

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENTEN SEASON 10/03/2019 (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

Friday Holy Hour: Friday before the First Sunday (Youth Sunday) - 6:30pm (Mass) adoration until 8:30pm. World Apostolate of Fatima continues the Adoration until 10pm.

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 are 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.

Pope Francis's Intention for Lent:

At the beginning of this Lenten Season, Pope Francis asks us to “rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find *in this love our true happiness*.” **You are called to share God’s love for all creation with your community.**

Reflection for 1st Sunday of Lent: Jesus is tempted in the Desert.

The story of Jesus’ temptations is not to be taken lightly. It’s a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path of God. The first temptation was very important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger? Here in Fiji, the cost of living continues to soar, wages remain very low, people are expected to pay more taxes and our foreign debt keeps increasing - all putting a strain on our health and peace of mind. All this talk about money, leaves us wondering: *‘Is this all there is? Are our only values economic ones?’* Thank God we still have the living memory of Jesus, and the stories of his teaching and his example to remind us that there’s a lot more to life than money!

Perhaps our great temptation today is to “change things into bread”, to reduce our desires to what is tangible and consumable. A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent. Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves behind gates and grills and build walls and barriers? Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings *do not live on bread alone*. We also need to nurture the spirit, to know love and friendship, to develop solidarity with those who suffer, to listen to our conscience, and to be open to sharing. These are the things that joins us to God and makes us more human. This Sunday we remember how Jesus kept God’s highest commandment: *‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.’*

Each of the temptations pointed to some selfish option that was contrary to his real mission. In each case he resisted. We too are often drawn to some selfish option, whether pride, anger, lust, gluttony or the rest. But if we turn to God for guidance, by his grace we too can stay faithful.

Wellness Programme by Columbans - Registration after this morning’s Masses. See Joana Qalo. Everyone is welcome to join. The program starts this Saturday, 16th March after Mass.

Congratulations Rev Betero Teakare on you Ordination to Deaconate. Welcome to St Pius X Parish here this morning.

RCIA Events Schedule: 10 Mar – 20 April

10 Mar: *Rite of Elections* or Enrolment of Names; Sacred Heart Cathedral; 10.00am Mass.

24 Mar: *First Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

31 Mar: *Second Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

7 April: *Third Scrutiny*; St Pius X Parish; 7.00am Mass.

14 April: Palm Sunday

14 – 21 April: Holy Week

20 April: *Rite of Christian Initiation*; Easter Vigil Mass, St Pius X Parish, 9.00pm.

New Leadership of 7B: Congratulations to the newly elected in 7B - Community Leader: Alisi Vosalevu; Assistant Community Leader: Maria Waqavanua; Treasurer: Albert McGoon; Evangelization: Maria Waqavanua; Assistant Evangelization: Wati Kanito; Liturgy : Aloii Tugaga; Assistant Liturgy : Baselala Morell; Youth : Baselala Morell .
Meanwhile your Seven Steps this Tuesday will be held at the Aropio's residence at the PRB flats.

Family Life Commission: PRS Pastoral Training Program continues into its second week at St Cecelia Community 1B tonight.

Lenten Appeal Box: This will be available inside Church for those who have enough to help the unfortunate in our Communities

Parish Jubilee Celebration Video Discs are ready for sale at \$30.00 with Jubilee Magazine. Those interested could place cash order now at the parish office. **Columban Calendars:** Prepared from Australia (flip Calendar) for \$5 and Fiji Columban Wall Calendars for \$2.00 **Bible Diary** is available. (\$15.00 – Sr. Lavinia)

Next Youth Empowerment Session (Youth Retreat) - March 16~17 at Marist Champagnat Institute. Details will be followed on the next Sunday's newsletter.

Senior Youth 7 Steps Venue Tuesday, March 19th: A (1B+4A) Tyana Kainamoli, B(2+3+7A+7B) Bale Morell, C(4B+4C) Bridget Tavutonivalu, D(5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E (5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku, F (6) Leo Roqica

Tuesday, April 2 - A(1B+4A) Amini Qalo, B(2+3+7A+7B) Mrs. Nawalu, C (4B+4C) Maciu Vatuloka, D (5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E (5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku, F (6) Leo Roqica

Tuesday, April 16 - A(1B+4A) Eroni Vira, B (2+3+7A+7B) Terrence, C

(4B+4C) Vasemaca, D(5AB+Veidogo) Bruce Vute, E(5B Nanuku) Adriu Conaliku, F(6) Leo Roqica,

CCD Classes continue this morning. Thanks to St Columban for the refreshments today. St Paul for refreshments next week.

Community leaders/Community Finance Reps are humbly asked to source 4 volunteers from your respective Community who would pledge \$260.00 each for the coming year (apart from the Sunday soli). This pledge and envelopes would be ready for distribution by the Parish This Sunday.

Animators Visitation Schedule: Animators visitation on Tuesday March 12th as follows: Mausio & Team (4B) and Vama & Team (4A). Communities 4B and 4A please advise the office of your 7 steps venues.

The Evangelization Committee Retreat: is on Sat. March 16th at Wailekutu Prayer Centre. Newly elected and continuing Evangelization reps are urged to attend. Bring own bible and writing material and lunch and \$2 for return fare. Transport leaves church at 9.15am so be on time. Please contact Vama or Parish Coordinator by March 14th.

Junior & Senior Youth 7 Steps: Junior Youth join with your Community: Senior Youth Fr Carlo to inform you on Venue.

Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th at 5.45pm (Community 1B) **Wednesdays Stations will be in Fijian** (1B) **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** –Those willing to serve in this ministry could give names in at the parish office.

Parish Meetings and Prayers Today and during the week:

1. **Evangelization Commission** meets this morning in the AB Mataca Hall at 10.00am.
2. **Ministry of hospitality** also meets this morning after the second Mass.
3. **Charismatic** Prayer meeting at 3.00pm. Followed by Divine Mercy and World Apostolate of Fatima.
4. **Men of the Parish** Talk on 'Bible and Tradition' in the AB Mataca Hall on Thursday, 14th Mach. All men are welcome to the talk.
5. **St. Cecilia Community** Choir Practice Sunday 5pm at the Qalo's Residence

Faith Formation (CCD, RCIA, Adult Catechism, Baptism and Marriage Instructors) meet at 10.00am on Sun.17 March for your first meeting of the year. Please make an effort to attend.

World Apostolate of Fatima invitation to 'Samoa Congress' 2019. See Notice Board for full details.

St Peter Chanel Community 4A 'family soli and chicken curry night' at the AB Mataca Hall on Friday, 15th March.

World Youth Day 2022, Lisbon, Portugal: Youth have started fundraising for World Youth Day 2022. It is a 4-year project to empower young Catholics to deepen their faith. Kindly asking your financial and spiritual support for WYD 2022. Thank you.

Thanks: to St Theresa Community 7B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning yesterday. We now invite St Cecilia Community 1B, to take on these important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: \$777.60; 2nd Collection: \$96.50 Total: \$897.95

Readings Today: Today First Sunday of Lent 10/03: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13; **Mon 11/03:**Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46;**Tue 12/03:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15;**Wed 13/03:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32;**Thurs 14/03:** Est. C:12, 14-6, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12;**Fri 15/03:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26;**Sat 16/03:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48;**Second Sunday of Lent 17/03:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36