



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 16/12/2018

(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 3rd Sunday of advent**. The third candle is lit symbolizes **Joy** with the “Shepherd’s Candle” reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming of Jesus.

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM

REGISTER TODAY (next year: 6-18 y/o)

Please, come to the parish office and register the Children’s Catechism for 2019.

	By December	Next Year
Up to 3 rd Child	\$10.00 / child	\$15.00 / child
4 th & 5 th Child	\$4.00 / child	\$7.50 / child
6 th Child +	FREE	FREE

Christmas & New Year’s Day Mass Schedule

Parish General Sacrament of Confession	Christmas Eve	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: WHAT MUST WE DO?

The Baptist’s preaching shook the consciences of many. That prophet of the desert was saying loud and clear what they felt in their heart: it was necessary to change, to come back to God, to prepare themselves to welcome the Messiah. Some approached him with this question: What must we do?

The Baptist has very clear ideas. He doesn’t propose that they add new religious practices to their life. He doesn’t ask them to stay in the desert doing penance. You need to welcome the Messiah by looking attentively to those in need. Speaking directly, in the purest prophetic style, he summarizes everything in one great formula: «*Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same*». And we – what must we do to welcome Christ amidst this society in crisis?



Before all else, we must make a greater effort to know what’s going on: the lack of information is the first cause of our passivity. Also, we mustn’t tolerate lies or the cover-up of the truth. We need to know, in its harsh reality, the suffering that is caused by injustice in our midst. It’s not enough to be generous once in a while. We need to move toward a more sober life and «becoming poor» little by little, cutting back on our current level of well-being, in order to share with the most needy so many things we now have but don’t really need in order to live.

In our Christian communities we can develop different initiatives to be near to the most violent cases of social abandonment: by concrete knowledge of situations, mobilization of people so as to not leave anyone isolated; sharing of material resources, development of possible assistance.

For many these are difficult times. All of us can play our part in humanizing our reckless consumerism, becoming more aware of the suffering of victims, practicing solidarity, denouncing the lack of compassion as the crisis grows. It is a way of more fully welcoming Christ in our lives.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministers of the Word

DATE	TIME	1 ST READER	CANTOR	2 ND READER
SUN 16/12 3 rd Sun Advent	7.00am	Rose	Margaret. Qalo	Miriama Vira
	8.30am	Maria. Chand	Miliakere Rainibogi	Vasiti Kaivei
SUN 23/12 4 th Sun Advent	7.00am	Barbara Edwards	Joana Qalo	Maria. Waqavanua
	8.30am	Samantha Clark	Tina Poate	Hanisi Mausio
DATE	TIME	Ministers of the Communion		
SUN 16/12 3 rd Sun Advent	7.00am	Betty Chandra	Tupou Nawalu	Kelemete
	8.30am	Visoni Ravai	Miriama Naikelekelevesi	William Fong
SUN 23/12 4 th Sun Advent	7.00am	Betty Chandra	Alex Edwards	Kelemete
	8.30am	William Fong	Rafele Roqica	Selina Ravai

CAROL SINGING & ALMSGIVING: We congratulate the Evangelization Commission for the well organized program and the different Communities for their Carol singing and almsgiving to the less fortunate in our Communities.

Sick Members of the Parish: Priests Advent Visitation will be on 19th to the 21st 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 and also we will be giving it out with the Newsletters seeking all members of the family who could contribute kindly.

Awareness on Trauma Counseling Session tabulated hereunder:

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

► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:

- Nativity Drama:** 10am (Inside of the Church). Primary school children - wish to be parts of the Christmas drama (24/12/18). Everyday in this week at 3pm
- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All are welcome.
- Parish Rotuman Community:** Choir practice continues today at 4pm in Fr.Hurley Hall.
- Children Choir Practice for Christmas Vigil Mass** – TODAY at 3pm AB Hall (Everyday in this week at 3pm)

► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- Parish Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing – Last Meeting: Fr. Hurley Hall, this Tuesday at 7:45pm. Please, be on time.**
- Extraordinary Minister’s End-of-year Social:** Wed., Dec. 19 at 7.30pm.
- Men of the Parish:** The End-of-year last social gathering will be held today after the animation of the 8.30am mass. For all Seniors and Elderly of the Parish a breakfast has been prepared by the Family Life Commission and Lunch with the Men of the Parish and parishioners
- Parish Youth & Children Combined General Clean Up: Saturday, December 22 at 10am.** Please, bring your own cleaning tools. This clean up activity is extended to all parishioners.

Senior Youth (19~35 y/o)	1B, 2, 3, 4C, 6, 7A, 7B	Inside of the Church / Main Entrance Verandha / Wall of the Church	Children	1B, 2	Main Car Park / Flower Garden
	4A	AB Hall both Toilets		3, 6, 7A, 7B	Garden (outside of HH)
	4B	HH both Toilets		4A	Footpath (Outside of the church on Grantham Rd. side)
	5A, 5B	Priest Car Park / Music Room / Commission Room		4B	Driveway
Junior Youth (14~18 y/o)	1B, 2	Corridor (between the church & presbytery)		4C	Entrance of HH
	3, 6, 7A, 7B	Garden (outside of HH)		5A, 5B	Fr. Hurley Hall
	4A, 4B, 4C	AB Hall			
	5A, 5B	Fr. Hurley Hall (HH)			

- Youth Hymn Practice:** Thursday & Fridays (Dec 27, 28 & Jan 3, 4) stats 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.

Thanks: To St Jacob 7A 1B Community, for animating the Liturgy during the week and cleaning the church yesterday. We invite St Therese Community, to take over these responsibilities from tomorrow, 17th December.

Thanks for last Sunday’s Collection: 1st Collection: **\$1356.40** 2nd Collection: **\$115.95**; Total **\$1,475.35**

Readings Today 09/12: - 3rd Sunday of Advent 16/12: Zep 3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18; **Mon 17/12:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17;

Tues 18/12 :Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25; **Wed 19/12:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25;**Thurs 20/12:** Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 ;**Fri 21/12:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45;**Sat 22/12:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56;**4th Sunday of Advent:** Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45