

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Forty Days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty Days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we thy sorrow share,
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his Vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine:
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side;
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Ave Regina Caelorum,
*Ave Dómina Angelórum: Sálve rádix,
sálve porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est órta :
Gáude Virgo gloriósa. Super ómnes
speciósá :
Vále, o valde decóra, Et pro nóbis Chrístum
exóra.*

God of Mercy and Compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
‘Tis thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not
implore in vain; All my sins, I now detest
them, never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the
cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins
have nail'd Him, yet bleeds and dies for
me.

AMEN:



COMMUNION HYMN:

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and
close by thee to stay.

Who will dare to measure, by the
greatness of his sins, the immensity
of that infinite mercy, which casts
them all into the depths of the sea of
oblivion, when we repent of them
with love? ~ St Francis de Sales

As thou with Satan didst contend and
didst the vict'ry win, O give us strength in
thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so
teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self,
and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and
through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in
life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering
over past, an Easter of unending joy we
may attain at last!

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earth bound passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
by care and woe oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the bitter strife;
through all my pain and misery
become my health and life

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point to
the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom
all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the
loving God
who gave the law; and to Elijah,
fasting came the steeds and chariots
of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's
name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy
grace, and give us joy to see thy
face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

Well, if the passions go un-mortified,
and each passion seeks to get what it
wants, what would happen if no one
resisted them?
~ St Theresa of Avila

PARISH MISSION

God is Light

Fr Dominique Faure and the CDC Mission Team

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 23-25 February



Friday night 23rd February
7pm to 9pm - Youth Evening (14 – 25 yrs)

Saturday 24th February
11am - Talk 1
12:15pm - Lunch (bring a plate)
1:30pm - Talk 2
2:30pm - Adoration
3:30pm - Talk 3
4:30pm - Finish

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7pm - Healing Adoration
(individual Eucharistic blessing)

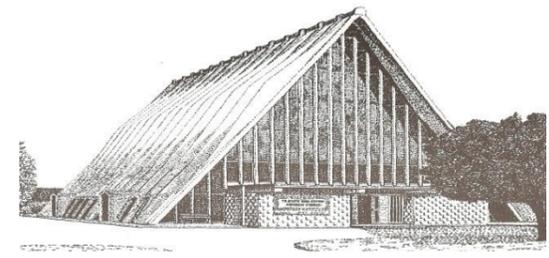
Sunday 25th February
9:30am - Mass offered by Fr Dominique
2:00pm - Talk 4 "How to keep the Faith in the Family"

Parents, there will be provision for your children to be looked after in
the Bugler Centre.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

18th February 2018



First Reading. Genesis 9:8-15;

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9;

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *R.*

Remember your mercy, Lord.
and the love you have
shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your greatness, O Lord. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the pour. *R.*

Second Reading. 1 Peter 3:18-22;

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel. Mark 1:12-15;

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

One fall is not sufficient for a person to be lost, nor are many, if they love God and not the things of this world. They journey in the valley of humility. ~ St Theresa of Avila

Making satisfaction consists in the cutting off of the causes of sin. Thus, fasting is the proper antidote to lust, prayer to pride, envy, anger and sloth, alms-giving to covetousness. ~ St Richard of Chichester

In the first place, the eyes must be mortified. We must abstain from looking at any object that may give occasion to temptation. ~ St Jerome



PARISH YOUTH EVENING
with CDC Mission Team and Fr. Dominique

Holy Family Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm

An evening of
learning, fellowship and fun!
Bring your friends along! **Friday Feb 23**

for more information, contact Ellen in the parish office.
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HOW A CHINESE GIRL INSPIRED BP FULTON SHEEN TO MAKE A HOLY HOUR EVERY DAY

Signs and Wonders | June 9, 2015

A couple of months before he died, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was interviewed on national television. One of the questions he was asked was this: "You have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you? Was it a pope?" He responded that it was not a pope, cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or nun, but rather an eleven year old Chinese girl. He explained that when the communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the church. After being locked up in his own house, the priest looked out the window and was horrified to see the communists enter the church. Once inside, they went into the sanctuary, broke open the tabernacle and in a hateful act of desecration, threw down the ciborium scattering the Hosts on the floor. The priest knew exactly how many Hosts had been in the ciborium: thirty two. When the communists left they either didn't notice, or didn't pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything. That night she returned, and slipping past the guard at the rectory, entered the Church where she made a holy hour perhaps of reparation for the desecration she witnessed of the Blessed Sacrament. After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, and kneeling down, she bent over and received Jesus in the Holy Communion with her tongue since it was not permissible at the time for laymen to touch the Sacred Host with their hands.

