



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

## TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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### THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

#### 30/12/2018 (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

**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 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: Even though we call them the Holy

Family that does not mean that they did not have problems and difficulties, just as every family must. To put it another way, as each follower of Jesus has a cross to carry, so also the holy family had to experience the cross in their shared life. To mention just a few examples, we can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. Joseph was even planning to divorce Mary privately before being assured that it was the work of God. Nine months later, the birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found. Then the family had to flee as refugees to Egypt because the child Jesus' life was in danger from king Herod, in much the same way as refugees from war-torn countries have to flee to save their lives.

Later, when Jesus was twelve, they were shocked to lose him for three days and then had to deal with the unsatisfactory explanation that he "had to be about his Father's business." Still, he returned with them to Nazareth and was subject to them, in the quiet rhythm of family life in their village. Since we hear no more about Joseph after that, presumably he died before Jesus left Nazareth to preach the Gospel. Then too, the public life of Jesus must have taken its toll on Mary. In the Temple when he was an infant, old Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. How she must have been pained to hear his enemies say that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners, and at the end, when Mary watched her son die in public disgrace, on the cross.

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses? What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and trust. Whenever families are happy, it is because love is highly prized. A major threat to family life nowadays is that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, socialising, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other.

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

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

**Funeral Mass of Martha Regina Ieli (7A):** Monday, December 31 at 10am. Eulogies starts at 9:30am.

**Fr. Iowane Gukibau's Farewell Mass:** Wednesday, January 2 at 6:30pm

**Archdiocesan Come & See:** Fri. Jan. 11 ~ Sun. Jan. 13, 2019 (Lomari Marist Brothers Novitiate)

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#### **!!! TWO DIFFERENT MASS !!!**

**31<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 at 9pm:**

**Thanksgiving Mass of the Year 2018  
(NO ANTICIPATED MASS)**

**1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2019 at 9am:**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
(Holyday of Obligation)**

#### **NEW YEAR'S VIGIL & ADORATION**

This will be after the Thanksgiving Mass on Monday until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 before the 9am mass. **LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!**

#### **CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

**REGISTER TODAY (next year: 6-18 y/o)**

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

	<b>By December</b>	<b>Next Year</b>
Up to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	<b>\$10.00 / child</b>	\$15.00 / child
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Child	<b>\$4.00 / child</b>	\$7.50 / child
6 <sup>th</sup> Child +	<b>FREE</b>	FREE

**Thanks Expressed to all who helped out with the Christmas Celebrations:** To Visoni, Selina and Mrs Mow for erecting and decorating our crib and polishing the sacred vessels for Christmas. To Andrew Grey, Maciu and Sisi Vatuloka, Maria Waqailiti, Mrs Ala Lal and Fr Carlo – for working so hard with the children’s choir and drama. What a wonderful performance. And thank you parents for supporting your children and providing the costumes for the Drama. To Joana Qalo & Sera Vira, head of Liturgy and Faith Formation Commissions. Thanks to our Altar Servers, Lectors Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for doing such a great job. To Sophie Shackley for keeping the altar linen and server’s cloths clean, ironed and fit for all celebrations. To the few members of the parish and the few Children & Youth who turned up for general clean-up of church and compound on Saturday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. (*supposed to have been an entire parish working bee – but alas no*). To the members of 1B for arranging the flowers and cleaning of the inside and outside of the Church for Christmas Eve Mass. To Thomas Tavutonivalu for working on the overheads. To Karalo Tamani and those associated with the Music Ministry and the Parish Choir. To the parish Executives whom we depend so much on. To the 2 or 3 members of the Parish Finance Council who work so hard Sunday after Sunday after everyone is gone and everything is over. We are truly grateful for your stewardship. Indeed, we express thanks to Parish Organisations (St Vincent de Paul, Men and Women of the Parish) & Community Teams all who play their part towards the running of the parish. We admire with gratitude the Eucharist Ministers who visit the house-bound and sick Sunday after Sunday taking them the Eucharist and the Parish Newsletter which helps them to stay in touch with us. Vinaka Vakalevu to everyone who has committed themselves in any way towards the running of our Parish. It helps to *‘Restore all things in Christ’*. Thanks.

