

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A: 05/03/17

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 7:00am. & 7:00pm. except Christmas & N. Year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Arrangements to be made by parents seeking the sacrament of Baptism from 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.

Archdiocesan Lenten Appeal: All should have received your Lenten Appeal Envelopes by now. If not let Community Reps pick up theirs from the Parish Office and distribute them to your Community. These to be brought back on Good Friday.

Reflection on today's Readings 1st Sunday of Lent: A reflective way of looking at life during Lent is to see it as a struggle between sin and grace, selfishness and holiness. Our time on earth will be successful in the measure that we put aside sin and try to live by the grace of God. Today's Scriptures show two contrasting reactions to temptation. The first humans, Adam and Eve, are imagined as preferring their own inclinations to the will of God. Jesus, the Saviour, on the contrary resisted temptation, remaining faithful to what God the Father required of him. St Paul reflects on how these choices affect ourselves: Adam's sin brought trouble on all, but we are saved and offered new life because of the fidelity of Christ. An old priest who was blind for many years before his death, liked to urge his penitents to renew their efforts with these inspirational lines: "We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have good work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle. Face it. Tis God's gift."

Welcome to our Christian Community: Beranadeta Lusiana Dimanadali Macunaqio, Nanuku, Vatuwaqa, and Meli Sagaiwalu Vakatale, Vusavusa St, Vatuwaqa, who were baptised here today at 7.00am Mass.

Congratulation Pat Visanti: At 8.30 Mass today he will be Aggregated and become a Permanent Member of the Missionary Society of St Columban. The St John Viani Group assisted with some of the CCIM members – will provide a cup of tea for Pat and his family after Mass today. Next Sunday 12th March, Pat will be Ordained Deacon with Vio Drou (Diocesan) and Tuia Afoa (Salesian of John Bosco) in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11.30am Mass. While next Sunday our CWL members Raiwaqa with CWL members of the Suva Area will cater in St Joseph's Secondary School after the Diaconate Ordination.

RCIA: Rite of Election today 5th March - Sacred Heart Cathedral 10 am Mass - His Grace will be main Celebrant. The following is the programme for our catechumens: Sunday 19th March - 1st Scrutiny - 7am Mass in the Parish here. On Sunday 26th March - 2nd Scrutiny - 7am Mass - St Pius X Parish On Sunday 2nd April - 3rd Scrutiny - 7am Mass - St Pius X Parish. And on Saturday 15th April - Rites of Christian Initiation - Easter Vigil - St Pius X Parish. Please Pray.

Lenten Retreat: Nazareth Prayer Centre Today March 5th starting at 9.00am and finishing with Mass at 3.00pm. Fr Mark SM will give the retreat – anyone interested Fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch). {Late notice} There will also be a retreat in Fijian Next Sunday 12th March in the Prayer Centre given by Fr Kiade SM. Same time as above.

Stations of the Cross: Same as other years on Wednesday Evenings in Fijian and on Friday Evenings in English at 5.45pm before the evening Masses. The Youth has volunteered to lead the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening. Next Friday, they will be using the Eco-Stations of the Cross.

The Catholic Times: The next issue of the Catholic Times is ready for collection by the Area Leaders in the Parish Office. The Archbishop urges us to buy a copy of the Catholic Magazine. It only cost \$1.00. Now during Lent since we are saving lots of money by not buying grog and cigarettes, let us buy the Catholic Times

Meeting of Community Financial Reps with PFC members tomorrow Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in Hall

Results of St Cecilia's Community AGM 1b: Community Leader: Visoni Ravai; Assistant Peniasi Kainamoli; Treasurer & Finance Rep – Michael Low Chee; Assistant: Samu Kaivei; Liturgy Rep. Joana Qalo; Assistant Selina Ravai; Evangelization: Joe Qalo Assistant – Vasiti Kaivei; Social Justice Felix Parker; Family Life Manoa and Jeannie Rokoicure. (Youth Rep) ??

Results St Joseph the Worker AGM (2) Community Leader: Petero Loli; Assistant: Kristina Foliaki; Finance Rep - Pio Burese; Liturgy Rep: Savaira Mow; Evangelisation Rep: Ita Vosalevu; Assistant – Joana; Social Justice Rep - Percy Rauto; Faith Formation Rep: Eta Roseru; Youth Rep: Sam Burese; Family Life Rep: Reuben Colata

Results of St Joan of Arc (3) AGM: Community Leader: William Magnus; Assistant – Harold Swann & Filo Lee; Treasurer – Julian Kean; Assistant – Brad Crooker; Liturgy – Christine Maharaj; Social Justice – Edward Lee; Evangelization – Philip Tearawa; Faith Formation – Tupou Nawalu; Youth – Lawrence Lee.

Results of AGM St Peter Chanel Community 4a. Community Leader – Don Williams; Assistant – Orisi Katoni; Treasurer – Anthony Wong; Finance – Marica Ratuyada; Liturgy – Sera Vira; Assistant – Filomena Baleikanace; Evangelization – Di Vuki; Assistant – Esi Kunau; Social Justice – Ema Dimila; Youth – Catherine Burese.