Each night, the girl returned to the church to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue just as she did the first night. On the thirty- second night, after having consumed the last Host, she accidentally made a noise that awoke the guard who was asleep at his post by the priest's residence. From his bedroom window, the priest could only watch in horror as the heartrending scene unfolded before his eyes. The girl tried to run away but the guard caught up with her and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle. When Bishop Sheen heard the story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day for the rest of his life. And he was not only faithful to his promise, but he took every opportunity to spread this devotion of the daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. We don't know the name of the eleven-year-old Chinese girl of our story, but her heroic act of going to the church every night at the risk of her life to adore and receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament serves as a powerful testimony against the attitude of so many Catholics today who show nothing but callous indifference toward the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

DAILY FASTING AND NO DAIRY: HOW EASTERN CATHOLICS OBSERVE LENT

Catholic News Service | Wednesday, 14 Feb 2018

At the Monastery of St Francis of Assisi in Bayada, north of Beirut, faithful gathered for Ash Monday Mass in the chapel on February 12. In the Maronite Catholic Church, ashes are distributed on Monday, two days ahead of the Latin rite's traditional Ash Wednesday distribution. This allows Catholics to observe 40 days of Lent, but also celebrate two church feasts for which fasting is not required: the feast of St Joseph and the feast of the Annunciation. "To change our character, it is difficult, but we ask God for the grace to be able to fast," Melkite Father Nidal Abourjaily said in his homily before distributing ashes. "Fasting will help us to grow closer to God as we unite our sufferings with him, and this is the most important thing," said Father Nidal, a Franciscan Capuchin and superior of the monastery. Typically, in Lebanon, Catholics follow the recommendations of their respective rites regarding their fast for Lent. The Maronite Church, for example, asks for fasting daily from midnight until 12 noon, and abstinence from meat and dairy products for those in good health. Sundays are not considered days of fast or abstinence. "All fast, in some way," Father Nidal told CNS of the faithful — a blending from Catholic rites, including Maronite and Melkite as well as some Roman Catholic — who attend St. Francis. Berthe Obeid, a Melkite Catholic, told CNS she fasts until noon and sometimes until 3 p.m. "I like chocolate and nuts, so I try to stop eating those as well," said Obeid.

"It's not so difficult when I know I am doing this for the Lord. I want to do something to please him, to be near him, so he gives me more strength to do it. Lent is a time to draw closer to God, to leave the things that can pull us away from him," she explained. "Looking back over the years, I can see now how I'm growing in my faith because of Lent," Obeid added. During Lent, Myrna Chaker, a Maronite Catholic, will be fasting each day until noon and will abstain from dairy and meat. "I also try as much as possible to give up the things I really like," Chaker said, noting "When I give up material things, it helps me more in the spiritual life. I should forget myself during Lent and focus on how to help people and how to show more and more love. I want to offer up this Lent more for the people around me," Chaker explained. Aside from fasting, Chaker said she tries to devote more time to prayer and to attend Mass every day as well as Eucharistic adoration. "I ask God to use me as an instrument," she noted, adding that social media offers an opportunity to share Scriptures, prayers and inspirational tidbits to encourage others in their Lenten journey. Joseph Haddad, a Melkite Catholic, is a self-described cheese addict, but said he will not eat meat or dairy products during Lent. "Lent is the time to work on the will. It's the least I can do for the Lord," said Haddad. "I need to step forward to the kingdom of God." "Actually, I was waiting for Lent. For Christians who don't experience Lent, they don't know what they're missing," Haddad said. "You might not see any difference during Lent but, afterward, surely there's a blessing, even if it's a few months later. And you see yourself maturing more with God."

Haddad said he would intensify his fast during Holy Week. For three days, beginning on Holy Thursday until noon on Holy Saturday, Haddad fasts completely, taking only occasional sips of water. Especially during Holy Week, Father Nidal senses that the faithful "really suffer with Christ and participate in his sufferings." "You can sometimes see people crying" in church, he said. "They know that Jesus saved us by giving himself on the cross. Knowing that, they in turn participate strongly." While some faithful have different ways of fasting during Lent, Father Nidal noted, "the most important thing is to arrive to a spiritual resurrection with Christ."