**Happy and Prosperous New Year of 2019 to all Parishioners of St Pius X Parish. Frs. John & Carlo.**

**PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Ministers of the Word				
DATE	TIME	1 <sup>ST</sup> READER	CANTOR	2 <sup>ND</sup> READER
SUN 30/12 Holy Family	7.00am	Patricia Burese	Salome Levula	Maciu Vatuloka
	8.30am	Margaret. S	Margaret Qalo	Pipiena Mua
MON 31/12 THANKSGIVING MASS	9.00pm	Rose Chandra	Tina Poate	Barbara Edwards
TUE 01/01 MARY, MOHER OF GOD	9.00am	Vasiti Kaivei	Joana Qalo	Maria Chand
SUN 06/01 EPIPHANY	7.00am	Salome Levula	Samu Burese	Maria Waqavanua
	8.30am	Hanisi Mausio	Samu Burese	Milika Nabou
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**Awareness on Trauma Counseling Session tabulated hereunder**

3 (This Week)	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B	6
04.01.19	11.01.19	18.01.19	25.01.19	07.02.19	14.02.19	21.02.19

**► PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS TODAY:**

- Prayers Today:** Cenacle (2pm), Divine Mercy (3pm), Charismatic (3.30pm). All are welcome.
- Parish Ministry of Hospitality:** All Ushers please be reminded that you have a special meeting today at 9.45am

**► OTHER PARISH MEETINGS & PRAYERS:**

- Liturgy Commission Meeting:** Sunday, January 6 at 10.00am (Community’s Liturgy Rep. required to come)
- 7 Steps Bible Sharing Animator’s Evaluation Session:** Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30pm

PARISH YOUTH	PARISH CHILDREN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Youth Hymn Practice:</b> (Thur., Jan 3) starts at 8pm &amp; finishes at 9pm. Please, be on time. All young parishioners (age 14~35 y/o, married &amp; not married) are welcome for the Hymn Practice.</li> <li><b>Youth Weekday Mass &amp; Holy Hour</b> Parish Youth will lead the liturgy on Every Friday before the First Sunday (Youth Mass) of each month. <b>Friday, January 4, 2019 – Youth Mass at 6:30pm</b> <b>Youth Holy Hour 7:00-8:30pm</b></li> <li><b>Youth Monthly Meeting:</b> Sun., January 6, 2019 at 10am.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Children’s Catechism Registration Promotion ends December 31, 2018 (\$5.00 OFF).</b> First Holy Communion Candidates &amp; Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates must register their names as well as other children (age 6~18).</li> <li><b>Teacher’s Committee &amp; Parent’s Committee Meeting:</b> Sun. Jan. 13 at 10am</li> <li><b>Blessing of School Children:</b> Sunday, January 13 at Both Mass (7am/830am). Please, wear school uniform for Mass.</li> <li><b>FIRST DAY OF CHILDREN’S CATECHISM SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019</b></li> </ol>

**Thanks:** To St Cecelia Community, 1B, for animating the Liturgies during the week and the Church cleaning we now invite St Joseph the Worker to take on this important responsibilities from tomorrow (**including Thursday Adoration**).

**Thanks for last Sunday’s Collection** 1st Collection: **\$769.45** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **\$160.10** Total: **\$929.55**

**Christmas Eve Night Mass** Loose Collection: **\$554.45** Offering Envelopes: **\$1,485.50** Sum: **\$2,039.95** Total:

**Christmas Day** Loose Collection: **\$814.30** Offering Envelopes: **\$450.00** Sum: **\$1,264.30** **\$3,304.25**

**Readings Today 23/12:** - Sun 30/12: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52; Mon 31/12: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18; Tues 01/01/19 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21; Wed 02/01: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28; Thursday 03/01: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34; Fri 04/01: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42; Sat 05/01: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51; Sun 06/01 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity): Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12