Results of St Patrick's AGM 4b: Community Leader: Thomas Tavutonivalu, Asst. Leader: Maciu Vatuloka, Treasurer: Ratu Josefata Niumataiwalu, Asst Treasurer: Evelyn Jones, Liturgy: Filomena Tuioro, Asst. Rep: Bridget Tavutonivalu, Evangelisation & Bible: Salanietia Navuku, Asst: Rafaele Kasibulu, Social Justice: Steven Mataitini, Asst Social Justice: Caroline Gibbons Singh, Family Life: Sisilia & Maciu Vatuloka, Youth: R. Kasibulu.

Results of Community 4C St John the Baptist AGM: Leader: Varanise. L Lum, Assistant: Vanaisi Luvu, Treasurer: Laisenia Raibulu, Assistant: Iokimi Matai, Evangelization & Bible: Iowane Roko, Assistant: Lite Roko, Liturgy & Sacrament: Miriama Kelekelevesi, Assistant: Ana Vasemaca Luvu, Justice & Peace: Lewa Raduva, Youth Commission Rep: Demesio Rasese Luvu.

Results of St Michael's Community AGM 5a: Community Leader: Amani Cirikisuva; Evangelization: Iowana Karavaki; Assistant Evangelization: Netani Cabealawa; Liturgy: Mareula Kau; Social Justice: Sala Qaqa, Treasurer: Flori Cirikisuva (Awaiting Family Life and Youth)?

Results of St Columban's AGM 5b: Community Leader: Mereseini Avaiki, Assist. Iosefo Baleinatuvu; Liturgy & Sacraments - Adi Miliakere Rainibogi, Assist. - Ana Apao, Evangelisation & Bible - Ana Baleinatuvu Assist. Masilina Vute, Treasurer: Torika Clark; Assist Treasurer - Bruce Vute; Social Justice: Bernadette Qaranivalu, Assist: Kele Vakaruru, Family Life: Ana & Filise Vuki Apao; Youth Commission: Kele Vakaruru, Secretary - Bruce Vute.

Results of St Paul's AGM Community 6: Community Leader: Walusio Buatava, Assistant: Rafaele Roqica; Social Justice: Shane Molia, Evangelisation & Bible Commission rep - Marika Roqica; Liturgy & Sacrament - Patrick Seeto, Family Life Commission - Jacob & Gina Kivi; Youth - Romeo Kivi, Treasurer - Joseph Mow.

Results of St Jaboc's Community 7a: Community Leader Fonovito Josaia; Assistant – Tommy Johns; Liturgy – Nafi Josaia; Evangelization – Mary Savea; Assistant – Demesio; Social Justice - Sovita and Kelera; Family Life – Mere Johns; Treasurer – Emily Low; Assistant - Mere Bukasoqo and Secretary Maria Chand.

St Teresa of the Child Jesus Community 7b: Community Leader – Maria Waqavanua; Treasurer – Kisha McGoon; Justice and Peace – Benjamin McGoon. (Maria will hold another meeting to fill other posts)

Parish Organizations especially the St Vincent de Paul are requested to have their AGMs Immediately.

Men of the Parish Meeting: Will soon start their project of renewing the boundary fence of the Church Compound.

Community Prayer Meetings: Continues every Tuesday evening in all Communities. Please bring your Bibles.

Animator's visitation continues on Tuesdays. Community Leaders please advise parish coordinator meeting venues. This Tuesday 7th March they will visit Communities 5a and 6. **Catholic Bibles on sale** for \$10.00 each.

Youth Executives 7 Steps Sharing every Friday after the 6:30 Mass. **Youth Monthly meeting** is on the 19th March.

Evangelization Meeting: Next Sunday after 8.30 Mass. All Community Reps please attend.

Today Sunday 5th March. 2017

1. SJHD Meeting today Sunday (5.3.17) from 10am - 11am.
2. Liturgy Meeting with Head of Commission and all Community Liturgy Reps after the 8.30 Mass.
3. St Vincent de Paul Members would like to meet with anyone interested in the work of the Society.
4. Youth Executives will have a short meeting after the 8:30 Mass today.
5. Charismatic Prayer Meeting at 3.00pm in the Church. World Apostolate of Fatima Meeting at 4.00pm.

Thanks and Appreciation: To Community 4b St Patrick's for animating the Liturgy during the week and for cleaning of the Church & compound yesterday. We invite Community 4c St John the Baptist to continue tomorrow 6th March. Thanks too for your generous Mass Collections last weekend.

1st Collection \$652.20; 2nd Collection \$92.05; Envelopes \$111.50 = \$855.75.

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for February 2017 = 94.55. Thanks expressed for your generosity.

Reading coming week: 1st Sunday of Lent [5/3/17] Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7; Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11; Mon [6/3/17] Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18; Matt 25: 31-46; Tue [7/2/17] *Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs:* Is 55: 10-11; Matt 6: 7-15; Wed [8/3/17] *St John of God:* Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11: 29-32; Thurs [9/3/17] *St Frances of Rome:* Esther 4:17; Matt 7: 7-12; Fri [10/3/17] Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Matt 5: 20-26; Sat [11/3/17] Deut 26: 16-19; Matt 5: 43-48; 2nd Sunday of Lent [12/3/17] Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Matt 17: 1-9.