

ST. PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13/01/2019 (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 midnight.

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.

Sunday's Reflection: Baptism is such a happy occasion when a child's birth is publicly celebrated and cheered, and here they are received into a larger family, the family of the church. In being received into our church-family, these children become our brothers and sisters in the Lord, sons and daughters of God, and temples of the Spirit. The joy of faith and hope is palpable, especially when the parents and godparents come up to the baptismal font and the water is poured over the head of the child by the celebrant. Each child is anointed before and after baptism with special *oil of catechumens* and the *oil of chrism*; the baptismal shawl is placed around the child and the baptismal candle is lit. The whole occasion is uplifting in a way that is unique to that sacrament.

Of course, the majority of baptisms are of children, who are oblivious to what is happening around them. A big decision is being made on their behalf without their knowing anything about it. Yet, just as parents make all kinds of other big decisions for their children without consulting them, so they happily make this significant decision on their behalf. There is a story in the gospels of parents bringing little children to Jesus. When the disciples tried to stop parents doing this, Jesus rebuked his disciples and said to them, 'let the children come to me and do not stop them, for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs.' Parents continue to bring their children to Jesus today whenever they present them for baptism, because in baptism they are being baptized into the person of Christ; they become members of his body; Jesus begins to live within them through the Spirit. When parents bring their children for baptism they are making a decision for them that is very much in keeping with the Lord's desire. 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them.'

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. The day of Jesus' baptism was a watershed in his life; it was a day of new beginning. On that day he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people. On that day Jesus launched forth as the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. As he set out on that momentous journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favour, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Parish Executives Timeline:

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, 13 th January, 2019	---	Distribution of Nomination Forms to Community Leaders
Monday, 14 th January, 2019	7.30pm	First Executives Meeting in the AB Mataca Hall
Sunday, 20 th January, 2019	10.00am	Parish Budget Meeting – All PPC Executives, Community Leaders & Finance Reps.
Monday, 28 th January, 2019	7.30pm	Collation of AGM Reports and the Elections Process
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.

In Loving Memory: Susana Pulini Valemei's (sister of Alisi Vosalevu, 7B) funeral Mass was on the last Wed. Jan 9 at Nausori Parish. Let us pray for her in our prayers. May she rest in peace.

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

Catholic Times Sep/Oct and Nov/Dec issues are available in the parish office to be collected by Community Leaders and Treasurers who have not done (Communities **3, 4C, 5A**-Sep –Oct issue) and (Nov/Dec –Communities **3,4B,4C,5A,5B,7A**).

May we remember in the companionship of our prayers those whose **Birthdays** and **Marriages** were celebrated this month. Also for those that have passed on from this life and all who need our prayers.

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 3rd Child **\$15.00 / child**
4th & 5th Child **\$7.50 / child**
6th 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.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministers of the Word				
DATE	TIME	1 ST READER	CANTOR	2 ND READER
SUN 13/01/2019 Baptism of the Lord	7.00am	Maria Vira	Margaret Qalo	Clara Jones
	8.30am	Hanisi Mausio	Margaret Qalo	Milika Nabou
SUN 20/01/2019	7.00am	Patricia Burese	Miliakere Rainibogi	Regina Bogi
	8.30am	Vasiti Kaivei	Joana Qalo	Miriama Sarai
Ministers of the Communion				
DATE	TIME			
SUN 13/01/2019 Baptism of the Lord	7.00am	Betty Chandra	Alex Edwards	Kelemete
	8.30am	Visoni Ravai	Miriama Naikelekelevesi	William Fong
SUN 20/01/2019	7.00am	Gina Kivi	Jacob Kivi	Tupou Nawalu
	8.30am	Selina Ravai	William Fong	Wakeleo Cakacakavavo

Small Christian Communities & 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meetings: SCC Reps. Please, send venues for Jan & Feb for the parish newsletter. All SCC Prayer Meeting starts on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. To Communities who have started with 7steps keep it up. / **Workshop for Animators, Current Leaders, New Leaders** on Sun., Feb. 10 at 10am.

