

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17/02/2019 (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 8.30am 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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflection on the readings of today: Beatitudes: Roots that go deep

The Beatitudes, in today's Gospel list the kind of people who are called Blessed. It is by no accident that these individuals are all utterly dependent upon God due to their circumstances – the poor, the hungry, the sad, the despised. They are the faithful, they are prayerful people. They are like trees who can weather the drought by stretching their roots to the underground water. They are dependent upon God and feel serene. On the contrary are those to whom Jesus says WOE. They have a false sense of security. They are well-off, socially popular and in need of nothing. It is difficult – but not impossible – to hold on to a sense of utter dependence upon God in these situations. Dependence upon God is not a sign of weakness; rather it keeps one in contact with a never-ending source of strength.

In the passage from Jeremiah, we notice the active role of the roots that stretch to the stream. What are we stretching out toward? The reality and honesty of the heat and the drought which inevitably will come. Life is like that. Ups and downs. Challenges. Crisis. Tragedy. Nevertheless, when one remains plugged into God who is the source of all love, mercy, and goodness, one will still bear fruit and green leaves. When one plants himself elsewhere, one stands in desolation. If we find ourselves in a desolate place we can still place our trust in God and trust that God, for whom nothing is impossible, can spring a river of life up beside us at our conversion and by his grace.

Another theme: *Dependence is Not a Sign of Weakness*. This is well rooted in salvation history. When mankind walks humbly, takes care of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the alien, and is utterly dependent upon God then true happiness and peace ensues. When mankind gets prosperous, fat, lazy, self-seeking, independent, and disregards the marginalized then trouble ensues. True happiness is nowhere to be found. The grace of God is scarce.

In Loving Memory of the late Maria Faga of St Joseph Community 2 whose funeral mass was held yesterday 16th Feb in the parish. Also Fr Michael Fitzgerald SM died on Monday morning last and buried on Friday 15th Feb. Rest In Peace

Census Forms to be complied: 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. And this are submitted to the Archbishop for his Annual report to Rome. Thanks for your cooperation.

Lent Retreat at the Ashram, Nadi from 1 – 3 March. Contact Mareta on 9361599 or 7226018 for more details.

Christian Meditation Retreat at Nazareth Prayer Centre on Sat, 23 Feb. (9am-4pm) Contact Sr Denise on 3361106.

Parish one week Jubilee celebration Video Discs are ready for sale at \$30.00 with Jubilee Magazine. Those interested could place cash order now at the parish office.

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)

Dried palm leaves can be dropped off at the parish office in preparation for use on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

RCIA Candidates

- March 1st-3rd is scheduled for the Retreat Weekend at the Ashram
- Rite of Election will be held on the 10th of March 2019 at Sacred Heart Parish, Suva.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION		LITURGY COMMISSION	
<p>1. Evangelization Commission meets after 8.30am Mass in the hall. Evangelization reps please take note.</p> <p>2. Animators' visitation (19/02) Please advise venues. Fr Carlo (4B), Fr Martin (Youth, 1B, 4A) Mausio's Team (5A) Francis Mow's at 7.00pm, Vama's Team (2)</p>		<p>1. Monthly Liturgy Commission Mass (First Monday, 4th March)</p> <p>2. Ash Wednesday - March 6th. Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th at 5.45pm (Community 7B)</p>	
PARISH SENIOR YOUTH		PARISH CHILDREN	
<p>Senior Youth (19 y/o and above) 7 Steps Bible Sharing THIS Tuesday, February 19th starts at 7:30pm</p>		<p>Parental support towards children is very important this in which would enhance development of faith</p>	
Group A 1B + 4A		Group D 5A+5B Veidogo	
Group B 2+3+7A+7B		Group E 5B Nanuku	
Group C 4B+4C		Group F 6	
		<p>1. CCD classes continue this morning after both Masses.</p> <p>2. CCD Parents and Guardians Refreshment Program : 24th Feb – St John the Baptist Community 4C Junior Youth: Please, join your family's SCC Prayer meetings</p>	

CE Youth Mass at 1.00pm (Sat. 23 Feb.) at Lami Parish. Parish Youth gather at St Pius X parish at 11.00am.

