

Holy Family Parish Newsletter

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Baptism

Third Sunday of each month

Confession:

Saturdays after 9:00AM Eucharist

Next Sunday

Daily Mass

Mon - Fri : 7.00am

Town : 7.30 am & 9.30am

Saturday : 9.00 am

Pastor : Fr. Carlo Jung

Vigil : 7.00 pm

Assistant : Fr. John J. Ryan

PARISH VISION

PARISH MISSION

A communion of families growing in faith and holiness under the inspiration of the Holy Family of Nazareth in living, sharing, and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. We are a communion of families called to holiness and committed to pray, teach, serve and proclaim the Good News to all.

Year A 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 AUGUST 2020

INTRODUCTION : Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock. Though Peter had strengths he also had weaknesses. We too have weaknesses. When those weaknesses cause us to fall, Christ forgives us and helps us to go forward again.

FIRST READING : *Isaiah 22: 19-23* here we read about one man being dismissed from high office, and the keys of authority are passed to another. The New Testament applies this text to Jesus.

SECOND READING : *Romans 11: 33-36* This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

GOSPEL : *Mathew 16: 13-20* This contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, and Jesus' promise to make him the rock on which he will build his Church.

THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God.

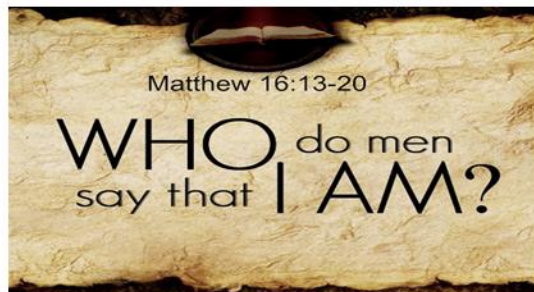
Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next

week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbor?





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If you have parish-related activities and/or information you wish to include in the newsletter please contact Valeria Livia (valerialivia@gmail.com or 2159086/ 881,1221) or one of the priests **by 12.00 noon Wednesday.**

For your timely parish news and information

PARISH NOTICES

- **PPC MEETING:** Saturday, September 5 at 10am due to the Archdiocesan Social & Ecological Justice Northern region workshop on September 11-13. Commission heads, please submit your reports.
- **PPC EXECUTIVES MEETING:** Friday, September 4 at 5pm at the Parish Priest residence.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**
1) Parents & Teachers Meeting with the Parish Priest: All parents of the Confirmation candidates for 2021 must attend the meeting on Saturday, September 12.
2) Cut-Off date for the Sacrament of Confirmation Submission:
 Saturday, September 19. Because of COVID-19, we still need to conduct a lot of missed sessions. We kindly ask parents to submit candidate's name (Form 3 and above) by September 19. No late submission for your child. Submit early, start properly, learn fruitfully.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:** starts from this Saturday, August 29 after 9am Mass.
- **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Congratulations to Ilisapeci & Aborosio for receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony on Thursday, August 13 at Dogoru. May the blessings of God be upon the newly married couple.
- **PARISH 2ND REVISED BUDGET:** Thanks to Parish Finance Council (PFC) that we have approved 2nd Revised budget for 2020. Total Parish Target for this year is \$23,100 For this year, because of COVID-19, the parish will not organize any massive gatherings including Parish Fun Day. Kindly ask Community members to organize at the Community Level to raise the parish funds. Thank you very much for your financial support to the Parish. For the details, contact the Parish Treasurer. The PFC will give the full description at the September Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting
- **IN LOVING MEMORY:** Bibiana Mairara (63), of Dakuniba Cakaudrove and a member of St Peter Chanel Community. Her funeral liturgy was done by Fr. Milikiade on Friday, August 21 at 9am in the church. Thanks to St. Peter Chanel community for the support and prayers. And also Sr. Josephine Gresham *msm* who was laid to rest on Tuesday, August 18 in Auckland. May their soul rest in peace.

DAILY READINGS

Monday (*Feast of St Bartholomew*)

Revelation 21: 9-14

John 1:45-51

Tuesday

2Thess 2:1-3, 14-17

Mathew 23: 23-26

Wednesday

2Thess 3: 6-10, 16-18

Mathew 23: 27-32

Thursday(*memorial of St Monica*)

1Corinthians 1: 1-9

Mathew 24: 42-51

Friday(*memorial of St Pius Augustine*)

1Corinthians 1: 17-25

Mathew 25: 1-13

Saturday(*The Passion of St john the Baptist*)

Jeremiah 1:17-19

Mark 6: 17-29

COLLECTION

Town : \$448.00

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COVID-19 Know The Facts

COVID-19 spreads primarily from person to person



- Droplets released when someone sick sneezes or coughs can land on the mouths or noses of people nearby
- Close contact with someone sick – like hugging or shaking hands

COVID-19 mainly spreads from person to person But it can also be left on objects and surfaces...



So if you touch something contaminated and then touch your face or another's face, you might all fall ill.

Reduce your risk of COVID-19



Clean your hands often

Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow – not your hands!



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth



Limit social gatherings and time spent in crowded places



Avoid close contact with someone who is sick

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



Next Sunday 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A

1st Reading : Jeremiah 20: 7-9

2nd Reading : Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel : Mathew 16: 21-27

Sunday Mass

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY
7.00 pm

St Peter Chanel, St Paul

Community

Temalesi Lomu, Penesio Mamao

SUNDAY
7.30 am

St Columban, St Patrick

Community

Asenaca Baleitavea, Vitorina Ditokalau

9.30am

St Theresa, St John the Baptist, St Michael

Community

Josefa Vasakula, Teresia Covert

Church Cleaning

St John the Baptist