

# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY CYCLE C:-29/06/16

#### 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: 5.00pm – 6.pm

**Holy days** 7:00 am.& 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

**Confessions:** - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

**Baptisms:** The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with the Parish Priest before commencing session with Baptism helpers.

**Matrimony:** Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 3 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines are available at the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Session every Sunday after the 7am Mass.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Many thanks for your participation and contribution towards the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Appreciation is also extended to the committee in-charge of the activity. God bless you all!

**Reflection for Corpus Christi Sunday** – We could focus today on the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, about Eucharist being a channel of grace, about Eucharist being a source of spiritual nourishment, about the shared receiving of Eucharist making us the body of Christ. But we must also remember that Jesus did not want his message and his love to be forgotten...In early Christian communities, they met in family homes to eat the bread and drink the wine. But for us today, we do not do the same. Yet, in spite of all the differences in the ritual, we still gather in the millions around the world each weekend and remember him. We remember Jesus, his compassion, his life, his forgiveness, his teachings, his miracles, his mercy, and his love. He requested to be remembered – and he is. If you want a new starting place to begin thinking about the body and blood of Christ, try his own words: DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME. And, we do.

**Feast of Corpus Christi (29/05/2016)- the Parish Procession:** We are in procession witnessing our faith to Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31/05/2016):** Together with her cousin Elizabeth, we greet the Blessed Mother of God, “Hail Mary full of grace; the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb...”

**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (03/06/2016):** We have wounded the heart of Jesus, but he brings us forgiveness and grace. Lord, helps us to prove our grateful love and make amends for our sins.

#### **Laudato Si Week (June 13-19, 2016)**

Pope Francis' encyclical will be a year old since its release. Its publication last year entails a call to “every person living on this planet” for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This was written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

**Parish Bazaar:** will be held at **Swann Park**, beside the church. \$215 to be paid to Suva City council.

**Revision of Prizes:** to take away competitive spirit but encourage communities to contribute willingly

- a) Consolation prize for first community to achieve target within set timeline i.e. From 29.05.16-30.6.16
- b) Consolation prize for all communities to achieve their target.
- c) Prizes also for: **Best decorated stall, Best Item, Consolation Prize for community that raises the highest amount.**

### **Recommendation for Improvement:**

- a) **Investment:** Parish to consider investment as long term plan (properties, buildings, assets, etc.)
- b) **Term Deposit:** Suggestion that term deposit be increased to \$10,000.00
- c) **Organise** a 2-day 7 a side tournament
- d) **Envelopes:** F.C. to maintain proper record of families volunteering & acknowledge volunteers who contribute.
- e) **Parish Receipts:** to be presented on proper Parish Printed Receipt Books
- f) **Finance Council Members:** need to play a much greater part and be more committed to their responsibilities.
- g) **Car Park:** Suggestion of a fee of \$5.00 per night be charged to non-parishioners—(and what about parishioners?)

**RCIA Classes** to start on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. A few enquiries had been made—Community Evangelisation reps, please take note of the date and inform those interested from your communities.

**Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist-** Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016, Wednesday, right after the 6:30pm Mass @ the Parish Hall.

**Liturgy Commission Meeting** on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, 10:00 am, at the Hurley Hall. All members of the commission, please attend.

**Youth Commission** Meeting on 3 June, 2016, right after the 6:30pm Mass. Parish youth is encouraged to please attend.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** at 3:00pm in the church. Invitation is extended to interested parishioners as well.

**St Patrick Community Meeting:** on 30<sup>th</sup> May, @ Navuku's Residence following the Rosary.

**St Michael Community:** Mass to be celebrated by a visiting priest to celebrate the end of the Month of Mary, at Cirikisuva's residence at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. Community members are all invited to attend.

### **Faith Formation Commission News:**

Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules, and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive. Our CCD program is designed to aid parents in the religious education of their children. It is *meant to supplement the faith, which the family already practices by word and by example in their home*. Parents and Guardians the CCD teachers are volunteers who take their time, energy and faith to plan lessons and share their faith with your child.

**They will be available every Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass for:**

- (a) **First Holy Communion** in the hall (*See Niseta Buatava for details. She will also decide if you still have a chance for this year because the classes have begun already*);
- (b) **Pre-Confirmation** in the church immediately after the Mass. (*See Master Dan for enrolment*);
- (c) **Post Confirmation** classes also in church. (*See Master Dan also*).

**'Misericordiae Vultus' Pope Francis Encyclical on God's Mercy** It is for sale at \$2.00 per copy. It is a great document on God Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us all make an attempt to read it.

**For your Generous Contributions:** Thanks to members of St Paul Community (6) for animating the Liturgy during the week and the clean-up of the church & compound yesterday. We invite Members of St Jacob Community (7a) to continue from tomorrow 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**Details of last Sunday's Collections published here:** First Collection - \$ 513.50; Second Collection - \$ 115.20 = \$628.70; Envelope Pledge \$160.00. Thank You so much.

**Reading for the coming Week:** *Corpus Christi* [29/05/16] Gen 14: 18-20, 1 Peter 11: 23-26, John 6: 51-52; **MON** [30/05/16] 1 Peter 1: 2-7, Mark 12: 1-12; **TUE Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** [31/05/16] Zeph 3: 14-18, Luke 1: 39-56; **WED** [01/06/16] 2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12, Mark 12: 18-27; **THURS** [02/06/16] 2 Timothy 2: 8-15, Mark 12: 28-34, **FRI Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** [03/06/16] Ezekiel 34: 11-16, Romans 5: 5-11, Luke 15: 3-7, **SAT** [04/06/16] 2 Timothy 4: 1-8, Mark 12: 38-44; **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** [05/06/16] 1 Kings 17: 17-24, Galatians 1: 11-19, Luke 7: 11-17