

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24/02/2019 (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.

Reflection for the 7th Sunday: The power of forgiveness: Today's gospel summarizes something new for the religious leaders of Jesus' day. Their law decreed "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in a gospel like that presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then. Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right Out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

Imagine yourself in front of a mirror, reflect on the failures and sin in your life. You take as much time as you need for this. You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to try to make amends wherever possible, and you want to move forward from here. Ask yourself one simple question: Can you absolve yourself before asking God to forgive you? Can you ask God to do something for you that you are unwilling to do for yourself? Guilt is not from God. Rather is it your own inability to forgive yourself. A leading psychiatrist said that he could discharge two-thirds of his patients immediately if he could get them to forgive themselves. Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer, and fail to realize the bind in which it can place us. We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest. To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant and patient. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful."

Congratulations: Br Petero Navukuon making your first profession as a Marist Brother yesterday at Lomeri Novitiate. We will remember you in our prayers.

Census Forms completed: Thanks to all families for cooperating with Fr. Martin and Fr. Carlo during the process.

Parish 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. Lavinia)

Baptisms in March - We have only a few baptisms booked for March. If there are children for the Sacrament of baptism in any of your Communities, please contact your Community Leader immediately who will arrange them via the Parish Office.

Animators Visitation Schedule: 26th Feb: Fr Carlo in St Theresa of Child Jesus (7b); Fr Martin – in St Jacob's (7a); Tifi, Dan and Karlo in St John the Baptist (4c); Vero, Vama, Maria and Visoni – in St Joseph the Worker (2) On Tuesday 5th March: Fr Carlo – in St Joan of Arc (3) Tifi, Dan and Karlo in St Columban's (5b) Vero Vama, Maria and Visoni in St Cecilia (1B) {Confirm venues with above teams visiting} **7 Steps in all Communities Tues 26th**

Youth Empowerment Program: This fortnightly program is designed by the Columban Formation House for the St. Pius X Parish Youth to accompany young people (adolescents) to grow into matured human beings (adults). Our First Meeting - THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 2, AT 7PM (Fr. Hurley Hall). Bring your warm hearts.

Community AGMs): Congratulations to all who accepted leadership roles in the Parish Communities for 2019

St Patrick's (4b) Community Leader: Thomas Tavutonivalu; **Assistant:** Andrew Grey, **Treasurer & Assistant** Regina Bogi & Jo Niumataiwalu; **Liturgy:** Sisia Vatuloka; **Evangelisation:** Andrew Grey; **Youth Rep:** Chris Wali.
St John the Baptist (4c) Community L: Suliano Naikelekelevesi; **Assistant:** Maciu Tuidama; **Treasurer:** Varanise L **Liturgy:** Miriama Naikelekelevesi; **Evangelisation:** Maria Morell/Laisiana Raduva; **Youth Rep:** Elenoa Roko.
St Jacob's (7A) Community L: Matthew Chand; **Assistants:** Thomas Johns/ Victor Edwards; **Treasurer:** Merewalesi Bukasoqo, **Liturgy:** Nefi Josaia; **Evangelization:** Eseta Edwards/Lavenia Drasali.
St Joan of Arc (3) Community L: Harold Swann; **Treasurer:** William Magnus; **Liturgy:** Tupou Nawalu (Rest TBF)
St Michael's (5a) Community L: Amani Cirikisuva; **Treasurer:** Fulori Cirikisuva; **Liturgy:** Pasilio Gaunavou/Mereula; **Evangelization:** Iowana Karavaki
St Columban's (5b) Community L: Kaliova Delasau; **Assistant:** Miliakere Rainibogi; **Treasurer:** Vitorina Legalega/ Bruce Vute; **Liturgy:** Volau Tikolutu/Jokapeci Apao; **Evangelization:** Mere Avaiki/Temalesi Radini; **Youth:** Tavite Saula

New Office Bearer's Social Night - All Parish Office Bearers (PPC Executives, Community Leaders, Community Evangelization reps., liturgy reps., youth reps., treasurers etc.) are invited to the BBQ Social Night on Thursday, Feb. 28 after 6:30pm Mass. **Bring your own meat.**

Family Live Commission: Fr Tino SM in charge of pastoral training at PRS wants to take 7 of his 6th year students to the Parish this year on Sunday evenings. It will be something for everyone in a given community; Children, Adults and youth – family life in General. The Parish Family Life Commission has endorsed his coming and starting in 1B next Sunday at 7.00pm. This program will run for 10 Weeks. Fr Tino will talk to us at Masses today.

CCD Classes Continue this morning after both Masses: Teachers meet after 8.30 Mass this morning in Fr Hurley Hall to discuss teaching progress so far. **CCD Parents and Guardians Refreshment Program:** Thanks to Communities 3, 4A, 4B and 4C for supplying refreshments so far for the children. March 3rd – St Michael's Community to supply.

The Evangelization Committee Retreat: is on March 16th at Wailekutu Prayer Centre. Newly elected and continuing Evangelization reps are urged to attend. Bring own bible and writing material and lunch and \$2 for return fare. Transport leaves church at 9.15am so be on time. Please contact Vama or Parish Coordinator by March 14th.

Severn Steps Animator's Meeting & Evaluation: Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30pm (Every First Wednesday of the month)
Junior & Senior Youth 7 Steps: Junior Youth join with your Community: Senior Youth Fr Carlo to inform you on Venue.

Liturgy Commission: Liturgy meeting – Next Sunday 3 March, at 10.00am. **Monthly Liturgy Commission Mass** (First Monday of the month, - 4th March) **Ash Wednesday** - March 6th Mass will be at 7am and 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th at 5.45pm (Community 7B) **Wednesdays Stations will be in Fijian.**

Eucharistic Ministers – Those willing to faithfully serve in this ministry could give names in at the parish office.

Parish Meetings and Prayers Today and During the week:

1. **Ushers Meeting:** Today at 10.30am at the premises side car port.
2. **Charismatic Prayer meeting at 3.00pm. Followed by Divine Mercy and World Apostolate of Fatima.**
3. **Tuesday 26th Feb:** 7 Steps in all communities (See above visitation of your community by the Animators)

Finance Council Meeting on Wednesday 27 at 7.30pm. We need to follow up on suggestions from AGM and get projects going among other things. Hopefully there will be a good turnout for this meeting on Wed.

St Peter Chanel Community 4A meets this Wednesday at 8.00pm at Ada and Richard's residence

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.

World Apostolate of Fatima invitation to 'Samoa Congress' 2019. See Notice Board for full details.

Sacred Heart College seeks persons for the job of a **Handyman** and a **Grounds man.** Contact Sharani on 3311338 for details.

World Youth Day 2022, Lisbon, Portugal: Parish Youth have started fundraising for World Youth Day 2022, Lisbon, Portugal. It is a 4-year project to empower our young Catholics to deepen their faith. Kindly asking for your financial and spiritual support for WYD 2022. Thank you.

Thanks: To St Paul Community 6, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning yesterday. We now invite St Jacob Community 7A, to take on these important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration.**)

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection: 1st Collection: \$723.65 2nd Collection: \$72.30 Total: \$795.95

Readings Today: 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;
Mon 25/02: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29; **Tues 26/02:** Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37; **Wed 27/02:** Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40;
Thur 28/02: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50; **Fri 01/03:** Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12; **Sat 02/03:** Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16; Next
Sunday 03/03 Eight Sunday In Ordinary Time: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45.