



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 02/12/2018 (YEAR C)

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: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

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

Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: At 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Parents wishing for baptism of their child make arrangements with the assistance of Community Leaders in seeking Sacrament Priests before commencing preparation Baptismal Helpers.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest to seek for the Sacrament and are required to undertake preparation sessions earnestly. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass, as for now programs are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 3pm to 5pm.

Sunday's Reflection:



Advent reminds us of the three comings of the Lord — his coming in history over 2000 years ago; his coming in glory at the end of time when God's dream for human kind will be realised; his invisible presence amid the happenings of our daily life.

If we can learn in these weeks of Advent the importance of patient waiting we have learned one of the greatest lesson in life. Patience is hard to practice in our hectic world. We live in an instant age — instant food, instant gratification. We even speed up nature: with artificial light we fool the hens to lay two eggs a day! We are in too much of a hurry in having every possible experience too early in life — the morning-after pill for eleven year olds!

The most important things in life cannot be rushed and require patient waiting. Patient waiting is required from the mother to bring the child to birth, and then from babyhood to adulthood; the teacher requires it with the slow learner; the politician requires it not to give up on the peace process, and everybody requires it to build loving relationships. We wait not mournfully, but in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Special Thanks to:

We give you thanks O, Lord for the blessed First Holy Communion Mass at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa last Sunday. Congratulations to all new First Holy Communicants. Your participations in the Mass were very impressive: Entrance procession with singing was beautiful. Singing Responsorial Psalm, passionate lectors, Prayers of the Faithful in different languages, Presentation of the Gifts procession, and action song after receiving the Holy Communion. All parishioners were impressed by seeing you to receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

We also give thanks to all PPC Executives and community leaders for the hard work of the preparation for this day, especially Mrs. Sera Vira (Faith Formation Head of Commission). We also give thanks all teachers for your support. We never forget to say thank you, Mrs. Cecilia Vatuloka for your love and talent to contribute to the St. Pius X Parish Children Choir. Thanks to parents, Godparents, guardians, sponsors, and relatives for your supports and prayers. Thanks to also communities who provided refreshments for our children.

Jessie Tree: The ornaments of the Jessie tree in Church tell the story leading up to the birth of Jesus. **The Advent wreath with four candles** of evergreen is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God.

Today as **1st Sunday of advent** symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

2019 CHILDREN CATECHISM PRESENTATION TO PARENTS

Very Important Meeting with Parents (child 5-17 y/o) for the Children Catechism at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa.

NEXT SUNDAY AT 10AM (AB HALL)

Congratulations to the New Candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

(Acceptance into the order of Catechumens)

Rhodeinah Rozlyn Koi Bularakarua (4A),

Lavenia Ledua Rasali (7A),

Konrote Penjueli (1B), Irene Manarae (1B)

Congratulations to the Teachers and Alumni of Corpus Christi Teachers College

celebrating the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of the college. Thank you, teachers, for your service and support to our parish and our children.

Rev Martin Koroiciri's Thanksgiving Mass at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa – A big Vinaka vakalevu to all those Communities that came in numbers to partake in Fr Koroiciri's 1st Eucharistic Celebration in our parish and appreciate the contribution towards the gathering in the parish hall.

LECTORS	TIME	1 ST READER	CANTOR	2 ND READER
SUN 02/12 1 st Advent	7.00am	Salome Levula	Kristina Poate	Miliakere Rainibogi
	8.30am	Vasemaca Luvu	Pipiena Mua	Hanisi Mausio
SUN 09/12 2 nd Advent	7.00am	Maria Waqavanua	Samu Burese	Barbara Edwards
	8.30am	Regina Mataitini	Maciu Vatuloka-Jnr	Magaret .S

Awareness on Trauma Counseling Session tabulated hereunder:

7A	7B	1B	2	3	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B	6
6.12.18	13.12.18	20.12.18	27.12.18	4.1.19	11.1.19	18.1.19	25.1.19	7.2.19	14.2.19	21.2.19

Evangelization Commission: Carol singing and almsgiving on 15/12/2018 start at 6.30pm in the AB Mataca Hall.

