

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27/01/2019 (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 8.30 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 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.

Reflection: Good news to the poor

The mission of Jesus is expressed with great force in today's Gospel. The Spirit that had come upon him in the Jordan River was leading him to proclaim a message and a way of life to teach. He had moved away from home, and had made such an impression that word about him had got back to his home place of Nazareth. We are told that he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did, and announced the start of a new age!

God's Spirit is in Jesus, sending him to the poor, directing his whole life toward those most in need, most oppressed, most humiliated. We his followers need to work in this same direction. The last should be first in knowing a life that is more worthy, more free, more happy, the life that God want for all God's sons and daughters from now on.

The 'option for the poor' isn't something invented by twentieth century theologians, nor is it just something fashionable starting at Vatican II. It is the option of God's Spirit that breathes through Jesus' whole life, and that we his followers need to introduce into human history. It's not possible to live and announce Jesus Christ if we don't do it from the defense of the least and in solidarity with those who are excluded. If what we do and proclaim from within the Church of Jesus isn't understood as something good and liberating by those who most suffer, what Gospel are we preaching? What Jesus are we following? What spirituality are we promoting? To say it clearly: what impression do we have of today's Church? Are we walking in the same direction as Jesus did?

Parish Executives Timeline:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday, 28 th January, 2019	7.30pm	Collation of AGM Reports and the Elections Process. Nomination forms to be returned to the parish office by Thursday.
Sunday, 3 rd February, 2019	10.00am	Parish Annual General Meeting and Elections

This is very important information, not only for the Parish Executives, but the parish as a whole as we gear up towards our AGM and election of parish chairperson and assistant. You may want to start discussing your nominees at

Community level and not leave things for the last minute. **Motions for AGM** due on Friday, 1st February.

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

Bible Diary is available after Mass.(\$15.00 – Sr. Lavenia)

We welcome Fr. Martin Koroiciri who will be staying with us for several months at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa before going to Chile for his assignment in the middle of this year.

Lent Retreat, 2019 at the Ashram, 1st - 3rd March. Registration at Nicolas House. Can also pay into Westpac, Account name: Roman Catholic Archdiocese Office, Acc # 9461500. **Narration: ARMS plus your full name. Cost \$110** includes retreat, accommodation, meals and return transportation from Suva. \$80 if own transport arrangement. Registration closes 21st February.

The New Parish Children's Catechism Program:

This got underway last Sunday after 4 long months of through preparation by Fr Carlo, Parish Executives and our Catholic Teachers. One could not but admire and be impressed with the concept of this very comprehensive CCD programme embracing our parish children and youth from the ages of 6 to age 18. Perhaps there is nothing like it in any parish in the Archdiocese. There was a lot of commitment and enthusiasm shown by teachers and students and many parents last Sunday. Our Records show that there are 82 of our Parish Children registered for Catechism Classes – a marvel and a blessing for the parish if we can sustain these numbers and interest. Please God will all strive to do so. Well done and Congratulations to all involved.

Archdiocese of Suva Synod Program, 2019

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th February 2019

Formation for Synod Members at the SJSS, Suva;

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION	LITURGY COMMISSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Small Christian Communities & 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meetings: SCC Reps. Please, send venues for Jan & Feb for the parish newsletter. 7 steps refresher workshop on 10/02/2019 after 8.30am Mass in the top hall. SCC leaders, evangelisation reps and animators are required to attend. Bring writing materials and bible. Charismatic Group – prayer meeting at 3.30pm today 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do you love playing a guitar? Or do you want to learn how to play a guitar? Please, join our Adult Guitar Class starts on EVERY Thursday at 7:30pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Sat., Feb. 2, Mass at 8:30am): If you wish to donate candles and other supplies for the liturgy this year. Please, come to the parish office. Vinaka vakalevu. Liturgy Commission Mass: Feb 4th at the 6.30pm mass intention would be for the Liturgy Commission. Liturgy Commission Next Meeting: Sun., 10th Feb. at 10am

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Faith Formation Commission** meeting at 10.30am in the AB Mataca Hall.
- Divine Mercy and Charismatic prayer:** starts at 3pm in Church.

► **OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:**

- St Peter Chanel Community 4A** meeting on Wednesday night (8.00pm) at Richard and Ada Krishnan's residence.

PARISH SENIOR YOUTH				PARISH CHILDREN	
Senior Youth (19 y/o and above) 7 Steps Bible Sharing				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No CCD classes next Sun (3 Feb) because of parish AGM. CCD Parents and Guardians Refreshment Program : 10th Feb – St Peter Chanel Community 4A Junior Youth: Please, join your family's SCC Prayer meetings 	
THIS Tuesday, January 29 starts at 7:30pm					
Group A 1B + 4A	Rochelle Natula	Group D 5A+5B Veidogo	Bruce Vute		
Group B 2+3+7A+7B	Mrs. Nawalu	Group E 5B Nanuku	Adriu Conaliku		
Group C 4B+4C	Chris Wali	Group F 6	Leo Roqica		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Free cupcakes & tea for all parish youth – TODAY (followed by Parish Youth Meeting starts at 10:30am) Next Youth Mass & Adoration: Fri., Feb., 1, 2019 at 6:30pm 					

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM continues TODAY, January 27, 2019

	AB Hall	Fr. Hurley Hall	Music Room	Church
8:15~9:00 am (Come to 7am Mass)	Class #3 (10~11 y/o)	Class #2 (9 y/o) First Holy Communion	Class #1 (6~8 y/o)	
9:45~10:30 am (Come to 8:30am Mass)		Class #5 (15~17 y/o) Confirmation	Class #6 (18 y/o)	Class #4 (12~14 y/o)

Community Seven Steps Bible sharing:

1B	Visoni and Selina Ravai's residence (+ Community Meeting)	4C	Please, submit your venue.
2	Please, submit your venue.	5A	Please, submit your venue.
3	Please, submit your venue.	5B	Please, submit your venue.
4A	9 Vuiyasawa Lane	6	Please, submit your venue.
	Tina and Ben Robinson's Residence	7A	Please, submit your venue.
4B	Ratuyada's residence Children at 5.30pm at 8 Vuiyasawa Lane	7B	

World Youth Day Panama City: Let us be one with the thousands of young people from all over the world attending this event with Pope Francis these days – on his arrival he was welcomed with enthusiasm and he reminded all present that “A disciple is not merely someone who arrives at a certain place, but one who sets out decisively, who is not afraid to take risks and keeps walking. This is the great joy: to keep walking. You have not been afraid to take risks and to keep journeying, we have all been “on the road” together. “The Church is not Cool but Love.” Let us also remember the Group of 21 young people from Kiribati with their chaplain Fr Martin Iveri and the 2 American Seminarians who visited us 2/3 weeks ago for evening Mass and light refreshments afterwards – on their way to Panama for WYD 2019.

Thanks: To St Patrick Community 4B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning yesterday. We now invite St John the Baptist Community 4C, to take on these important responsibilities from tomorrow (including Thursday Adoration).

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection **\$680.75** 2nd Collection **\$272.70**, Total **\$953.45**

Readings Today : **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27/01:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21; **Mon 28/1:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30; **Tues 29/01:** Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35; **Wed 30/01:** Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20; **Thurs 31/01:** Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25; **Fri 1/02:** Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34; **Sat 2/02:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32; **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3/02:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30