir and Community 5b.
5. **Wednesday 16th Aug:** Archdiocesan Committee Meeting in the Parish hall at 7.30pm
6. **Thursday 17th Aug.** Youth Seven Steps prayer meeting in Community 4b. Thank you – Youth members for being faithful.

Thanks: To Community 4c St John the Baptism for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound. There was a great attendance at the evening Masses. We invite 5a St Michael’s to start tomorrow Mon 7/14th Aug.

Thanks too for your generous Collection for last week. The following is a summary:

1st Collection \$478.75; 2nd Collection \$76.40 and Envelop \$75.00 = \$630.15

Reading coming week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time [13/8/17] 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5; Matt 14: 22-33; Mon [14/8/17] **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe:** Deut 10: 12-22; Matt 17: 22-27; Tue [15/8/17] **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Rev 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56; Wed [16/8/17] Deut 34: 1-12; Matt 18: 15-20; Thurs [17/8/17] Josh 3: 7-10, 11, 13-17; Matt 18: 21—19:1; Fri [18/8/17] Josh 24: 1-13; Matt 19: 3-12; Sat [19/8/17] Josh 24: 14-29; Matt 19: 13-15; **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** [20/8/17] Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matt 15: 21-28.

Golden Jubilee Prayer to St. Pius X - Aug 1968 – Aug 2018

<p>Prayer to St Pius X O Blessed Saint Pius, your aim in life was, “To Restore all things in Christ”. You defended the Faith and encouraged The frequent reception of the Eucharist.</p> <p>As we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Parish, We ask you for the courage to do the same. With this New Chapter and New Beginning, We are mindful of God’s promise,</p> <p>“See, I am doing a new thing ... I am making all things new”.</p>	<p>Through your intercession O Great Pastor, Saint Pius, The Lord has guided and sustained Raiwaqa Parish, Through times of joy and difficulties, and has helped us in our weaknesses.</p> <p>Be with us dear Saint Pius, on this new stage of our journey. As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, we pray that you will continue, To keep us faithful to the Eucharist, strive to ‘Restore all things in Christ’ By the renewal of our Faith. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.</p>
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