



# ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 28TH NOVEMBER 2021**

### **1st Sunday of Advent Reflection**

“The Last Judgement will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through the Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and on the entire economy(plan) of salvation and understand the marvelous by which his Providence had led everything to its final end. The Last Judgement will reveal that God’s justice over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God’s love is stronger than death.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.1040)

“Let us give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. They are for you, who through faith are kept safe by God’s promise by God’s power for the salvation which is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

Be glad about this, even though it may be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold, which can be destroyed, is indeed tested by fire; and so your faith, which is much more precious than gold, must also be tested, so that it may endure. Then you will receive praise and glory and honour on the day when Jesus is revealed. You love him, though you have not seen him, and you believe in him even though you do not now see him. So you rejoice with a great and glorious joy which words cannot express, because you are receiving the salvation of your souls, which is the purpose of your faith in him.

It was concerning this salvation that the prophets made careful search and investigation, and they prophesied about this gift that God would give you” (1Peter 1:3-10).

“When the Church celebrates the Liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour’s first coming the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.524).

## PARISH NEWS

- **Welcome** to the newly baptized infant **Liam Mata Augustine Tavo** of St Columban Community 5B.
- **Marriage** – Couples intending to receive the sacrament are kindly requested to meet up with the Parish Priest.
- **Baptism** – Parents are to see the Parish Priest first before commencing with the sessions of preparation.
- Parents, guardians and all that are involved in the celebration of the sacrament are encouraged to make an effort to be vaccinated.
- **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.

- **Meetings**

**Parish Pastoral Council** last meeting for this year will be held on Saturday 27th November after the 5pm Mass in the parish hall. All concerned please take note.

**Liturgy Commission** meets next Sunday 5th December at the parish carport. after the 9am Mass All concerned are requested to be attend.

**Eucharistic Ministers** are kindly requested to attend a meeting on Thursday 9th December at the parish carport after the 6:30pm Mass.

- **Break-down of Collection for last Sunday:**

Loose Collections: 506.95  
 Envelopes: 50.00  
 Total Collection **\$556.95**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

- **Change in Weekday Mass Times**

Please be advised that Mass times during the weekdays will change from **29th November, 2021**. Please refer to the table below for the revised Mass times.

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

**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

- **Other Liturgy News**

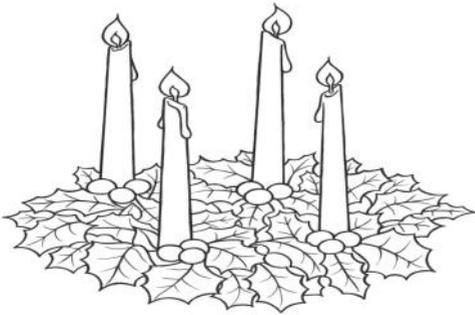
- Advent season begins today, Sunday 28th November and leading communities are requested to prepare fresh green leaves for the advent wreath.
- No flowers and Jessie Tree will be put up this year.
- Liturgy Roster for the Sundays in Advent have been pasted on the doors to the church.
- The Liturgy Roster for the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Vigil 24th Dec. Christmas Day 25th Dec. & the Feast of The Holy Family, Sunday 26th Dec. will be published in next weeks' newsletter. They will also be on our parish website: [www.stpiusxfj.org](http://www.stpiusxfj.org) and parish Facebook page: [Pius X Parish](#)

## 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.**

### Children's' Advent Coloring Corner



## SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ.

The Advent wreath is an old German tradition that has gained much popularity in the last few years. Most Christian homes and communities practice this custom during the Advent season.

The Advent wreath is a wreath, or circle, of evergreens, made in various sizes. Fastened to the wreath are four candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudette (rejoice) Sunday.

The wreath should be in a circle, a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has no beginning nor end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable or unchangeable.

## LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY (2nd Sunday of Advent)

DATE	Communities	5:00 PM	
<b>4th December</b>	<b>St. Jacob</b>	<b>St. Jacob, Community 7A to animate.</b>	
	St. Paul		
	St. Columban		
	St. John the Baptist		
<b>5th December</b>	<b>Communities 1 &amp; 4A to animate</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
		St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	St Patrick
		St. Joseph the Worker	St Michael
		St. Joan of Arc	<b>St. Peter Chanel</b>
		<b>St. Cecilia</b>	

### THANKS & APPRECIATION

We would like to thank St Columban Community 5B for animating the liturgy from Monday to Friday and also the church cleaning. We now invite St Paul Community 6 to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening.

### Communal Confessions for Christmas 2021

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>28/11</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> - Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 [Year C]
<b>29/11</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5 / Mathew 8:5-11
<b>30/11</b>	Saint Andrew, Apostle [Feast] Romans 10:9-18 / Mathew 4:18-22
<b>1/12</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10a / Mathew 15:29-37
<b>2/12</b>	Isaiah 26:1-6 / Mathew 7:21, 24-27
<b>3/12</b>	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, [Memorial] Isaiah 29:17-24 / Mathew 9:27-31
<b>4/12</b>	[Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mathew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8.
<b>5/12</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> - Baruch 5:1-9 / Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11 / Luke 3:1-6