7 Steps Vuiyasawa Lane – Master Dan’s Residence: This Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to the Marist Sisters and Sr. Loyola Grehan: On Dec. 27th Sr Loyola celebrated her 100th birthday at Mount St Mary’s, Nadi. Sr Loyola is the last Irish sister in Fiji. After serving as a Marist Sister in Ireland, England and New Zealand – she eventually was posted to Fiji where she always wanted to come. Here she taught in Loreto and Ciwici for many years. She served as Librarian in PRS and later helped out at the Nazareth Prayer Centre. Fr Frank Hoare was the main celebrant at the Mass which was attended by a huge number of her past pupils from Loreto and St John’s.

Tropical Cyclone Mona: We started the new year with a little fear and trepidation as cyclone Mona approached the Fiji Group. But TG it did not come to much – The Labasa area would seem to be the worst affected area with some flooding – the winds were not that bad. But the country had itself braced for all eventualities. Parish Disaster Management Teams were on standby. Jo Vasa in Labasa kept us informed as what was going on there via 6 different reports and Vero head of CESJ was on top of matters here in Raiwaqa. Three Families from Nanuku and Wailea came to Marcelin Champagne Centre. They were visited by the Prime Minister and later by the Minister for Health, who saw the conditions that these people are living in their respective squatter’s settlements.

Fr. Martin Koroiciri will be staying with us from Tue., Jan. 22 for several months at St. Pius X Parish, Raiwaqa before going to Chile for his assignment in the middle of this year.

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 Thursday, January 17 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.

► **PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Evangelisation Commission Monthly Meeting:** 10am at AB Hall. Please we urge all Commission reps to be mindful.
- Altar Server’s Meeting:** All boys & girls already received the First Holy Communion & wish to serve at Mass are welcome. 10am inside of the church.
- Children’s Catechism Teachers Committee & Parents Committee Meeting:** 10am at Fr. Hurley Hall
Divine Mercy and Charismatic prayer: meetings starts today at 3pm in Church.

► **OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:**

- Liturgy Commission Reflection Day:** Saturday, January 19 starts with the Mass at 8:30am.
- Lector’s Monthly Meeting:** Next Sun., 20th Jan. at 10am. All lectors please, attend the first meeting of the year.
- Faith Formation Commission / Family Life Commission Meetings on the Next Sunday at 10am.
- Liturgy Commission Next Meeting:** Sun., 10th Feb. 2019 at 10am. / Please, be mindful members that on the 4th Feb. at the 6.30pm mass intention would be for the Liturgy Commission. We come & pray together.

PARISH SENIOR YOUTH				PARISH CHILDREN	
Senior Youth (19 y/o and above) 7 Steps Bible Sharing Tuesday, January 22 starts at 7:30pm				1. St Pius X Pre-School Enrollment form: This is still available at the parish office. 2. Blessing of School Children: As today we have in both Mass special blessings for our school children and with the hope that we would continue to support our children as they strive to develop Education. 1 st TERM BEGINS tomorrow, Monday, 14th January, 2019. God bless! 3. Junior Youth: Please, join your family’s SCC Prayer meetings 4. Junior Youth (15~18 y/o) Beginning of the Year Retreat: Saturday, January 26 starts with 8:30am Mass.	
Group A 1B + 4A	Carl Low Chee	Group D 5A+5B Veidogo	Bruce Vute		
Group B 2+3+6+7A+7B	Leo Roqica	Group E 5B Nanuku	Miliakere Rainibogi		
Group C 4B+4C	Regina Bogi				
Next Youth Mass & Adoration: Friday, Feb., 1, 2019 at 6:30pm					

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM starts on the NEXT SUNDAY, January 20, 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 #4 (12~14 y/o) Class #5 (15~17 y/o) Confirmation Class #6 (18 y/o)

Thanks: To St Joan of Arc Community 3, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning we now invite St Peter Chanel Community 4A, to take on this important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

Thanks for last Sunday’s Collection: 1st Collection \$508.40 2nd Collection \$60.40, Christmas envelope \$55.00 Amounted to **\$623.80**

Readings Today SUN 13/01 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22;**Mon 14/01:** Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20;**Tues 15/01:** Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28;**Wed 16/01:** Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39;**Thurs 17/01:** Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45;**Fri 18/01:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12;**Sat 19/01:** Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17; **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20/01:** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11