



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 09/12/2018 (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 8.30 am 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.

**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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of advent. The second candle is lit typically represents **LOVE** traditions calls this the “Bethlehem Candle” symbolizing Christ’s Manager.

#### 2019 CHIDREN CATECHISM PRESENTATION TO PARENTS

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

**TODAY AT 10AM (AB HALL)**

#### CENSUS SUBMISSION

Communities 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 6, 7B are still under the average percentage of the parish submission.

**67%  
Submitted**

#### Christmas & New Year’s Day Mass Schedule

Parish General Sacrament of Confession	Christmas Vigil	The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day Mass (Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation)	Boxing Day Saint Stephen (Feast) (Public Holiday)	New Year’s Eve	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation)
Friday 21/12/2018 Starts from 6.30pm Mass	Monday 24/12/2018 at 9.00pm	Tuesday 25/12/2019 at 9.00am	Wednesday 26/12/2018 at 9.00am	Monday 31/12/2018 at 9.00pm	Tuesday 01/01/2019 at 9.00am

#### Sunday’s Reflection:

During Advent we are meant, like John the Baptist, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus as our Saviour. We need to examine our conscience so see what in our lives requires straightening out. John the Baptist was against selfish hoarding, dominance and aggression. The final words of Isaiah in today’s gospel tell that “all people will see the salvation sent to us from our God.” This is the direct result of making straight the ways of the Lord, filling the valleys, leveling the mountains,

straightening the curves, and making smooth the rough places. We can all identify these areas in our lives. The gospel has a message for me. I am the one who is asked to turn from my sins, to turn to God, and to prepare the way for him to make his home within my heart. I am the one who is asked to ensure fair play and justice for others, so that I can see the salvation sent from God.

Filling valleys, leveling mountains, straightening the crooked road, preparing a pathway for the Lord this is our preparation for Christmas. Of course it involves decisions, and these decisions come out of the context of the realities of my life. God is always calling on me to respond to him. Responding to him is to become responsible. I have responsibility for my actions, and become willing to face up to the truth. There is a tendency to look for a softer, easier way.

Many parishes have a Penance Service during Advent. It may be called “Confession of sins without listing them” To some people, this seems too simple, too easy. But let’s not forget the purpose of the Penance Service. Sin has a community dimension. When I do wrong, I fail other people by failing to live up to my Christian vocation. The community is diminished by my sin, so there should be a community aspect to my repentance. So it’s right to make a public

acknowledgement of my sinfulness and my need for the grace of God as part of my preparation for Christmas. In the season of peaceful good-will, we need to restate our good-will, and act on it. We try to do our part in making his paths straight!

**Sick Members of the Parish:** Priests Advent Visitation will be on 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please, submit names to the parish office if your family has a sick member and wish to receive Holy Communion & Anointing.

**“My Christmas Offering” (Christmas Envelops):** Community leaders, please, pick them up from the parish office for your communities.



PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
DATE	TIME	1 <sup>ST</sup> READER	CANTOR	2 <sup>ND</sup> READER
SUN 09/12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	7.00am	Maria Waqavanua	Samu Burese	Miliakere Rainibogi
	8.30am	Regina Mataitini	Maciu Vatuloka -Jnr	Hanisi Mausio
SUN 16/12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	7.00am	Rose	Margaret Qalo	Miriama
	8.30am	Maria Chand	Miliakere Rainabogi	Vasiti Kaivei
DATE	TIME	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		
SUN 09/12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	7.00am	Alex Edwards	Betty Cahndra	Rafaele Roqica
	8.30am	Selina Ravai	William Fong	Wakeleo Cakacakavavo
SUN 16/12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	7.00am	Gina Kivi	Tupou Nawalu	Maria Qaranivalu
	8.30am	Visoni Ravai	Miriama Naikelekelevesi	William Fong

### CAROL SINGING & ALMSGIVING

- Carol Singing: This Saturday (15/12) starting at **6.30pm (Dress code: Christmas colours.)**.
  - Communities are requested to come with a carol and sing your hearts out on the day.
  - Invitation is extended to all organisations, children and youth to join the singing.**
  - Theme:** *To be the heart and mind, eyes and ears, hands and feet to those in need during the festive season.*
  - Communities 3, 5B and 7B please collect your list from Vama after Mass today.**
- Evangelisation members to **MEET ON SATURDAY (15/12) 12pm (mid-day) in the parish hall** for decoration of hall and **NOT FRIDAY** evening as agreed in the meeting, please take note.

