

# ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 03/02/2019 (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 for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Worship and Prejudice:

In today's Gospel Jesus shocked the people in the synagogue of Nazareth and they became very angry. What made them angry? He told them that God punished the people of Israel with a famine, but saved a Gentile widow. Jesus also reminded them of God's mercy towards a Gentile Leper named Naaman. Naturally his message was a shocker and just the opposite of they wanted to hear. Some truths are often bitter. We too may be angered or agitated when someone (even a priest) tells us a truth that we don't want to hear. In effect, Jesus declared that God has no favourites, that there are no privilege cardholders, that all are equal shareholders of God's love no matter who we are, where we come from and what our economic status may be. We don't earn divine favours by the titles we hold, but receive it freely from the love of God for us. What happened in the synagogue happens even today in some of our churches and communities. We may carry prejudices with us into our places of worship, and if we do, we shut our minds off to the message.

God wants to give us. Our prejudice can be against the very priest or preacher who addresses us, against some in the congregation, the choir, the readers or other church helpers, or against the hierarchic Church as such. A prejudiced mind will never sit comfortably in Church and will never find fulfillment in worship or carry the gospel message home. Prejudice can degrade another human person It means you don't see the other human being anymore, but only your own concept of that human being. To reduce another human being to a concept - is already a form of violence." Do we take prejudices into our place of worship? Are we prejudiced against individuals or any community? If so, we turn to Jesus for healing we need.

**Census Forms to be complied:** Census Forms have been given out to all communities. We need all these filled and completed within the next 2 weeks. If at all possible, give your completed Census Form back to your Community Leader – who will give it to Fr Martin or Fr Carlo. Fr Martin and community Leaders are responsible for collecting these remaining Census Forms within the next 2 weeks – he needs your co- operation and the cooperation of all Community Leaders. If you are new to the Parish and have not got a Form yet – pick up one from the Office Please. Our Census figure has to be submitted to the Archbishop for his Annual report to Rome. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Today Feast Day of St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr: Saint Blaise died in the early fourth century, martyred during the persecution of the emperor Licinius. He was a bishop in Armenia, known as a healer, venerated since the eighth century and specially invoked to intercede for protection against diseases of the throat.**

#### **Welcome to the Christian Community:**

Thessalonia Patricia Faga Kumar, Vuiyasawa Lane (4a); Nikola

Vatuvatu vago Yavala, Lot 34 Nairai Road (7a);

Mere Ro Salanieta Cokanasiga Qaqa, Lot 5, Block

42, Nairai Road (7a); Joeli Raduva and Titilia

Vunawena Raduva, Lot 8, Block 32, Ryland Place,

Vatuwaqa

(5a); Charlotte Sally McGoon, Gabriel Ryder

McGoon and Isaac Paul King McGoon, 93

Grantham Road

(7b) Aca Vosalevu and Mavis Felicity Vosalevu,

Duivosavosa Lane, Bryce Street, Raiwaqa (2): All of

whom were baptized here today at the 8.30 Mass.

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

##### **REGISTER TODAY (6-18 y/o)**

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

Up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Child **\$15.00 / child**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Child **\$7.50 / child**

6<sup>th</sup> Child + **FREE**

**1) Planning for the First Holy Communion in this year / Sacrament of Confirmation next year – REGISTER TODAY!**

**2) If your children need any financial support for registering this program, please come to the parish office for the assistance.**

**Thanks expressed to Fr Carlo:** who is working on the final cut of our Golden Jubilee CDs which ought to be available very soon. This meant many trips to Nakasi by Fr Carlo to work with the New Century Video people. It was a work of commitment and we are grateful for his dedication to seeing this project completed and brought to fruition. Vinaka Vakalevu Saka.

**Parish one week Jubilee celebration Video Discs** :is ready for sale at \$35.00 with Jubilee Magazine. Those interested could place cash order now at the parish office.