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

1. **Lectors Meeting** at 5.00pm today in the AB Mataca Hall.
2. **Divine Mercy and Charismatic prayer:** at 3pm in Church followed by the Charismatic prayer group at 3.30pm.

► **OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:**

1. **St Peter Chanel** Committee 4A meets straight after SCC this Tuesday at Ada and Richard's residence.
2. **St Jacob 7A** AGM/Elections will be held at the Bua Community (upper Nairai Road) on 19 Feb at 8.00pm.
3. **St Joan of Arc 3** AGM/Elections will be held at Mrs Kacimaiwai's residence on Thursday, 21st Feb at 8.00pm.
4. **St Michael 5A** AGM/Elections will be held at Cirikisuva's residence on Friday, 22nd February, 2019.
5. **St Columban 5B** AGM/Elections will be at Tolanigadi's residence on Friday, 22nd February at 8.00pm.
6. **Hospitality Ministry** meets on Sunday, 24th February after the 8.30am Mass.
7. **Eucharist Ministers** : All are requested to attend this special meeting on Friday 22nd Feb at 8pm Fr.Hurley hall
8. **St John the Baptist Community 4C:** Meets today 5pm at Mr. Vanaisa and Mrs. Varanise Lum's residence
9. **Community AGM:** Congratulations to the following Communities on the completion of their AGM and Elections:

Community	Leader	A / Leader	Finance	Liturgy	Evangelization	Youth Rep
St Cecelia-1B	Felix Parker	Amini Qalo	Michael Low Chee	Selina Ravai Monika Tubuna	Visoni Ravai Vasiti Kaivei	Carl Low Chee
St Paul -6	Shane Molia	Seru Dakai	Joseph Mow Maureen Steiner	Peter and Christine Penjueli	Melody Saverio Setefano Vunidilo	

Community AGMs to be completed on or before 29th March, before the first PPC meeting of the year (31 Mar)

10. **Faith Formation** (CCD, RCIA, Adult Catechism, Baptism and Marriage Instructors) meet at 10.00am on Sun. 17 March for your first meeting of the year. Please make an effort to attend.
11. **World Apostolate of Fatima** invitation to 'Samoa Congress' 2019. See Notice Board for full details.

SEVEN STEPS BIBLE SHARING PRAYER MEETING – TUESDAY, 19 TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM			
St Cecilia (1B)	Kaivei's residence	St John the Baptist (4C)	Walosio's residence
St Joseph the Worker (2)		St Michael (5A)	Francis Mow's – 7.00pm
St Joan of Arc (3)		St Columban (5B)	
St Peter Chanel (4A)	Krishnan's residence	St Paul (6)	
St Gabriel (4A)	Edwards residence	St Jacob (7A)	Bua Community
Mother of Hope (4A)	Katoni's residence	St Theresa (7B)	
St Patrick (4B)			

CCIM Central Eastern Recollection at Wailoku Retreat Centre on Saturday, 23 February at 9.00am.

Sacred Heart College seeks persons for the job of: 1. **Handyman** and 2. **Groundsman**. Contact Sharani on 3311338 for details.

Thanks: To St Columban Community 5B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning we now invite St Paul Community 6, to take on this important responsibilities from tomorrow (including **Thursday Adoration**).

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection \$877.35 2nd Collection \$87.90 Total \$967.25

Readings Today: Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time 17/2: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26; **Mon 18/2** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13; **Tues 19/2:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21; **Wed 20/2:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26; **Thurs 21/2:** Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33; **Fri 22/2:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19; **Sat 23/2:** Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13; **Sun 24/2 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