-----NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE-----

DRCNZ - Lenten Retreat in Auckland Rev Fr Joby George VC from the Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India now based in Sydney, Australia will be conducting a Lenten Retreat on 3rd March from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glen Eden. 4th March from 1:00pm to 7:00pm at St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. Contact Leila 0210447337, Arthy 0223193621, Vanessa 0211433703 drcnz@hotmail.com

PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY LAND (departing 29 April) AND MEDJUGORJE (departing June and October.) All pilgrimages accompanied by a chaplain. For Holy Land itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel P: 09 237 0013; toll free: 0800 785 386. E: tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz. Medjugorje pilgrimages contact Mir Pilgrimages on 0274 219 064; E: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz; Website: www.pilgrimage.nz

NPH MEXICO AND GUATEMALA: Volunteers Needed- 2 week trip to NPH Mexico and Guatemala children's homes/schools in May 2018. 13 month volunteers also needed for July 2018 or Jan 2019 intake. Mission - To break the cycle of poverty for vulnerable children. Please call Loren 09 216 0635 or email info.nz@nph.org for more information.

-----NOTICES FOR THE PARISH-----

TO NOTE: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Classes for First Confession begin on March the 3rd at 4pm. Parents, if you have children over the age of 7 who are ready to make their First Confession, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion this year, please enrol them in the First Confession classes to register please contact Erin on 832 0258.

MAKE A NOTE: - UPCOMING TALK - An evening with Raymond de Souza: "What is Good and Evil? Who Decides". Thursday 8th March at 7:00pm in the Hall.

LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday @ 7pm during Lent.

AFTER MASS: - Several men needed today after Mass to fill the Mini-Skip next to Presbytery with broken concrete in the carport. Should only take 20mins.

Lunch at the RSA: Some of the Friend's Club will be meeting at the Te Atatu RSA on Wednesday 21st February at 12:00pm for Lunch. If you would like to go and need a ride, please ring Patricia on 834 6883.

NEXT SUNDAY:

25 February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

Gen 9:8-15; 1Pet 3:18-22;

Mk 1:12-15;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, S. Shaw
Prayers of the Faithful: E. Taffard
Offertory: Murrell Family
Special Ministers: P. Vernon

CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Xavier/D'Lima Family

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Lucas/ Andrew Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

18 Feb: Paea, Christopher and Moana Poaunga, Rose Wallace

19 Feb: William Malloy, Cecilia Karl, Russell Mcdowall

20 Feb: Alfred Wilson

21Feb: Noel Wiles - Pickard, Kenneth Moros, Peggy Tolcher

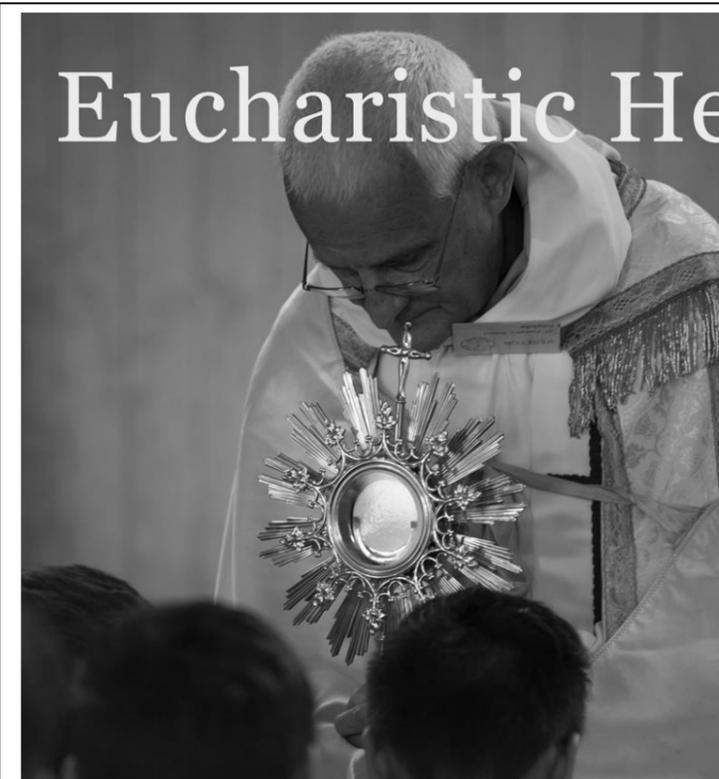
23 Feb: Frances Leef

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 963.13
Priests	\$ 481.57
Total Cash	\$ 1,444.70

School Open Days
(See the noticeboard)

- Sacred Heart College: Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 11:45am & 1:30pm
- Baradene College: Thursday 8 March, 2018 at 6.30pm.
- St Mary's College: Thursday 8 March 2018 at 2.30pm & 6.30pm
- St Paul's College: Thursday 8 March 2018 at 9:35am & 1:45pm



Eucharistic Healing Evening
Holy Family Parish
Saturday 24th Feb
7 pm
Predication:
Fr Dominique