

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

P.O. BOX 5175, Raiwaqa, Suva – Phone & Fax # 3383183

E-mail: stpiusx810@gmail.com Website: www.stpiusxfj.com

Parish Priest: Fr. John McEvoy, S.S.C. / e-mail: mcevoyfj@gmail.com

Assistant Parish Priest: Fr. Euikyun Carlo Jung, S.S.C / e-mail: cjung@columban.org

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - CYCLE C:28/04/19

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.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 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: Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

<p>The Catholic Times is in the Office ready to be Collected .Please Community Treasurers/Leaders from the following Communities 2, 3, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 6,7A do collect copies.</p>

Reflection on the 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday - Faith in practice

No-one else can do our believing for us. This is powerfully illustrated in the story of the disciples who had hidden in an attic in Jerusalem. After the execution of Jesus just two days before, they could not dare go out for fear of their lives. But Jesus suddenly came among them, and his greeting was **Peace to you**. Their response was utter joy. The gift of the Spirit was the breath of the Risen Christ. When the disciples inhaled that life-giving Spirit it took over their lives. Soon they left the Upper Room as changed characters, full of missionary purpose. They go out animated & propelled by the Holy Spirit.

Thomas the Twin was missing that day and so did not share that experience. Though he was an apostle of Jesus, he was an independent individual, suspicious and sceptical. He could not believe just on the word of the others. For him, honesty was more important than groupthink or loyalty. Thomas demanded definite proof for himself. For this he is known as ‘Doubting Thomas’.

Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection like the other disciples, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have not seen the Lord, but who are called to believe in him just the same. We are among the later generations of believers to whom this message applies: ‘Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

Our faith is a great gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious jewel. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say “My Lord and my God!”

Divine Mercy Sunday (28/04/2019): A procession from the Flea Market to Sacred Heart Cathedral at 12.30pm today with Mass at 2.30pm.

In Loving Memory: Ilisoni Degei (52) who was a former member of St Jacob Community 7A who died on the 23rd of April 2019. Parish Reguregu will be held tomorrow Monday 28th April, 7.30pm and his requiem mass will be on Tuesday 29th April at 9am. Sympathy expressed

Liturgy:

1. Liturgy HOC and all Liturgical Ministries - Evaluation on Easter Monday 29th April after Mass.
2. Liturgy Commission Meeting/Evaluation - Sunday 5th May at 10:00 am.

St. Pius Cup – 2019 Youth Sports Week:

Team Matthew	Team Mark	Team Luke	Team John
1B+2+4A (White)	3+4B+4C+6+7A+7B (Black)	5A (Red)	5B (Green)

Each team will register with \$30.00 + extra donation for the sports week & WYD 2022.

Monday (10am-3pm)	Tuesday (10am-3pm)	Wednesday (10am-3pm)
Touch Rugby / Netball at St. Marcellin Primary	Coconut Husking / Balloon Sitting at St. Pius X Parish Halls	Pani / Juru at My Suva Park (Find your own transportation) After lunch – Aquatic Swimming Pool (\$1.00 for entrance fee)
Thursday (10am-3pm)	Friday (10am-3pm)	Saturday (10am-3pm)
Vidividi / Human Chess at St. Pius X Parish Halls	Basketball / Volleyball at Raiwaqa Basketball court Youth First Friday Mass 6:30pm	Indoor Games / Faith Quiz
Sunday (830am)	Youth Mass / Prize Giving Ceremony Thanksgiving Lunch – All teams bring pots of “Chicken Curry”	

Lunch will be sold throughout the weekdays. All community members are most welcome to participate in games. Kindly asking for the support from all community members. More information, please contact AminiQalo / RochelleKamsoo / ChristopherWali

Children's Catechism Teachers & Parents Committee Meeting: Sunday May 5 at 10am.

Children's Catechism will start again on Sunday, May 12.

Archdiocese Synod Closing Choir practice at St. Pius X Parish on Thursday, 2nd May, after Mass - those who still want to join please do so. The practice continues at St. Joseph Secondary School hall on Saturday, 4th May, at 2:00 pm.

Catholic Women's League: The Catholic Women's League Office in conjunction with the Archdiocese Synod Team is seeking a donation towards the closing of Synod 2019. Each woman in the parish is kindly asked to contribute a dollar each towards our parish contribution of \$270.00. You can give in your donation to Mere Wali or pay in to the parish office. Vinaka.

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place at 10.00 this morning in the AB Mataca Hall.

Meetings today and during the week:

St Jacob Community 7A-Please be mindful of your Big C prayer meet on Tuesday 30th April, 2019 at Lusua Smith's residence

Evangelisation: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The gathering is 12 mid-day with procession to Sacred Heart Cathedral starting at 12.30pm. Mass is at 2.30pm.

2. The Charismatic Convention is held at the Lambert Hall this weekend. Healing Mass at 5pm.

3. Workshop on 7 Steps/SCC at St. Peter Chanel this afternoon at 5.00pm; on Tuesday 30/04 at St. Cecilia at 7.30pm. Please advise venues.

4. Communities are requested to bring in your Statue of Mary at 8.30am Mass for blessings.

5. The Parish Renewal Programme – house to house rosary starts on 1st May.

6. Community Leaders and Evangelisation reps please submit date of Community Mass

7. May 11 – Talk on World Apostolate of Fatima organised by communities 5A and 5B. Programme will be at Mere Avaiki's residence, starting at 4pm

Thanks: To St Michael Community 5A for animating the Liturgy during the week & cleaning of the Church & compound. We now invite St Columban Community 5B to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening 29/04.

Thanks for your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of our Easter collections:

Archbishop's Lantern Appeal: \$650.00; **Collection for the Holy Places** \$1075.00; **Easter Offerings** \$911.00;

Parish Collection: for all three days \$1991.39. **Sum total = \$4627.39**

Reading coming week: **Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday:** Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31; **Mon 29/04:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8; **Tues 30/04:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15; **Wed 01/05:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21; **Thurs 02/05:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36; **Fri 03/05:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14; **Sat 04/05** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21; **Sun 05/05:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14