Communities are requested to prepare items for carol singing. List of groceries will be distributed to either community leaders or Evangelization reps and to bring groceries on the carol singing day.

Sick Members of the Parish: Priests Advent Visitation will be done before Christmas. Please, inform to the parish office if your family has a sick member and wish to receive Holy Communion & Anointing.

Census Submission Result by 02/12/2018 (# of families submitted / total # of families based on 2015 Census)

1B				2				3				4A			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
22	24	92%	+ 0%	10	20	50%	+ 5%	8	15	53%	+ 0%	16	29	55%	+ 0%
4B				4C				5A				5B			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
7	21	33%	+ 5%	11	14	79%	+ 0%	38	35	109%	+ 3%	20	27	74%	+ 0%
6				7A				7B				TOTAL			
2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week	2018	2015	'18/'15%	last week
4	32	13%	+ 0%	15	16	94%	+ 6%	13	21	62%	+ 0%	164	254	65%	+ 2%

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Liturgy Commission Meeting:** 10am (Music Room). Community liturgy reps., please, make an effort to attend.
- Evangelisation Commission Meeting:** 10am (AB Mataca Hall). Distribution of grocery lists for carol singing will be done in the meeting; community evangelisation reps. are requested to attend the last meeting of the year.
- Youth Commission Meeting:** 10am (Fr. Hurley Hall)/ 12pm End-of-year Youth Lunch (14-35 y/o. All are welcome).
- Nativity Drama:** Primary school children of the parish who wish to be part of the Christmas drama this year are kindly asked to meet **inside of the church** at 10am.
- Extraordinary Ministers:** 10am(Car Port) – Recruiting more extraordinary ministers & renewal session.
- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All are welcome.
- Women of the Parish:** 4pm (Fr.Hurley Hall). Please bring a plate for refreshment
- St. Cecilia Community (1B) Choir Practice:** 4pm at Joe Qalo's residence.
- Rotuman Community:** Invitation to all Parish Rotumans to choir practice at 5pm in the AB Mataca hall

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- Commission of Social Ecological Justice :** Please, attend the meeting tomorrow 3/12 at 8pm.
- Men of the Parish Advent program** on Introduction to the Scripture commences THIS Thursday (6/12) & Friday (07/12) at the AB Mataca hall, commencing at 7.30pm. And as for the end of the year last social gathering has been deferred to the 16th December, 2018 after the animation of the 8.30am mass. For further details after our Advent program this Friday.
- Youth Picnic to Deuba (14-35 y/o married and not married) on THIS Saturday, December 8:** departs at 730am sharp from the parish. Only who pay by today at lunch (\$5 each for the admission) can go for the picnic. We need exact number for the bus. **We will only proceed with the picnic if consent forms are filled (all age) by parents** and returned to the Youth President (Catherine Luisa Burese), Commission head (Mrs. Tupou Nawalu) or to the parish office. Please, bring your own lunch.
- Daku Community Mass:** This Saturday at 3pm.
- Advent General Confession:** Friday, December 21 after 6:30pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Parish Youth & Children Combined General Clean Up:** Saturday, December 22 at 10am.

7 STEPS BIBLE SHARING PRAYER MEETING (EVERY TUESDAY 04/12 AT 7:30PM)				
1B	Joe Qalo's residence (8pm)		5A	Vinau Williams' residence (7pm)
2			5B	Filise Apao's residence
3			6	
4A	Combine 7 Steps at the AB Mataca Hall		7A	
4B			7B	Maria Waqa's residence
4C			Parish Youth	Fr. Hurley Hall

Thanks: To Community 5B, St Columbans Community, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 6, St Paul Community, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, 3rd December.

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: **935.12**; 2nd Collection: **\$106.40.**; Env; **\$60** Total **\$1,101.52**

Readings Today 02/12: - 1st Sunday of Advent: Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36; **Mon 03/12:** Is 2:1-5; Mat 8:5-11; **Tues 04/12:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24; **Wed 05/12:** Is 25:6-10; Mat 15:29-37; **Thurs 06/12:** Is 26 1-6; Mat 7:21,24-27; Fri 07/12: ; **Sat 08/12** The Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary : Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-3; **Sun 09/12 2nd Sunday of Advent:** Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6