



ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 12TH DECEMBER 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent Reflection

Who is this person that John the Baptist is presenting to us and whose birth(day) is celebrated on Dec. 25th? The quotation here is from the Vat. II document on religious freedom, no 11.

“Christ is our Master and our Lord. {Jn. 13:13} He is also meek and humble in heart. And in attracting and inviting His disciples He acted patiently. {Mt. 11:28-30; Jn. 6:67-68}

He wrought miracles to shed light on His teaching and to establish its truth. But His intention was to arouse faith in His hearers and to confirm them in faith, not to exert coercion on them. {Mt. 9:28-9}

He did indeed denounce the unbelief of some who listened to Him; But He left vengeance to God in expectation of the day of judgement. {Mt. 11:20-24} When He sent His apostles into the world, He said to them;

“Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, and whoever does not believe shall be condemned” (Mk. 16:16), but He Himself, noting that cockle had been sown amid the wheat, gave orders that both should be allowed to grow until the harvest time, which will come at the end of the world. {Mt. 13:30}

He refused to be a political Messiah, ruling by force; {Mt. 4:18-20; Jn. 6:15} He preferred to call Himself the Son of Man, who came “to serve and give His life as a ransom for many” (Mk. 10:45).

He showed Himself the perfect Servant of God; (Mt. 12:20). {Is.42:1-4}

He acknowledged the power of government and its rights, when he commanded that tribute be given to Caesar. But He gave clear warning that the higher rights of God are to be kept inviolate; (Mt. 22:21).

In the end when he completed on the cross the work of redemption whereby He achieved salvation and true freedom for all, He also brought His revelation to completion. He bore witness to the truth, {Jn.18:37} but He refused to impose the truth by force on those who spoke against it. Nor by force of blows does His rule assert its claims. {Mt. 26:51-3; Jn. 18:36} Rather, it is established by witnessing to the truth and by hearing the truth, and it extends its dominion by the love whereby Christ, lifted up on the cross, draws all people to Himself”. {Jn. 12:32}

PARISH NEWS

• Change in Weekday Mass Times

Please be advised that Mass times during the weekdays Please refer to the table below for the revised Mass times.

<u>Revised Weekday Mass Times during Advent.</u>	
MONDAY	6:30pm
TUESDAY	8:30am
WEDNESDAY	8:30am
THURSDAY	5:15pm - 6.15pm Holy Hour - Adoration 6:30pm - Mass
FRIDAY	8:30am

- Columban Mission Wall Calendars for 2022 will be on sale after Mass on the church porch @\$2.00 each.

- Columban Art Flip calendars will be on sale also after mass @\$5.00 each.

- *Please note that the Christmas Envelope are available for families and individuals If they are willing to contribute.*

- Communal Confessions for Xmas
Parish Reconciliation (Communal confessions) will be held on **Wednesday** 15th December at 6.30pm to 8pm please. There will be several priests around for confessions.

- Vosa Calendar 2022 will be available for \$5 next week with free copy of St Luke's Gospel

Ena voli taki tiko na I vola ni vula na Vosa 2022 (veisiga ni sokalou kei na wilivola e lako vata kaya) e na \$5 ka na soli wale tiko na I Tukutuku vinaka mai vei St Luke na macawa mai qo.

Safety during the Christmas Holidays

We are going through hard times in Fiji and the world over. We have seen the drastic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from the beginning of last year whereby many families were left vulnerable. We do not want families losing their valuables and assets to a fires and burglaries at this time. Please lock your homes properly and if you will be away for sometime inform your neighbours to keep an eye on the place. Please take extra care during this festive season, especially those having drinking parties, picnics, etc. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

THANKS & APPRECIATION

Thank you for the previous Sundays Collection and the breakdown are as follows:

Loose Collections: \$519.95
Envelopes: 35.00

Total Collection: \$554.95

We would like to thank St Jacob Community 7A for animating the liturgy from Monday to Friday and also the church cleaning. We now invite St Theresa the child of Jesus Community 7B to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening.



SYNOD PRAYER / MASU NI SINOTI

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**
[St. Isadore of Seville, 560-636]

Keimami tucake tu e matamuni na Yalo Tabu, ena neimami mai soqoni vata ena yacamuni. Ni o kemuni duadua ga na dau veituberi, mesa mai nomuni vale na utoi keimami. Ni vakatavulici keimami na gaunisala me keimami muria, kei na neimami muria vakacava. Keimami sa rui malumalumu ka dau i valavalaca, moni kua ni vakaraitaki kemuni ena kena vakauqeti na veibasai ni bula. Me kua ni uli keimami na gaunisala cala, na lecaika kei na vakatikina ni bula. Me keimami raici kemuni ena vua ni nemami duaga me rawa kina ni keimami taubale vata kina tawamudu ni bula. Ka me kua ni keimami lako sese tani mai na gaunisala ni dina kei na dodonu. Keimami kerea na veika kece oqo, o kemuni oni cakacaka tiko ena veivanua kei na vei gauna, ena dua kei na Kalou o Tamada kei Luvena, ena gauna ni vei gauna. **Ameni.**

The following Mass & Confession Times remain the same for now.

SATURDAY: 5:00PM

SUNDAYS: 7:00AM, & 9:00AM
 (Live Stream).

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays
TIME: 8:30am - 9:30am

Please be advise that we have a JP in the parish and is in St Jacob Community 7A.
 Congratulations Mr. Mathew Chand

LITURGY ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL), CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DATE	MASS TIME	BUDDY COMMUNITIES TO ANIMATE	
Friday, 24th December	7:00 PM	St. Cecilia, Community 1 & St. Peter Chanel, Community 4A to animate	
Saturday, 25th December	9:00 AM	St. Jacob, Community 7A & St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Community 7B to animate	
DATE	COMMUNITIES	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
Sunday, 26th December	Communities 5B & 3 to animate	St. Jacob	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
		St. Paul	St. Joseph the Worker
		St. Columban	St. Cecilia
		St. John the Baptist	St. Joan of Arc

LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY (4th Sunday of Advent)

DATE	Communities	5:00 PM	
18th December	St Jacob	St. John the Baptist, Community 4C to animate	
	St Paul		
	St Columban		
	St John the Baptist		
19th December	Communities 2 & 5A to animate	7AM	9AM
		St Therese the Child of Jesus	St Peter Chanel
		St Joseph the Worker	St Michael
		St Cecelia	St Patrick
		St Joan of Arc	

OMICRON - COVID VARIANT

What We Know about Omicron **Infection and Spread**

How easily does Omicron spread? The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. Center for Disease Control expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.

Recommended actions for people

The most effective steps individuals can take to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus is to keep a physical distance of at least 2 metres from others; wear a well-fitting mask; open windows to improve ventilation; avoid poorly ventilated or crowded spaces; keep hands clean; cough or sneeze into a bent elbow or tissue; and get vaccinated.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

12/12	Third Sunday of Advent - Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18
13/12	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church [white, Memorial] Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mathew 21:23-27
14/12	Zephanaiah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mathew 21:28-32
15/12	Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 / Luke 7:18b-23
16/12	Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Mathew 1:1-17
17/12	Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Mathew 1:18-25
18/12	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25
19/12	Fourth Sunday of Advent - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38