### Awareness on Trauma Counseling Session tabulated hereunder:

7B This Week	1B	2	3	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B	6
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

**2018 Bible Diary:** Are for sale in the parish after Sunday Mass and during the week at the parish office for \$10 only.

**Let's buy one each for our 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meeting for the next year.**

**Catholic Times** latest issue is available in the parish office to be collected by Community Leaders and Treasurers

**Columban Calendars:** Prepared from Australia (flip Calendar) for \$5 and Fiji Columban Wall Calendars for \$2.00

### Census Submission Result by 07/12/2018

1B				2				3				4A			
2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week
22	24	92%	+ 0%	10	20	50%	0%	8	15	53%	+ 0%	16	29	55%	+ 0%
4B				4C				5A				5B			
2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week
7	21	33%	+ 0%	11	14	79%	+ 0%	38	35	109%	+ 0%	21	27	78%	+ 4%
6				7A				7B				TOTAL			
2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week	2018	2015	%	last week
9	32	28%	+ 16%	15	16	94%	+ 0%	13	21	62%	+ 0%	170	254	67%	+ 2%

### **► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Liturgy Commission Urgent Meeting:** 9:45pm (Music Room)
- Nativity Drama:** 10am (Inside of the Church). Primary school children - wish to be parts of the Christmas drama (24/12/18).
- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All are welcome.
- Parish Rotuman Community:** Please be reminded that your Choir practice continues today at 4pm in Fr. Hurley Hall.
- Children Choir Practice for Christmas Vigil Mass** – TODAY at 4pm AB Hall (This week: Mon, Wed, Sat at 4pm)

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

- Men of the Parish:** The End-of-year last social gathering on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2018 after the animation of the 8.30am mass.
- General Anointing:** For all Seniors and Elderly of the Parish would be held on the 8.30am Mass (ONLY) next Sunday 16/12 followed by a Social gathering and Lunch with the Men of the Parish.  
**Advent General Confession:** Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, after 6:30pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Parish Youth & Children Combined General Clean Up:** Saturday, December 22 at 10am. Clean up area assignment will be divided by communities. This clean up activity is extended to all parishioners.
- Youth Hymn Practice:** Thursday & Fridays (Dec 27, 28 & Jan 3, 4) starts at 8pm & finishes at 9pm. Please, be on time. All young parishioners (age 14~35 y/o, married & not married) are welcome for the Hymn Practice.
- Extraordinary Minister's End-of-year Social:** Wed., Dec. 19 at 7.30pm.

7 STEPS BIBLE SHARING PRAYER MEETING (THIS TUESDAY 11/12 AT 7:30PM)				
Please, continue until the NEXT Tuesday (18/12/2018) for this year.				
1B		2		4C
3		Please, submit the venue for the next week.		5A
4A		Sera Vira's residence		5B
Vuiyasawa Lane		Sera Moku's residence.		6
Grantham Road		Mausio & Ema Mua's residence		7A
Ming Ting Lane		Please, submit the venue for the next week.		7B
4B		Please, submit the venue for the next week.		Parish Youth
NEXT TUESDAY (18/12/2018) at Fr. Hurley Hall (Last Meeting of the Year)				

**Thanks:** To Community 6 St Paul Community, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite Community 7A, St Jacob Community, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thanks for last Sunday's Collection:** 1st Collection: **997.35**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$124.85**; Total **\$1,102.20**

**Readings Today 09/12:** - Sun 09/12 -2<sup>nd</sup> Advent: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6; Mon 10/12: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26; Tues 11/12: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14; Wed 12/12: Zec 2:14-17 or Lk 1:26-38; Thurs 13/12 : Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15; Fri 14/12: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19; Sat 15/12: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17: 10-13; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 16/12: Zep 3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18