**Parish AGM Today:** Will take place after 8.30 Mass today. All involved are wished well. Thanks is expressed for all the hard work achieved last year – by the parish Executives, Heads of Commissions and Community Leaders and members of the Parish Financial Council. If at all possible, please attend the Parish AGM this morning. We look forward to a successful AGM and perhaps some leadership changes during the coming year.

**Formation of Synod Members** will be held at St Joseph Secondary School on this coming weekend ( 9<sup>th</sup> -10 February).

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

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

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION				LITURGY COMMISSION	
<b>1. Small Christian Communities &amp; 7 Steps Bible Sharing</b> <b>Prayer Meetings:</b> SCC Reps. Please, send venues for Feb & March for the parish newsletter. All SCC are requested to commence already <b>2. Workshop for Animators, Current Leaders, New Leaders</b> on Sun, Feb. 10 at 10am.				<b>1. Do you love playing a guitar? Or do you want to learn how to play a guitar?</b> Please, join our Adult Guitar Class starts on EVERY Thursday at 7:30pm. <b>2. Liturgy Commission Mass:</b> Feb 4th at the 6.30pm mass intention would be for the Liturgy Commission. <b>3. Liturgy Commission Next Meeting:</b> Sun., 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.at 10am	
PARISH SENIOR YOUTH				PARISH CHILDREN	
<b>Senior Youth (19 v/o and above) 7 Steps Bible Sharing</b> THIS Tuesday, February 5 starts at 7:30pm				Parental support towards children is very important this in which would enhance development of faith	
<b>Group A</b> 1B + 4A	Rochelle Natula	<b>Group D</b> 5A+5B Veidogo	Bruce Vute	<b>1. No CCD classes today Sun (3 Feb) because of parish AGM. Class 1-4 Hymn practice</b> after 7.00am mass today for 7.00am mass next Sunday 10/02 <b>2. CCD Parents and Guardians Refreshment Program :</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – St Peter Chanel Community 4A <b>Junior Youth: Please, join your family's SCC Prayer meetings</b>	
<b>Group B</b> 2+3+7A+7B	Mrs.Nawalu	<b>Group E</b> 5B Nanuku	Adriu Conaliku		
<b>Group C</b> 4B+4C	Montel Vakaenei	<b>Group F</b> 6	Leo Roqica		

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Divine Mercy and Charismatic prayer:** starts at 3pm in Church followed by the Charismatic prayer group at 3.30pm

► **OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:**

- Altar Server's Meeting:** All boys & girls already received the First Holy Communion & wish to serve at Mass are to meet TOMORROW (Monday) at 5pm inside of the Church.
- Community AGM:** Community 2 – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at Pio and Maria's Residence  
 Community 4A – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at Richard and Ada's Residence.  
*Community AGMs to be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, before the first PPC meeting of the year (31 Mar)*
- SVDP AGM:** Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am. All interested parishioners wishing to join are welcome to attend.

7 STEPS BIBLE SHARING PRAYER MEETING (5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30pm)					
<b>1B</b>		Visoni and Selina Ravai's residence (+ Community Meeting)	<b>4C</b>	<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	
<b>2</b>			<b>5A</b>	<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	
<b>3</b>			<b>5B</b>	<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mother of Hope</b>	Vuivasawa Lane 7 Stens at Fuata & Pauline's place at 7 30pm Tuesday 05/02	<b>6</b>	<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	
	<b>Other 4A SCCs</b>	Ming Ting Lane @Sera Moku's residence	<b>7A</b>	<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	
		Davui Lane&Grantham Rd @Tina Mcgoons residence			
<b>4B</b>				<b>Please, submit your venue.</b>	

**Thanks:** To St John the Baptist Community 4C, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning we now invite St Michael Community 5A, to take on this important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

**Thanks for last Sunday's Collection:** 1st Collection **\$886.25** 2nd Collection **\$94.25**, Total **\$980.50**

**Readings Today: 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;**Mon 4/02:** Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20;**Tues 5/02:** Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43;**Wed 6/02:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6;**Thur 7/02:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13;**Fri 8/02:** Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29 ;**Sat 9/02:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34;**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11