



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**08 OCTOBER 2023**



**Reflection:**

**FROM LAUDATO DEUM,**  
 paragraphs 24-28: “The Limits of Human Power” *(to be used as your reflection material at your SCCs on Tue 10th Oct)*



Not every increase in power represents progress for humanity. We need only think of the “admirable” technologies that were employed to decimate populations, drop atomic bombs and annihilate ethnic groups. There were historical moments where our admiration at progress blinded us to the horror of its consequences.... We stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever-increasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it. We have certain superficial mechanisms, but we cannot claim to have a sound ethics, a culture and spirituality genuinely capable of setting limits and teaching clear-minded self-restraint”. It is not strange that so great a power in such hands is capable of destroying life, while the mentality proper to the technocratic paradigm blinds us and does not permit us to see this extremely grave problem of present-day humanity.

Contrary to this technocratic paradigm, we say that the world that surrounds us is not an object of exploitation, unbridled use and unlimited ambition. Nor can we claim that nature is a mere “setting” in which we develop our lives and our projects. For “we are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it”, and thus “we [do] not look at the world from without but from within”. ... Human beings must be recognized as a part of nature. Human life, intelligence and freedom are elements of the nature that enriches our planet, part of its internal workings and its equilibrium. For this reason, a healthy ecology is also the result of interaction between human beings and the environment, as occurs in the indigenous cultures and has occurred for centuries in different regions of the earth. Human groupings have often “created” an environment, reshaping it in some way without destroying it or endangering it. The great present-day problem is that the technocratic paradigm has destroyed that healthy and harmonious relationship.

**Questions:** In what way am I/we influenced by this ‘technocratic mindset’ which sees Nature as a thing to be exploited for money, not something to be cared for? How can I/ we as an SSC group create a more harmonious relationship with the Nature that surrounds me/us? How can I/we spread that message to others who don’t see it?

## **MAI NA VALE NI VOLAVOLA NI VOSA**

Ni da raica, da vakasamataka na ti-tobu ni vuli eda rogoci mai ena noda lesoni nikua e kauta mai vakavoleka vei keda na vakasama se o cei o keda kei na noda veimaliwai kei na Kalou. Na Kalou sa mai sovaraka tu e vuravura na nona loloma vakabibi vei keda na nona tamata. Sa solia talega vei keda na noda dui galala yadua e na kena vakayagataki na loloma oqori ena naki ga e solia mai okoya. E vinakata okoya meda

vakadinadinataki na vua ni nona loloma ena noda dui bula yadua. Eda sa papitaiso oti ena yacana. Sa nuitaki keda tu okoya ni da na vakayacora vaka dodonu na itavi sa solia vei keda okoya oya meda liga ni nona cakacaka vinaka. Sa nuitaki keda tu na Turaga me da kua ni vakacacana na veinuitaki oya ena itovo sega ni lako vata kei na nona gagadre ena noda bula.... Eda taqomaka dei tiko veinuitaki ni Turaga vei keda se sega?

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Parish Census update**

will continue to be carried out this week and weeks to come for communities that have yet to conduct theirs.

### **Taking Responsibility**

Please be mindful of our children when within the church premises as we continue to encourage child protection

### **Care for our Parish Property**

Parishioners are kindly requested to be responsible for the cleanliness of our church premises and its upkeep. For hall users please do see that the halls and toilets are kept clean after use.

### **Marriage Preparation**

This began on 7th October –in the Ach Petero Mataca hall and will continue on 10/10 9.30am—4.30pm. The next preparation will be held early next year

**All Commissions and Ministries** are urged to prepare plan and budget ready for 2024

**SVDP-Raiwaga**—seeking assistance from parishioners on Adult diapers etc.

Your donations could be given to Joe Niumataiwalu (SVDP Treasurer ) or the parish office

**Mass Time** –for Fiji Day Public Holiday will be at 8.30am .Please take note

### **Meetings**

### **Evangelisation & Bible Commission**

Meets on the Sunday 8th October 2023 in the parish car port immediately after the 9am Mass

### **Ushers/Ministry of Hospitality**

Meet after the 9am mass today.

### **Women of the Parish**

Meets on the Saturday 07th of October after the 5pm mass

**Charismatic Prayer** group meet this Sunday in the church at 5pm. All are welcome

### **11 Community Treasurers**

Please be advised that your meeting will be held 15th October ,2023 after the Saturday 5pm Mass .

### **Family Life & Youth Commission**

meets after the 9am mass next Sun 16/9 at the parish car-port

# Thanks & Appreciation



Thank you for your generous contribution towards last Sunday's collection which amounted to \$663.30 and Envelopes \$555.00 total **\$1218.30**



We would like to thank **St John the Baptist Community 4C** the animation of the Liturgy and the church cleaning during the week we now invite St Michael Community 5A to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening.

To the Parish Youth and the Sema Livelihood members for joining together for cleaning up thoroughly within church premises which was held last Monday 2/10

## **The Parish Vision Statement**

“To Restore All Things in Christ With the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit, The Intercession of Mary Mother of God, and St. Pius X”

## **The Parish Mission Statement**

In furtherance of the above stated Vision, we the people of God in the Parish of St. Pius X are committed to:

1. The **Education** of our children, youth and adult in a holistic sense. To know and love their God with all their hearts, mind and soul and to love their neighbours as themselves; To prepare them to face challenges they will encounter in life; To be good stewards in the Lord's vineyard.
2. We will strive to improve the way we celebrate the **Sacraments** with creativity and renewed enthusiasm.
3. We will learn to co-exist with all of **God's creation** and bring justice and peace in society.

## **Message of Pope Francis for World Mission month 2023**

*Luke 24:13-35: Hearts on fire, feet on the move”.*

Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

## **World Apostolate of Fatima- October 13**

*“Pray the Rosary Everyday to obtain Peace”*

5pm gather at St Agnes Primary School  
Recitation of the Rosary ,Procession from and adoration continues until 14th October morning. celebrating the Holy Eucharist at 7am  
Invitation is extended to all parishioners

## LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	COMMUNITIES/ ORGANIZATION	5:00pm Vigil Mass
13/10	Women of the Parish	Women of the Parish
14/10	St Michael Community 5A & the Music Ministry	7:00am & 9:00am
		St Michael Community 5A

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mondays, Thursdays :@6:30pm,  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays @7:00am -Public Holiday @8.30am  
Confessions: Sat 8:30am - 9:30am Adoration: Thursdays - 5:30pm  
 St Michael Community 5A for the week.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

8/10	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43
9/10	Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
10/10	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
11/10	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
12/10	Mal 3:13-20/Lk 11:5-13
13/10	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15
14/10	[Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM] Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
15/10	Twenty Eight Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

“  
 The stone which the builders rejected has  
 become the cornerstone ; by the Lord this  
 has been done and it is wonderful in our  
 eyes” (Matthew 21: 42)

