

**PROCESSIONAL 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.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Though You are God, with Father and the Spirit, You did not cling to Your equality, Emptied Yourself, became for us a slave, and humbler yet, You died upon a tree, You give Your flesh that we be truly fed, Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your love, You come to us as flesh and blood outpoured, And then to quench Your thirsting for our love, You come again, as poorest of the poor, That what we do to these the least of brethren, we do to You, our Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing to be with us, You bid us share Your one true sacrifice, Offer ourselves, with You the Holy Lamb, Washed by Your Blood, You call us into life, So fed by You, made holy and made one. We, now Your Body, for the world, become.

**AMEN:**



**COMMUNION HYMN:**

My loving saviour how have you offended, that such a hate from us on You descended? Both mocked and scorned, You suffered our rejection, in deep affliction.

It was my guilt brought all these things upon You, Through all my sins was this injustice done You. Lord Jesus, it was I that did deny You, and crucify You.

So now the Shepherd for the sheep is offered, Mankind is guilty, but the Son has suffered, for our atonement which we never heeded, God interceded.

For us dear Jesus was Your incarnation, Your bitter death and shameful crucifixion, Your burial and Your glorious resurrection, for our salvation.

Although good Jesus, we cannot repay You, We shall adore You and forever praise You, For all Your kindness and Your love unswerving, not our deserving.

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.

**RECESSIONAL 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.

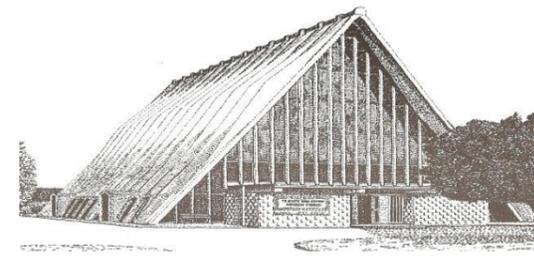
So shall we have peace divine: Holier gladness ours shall be; Round us, too, shall angels shine, Such as ministered to thee.

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

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**First Reading. Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18;**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 115(116):10,15-19;**

*℟. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted".

O precious in the eyes of the Lord, the death of his faithful. *℟.*

Your Servant Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. *℟.*

My vows to the Lord, I will fulfil before his people,

in the courts of your house of the Lord, in your midst O Jerusalem. *℟.*

**Second Reading. Romans 8:31-34;**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel. Mark 9:2-10;**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**“Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church’s enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith.”**  
**St Peter Canisius (1521-1597)**

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## CATHOLIC BISHOP BARS PRO-ABORTION U.S. SENATOR FROM COMMUNION UNTIL HE 'REPENTS'

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, February 22, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – Bishop Thomas Paprocki announced last week that Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin, who lives in his diocese, is not to be admitted to Holy Communion until he repents of his public abortion advocacy.

The catalyst for this announcement was the U.S. Senate's failure to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would have made most abortions after 20 weeks illegal (the bill had an exception for babies conceived in rape and incest).

"Fourteen Catholic senators voted against the bill that would have prohibited abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization, including Sen. Richard Durbin, whose residence is in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois," said Paprocki.

"I agree completely with His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, who called the U.S. Senate's failure to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act 'appalling,'" he said.

Paprocki noted that Canon 915 of the Code of Canon Law says those "who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion."

"In April 2004, Sen. Durbin's pastor, then Msgr. Kevin Vann (now Bishop Kevin Vann of Orange, CA), said that he would be reticent to give Sen. Durbin Holy Communion because his pro-abortion position put him outside of communion or unity with the Church's teachings on life," Paprocki recalled.

"My predecessor, now Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha, said that he would support that decision," he said. "I have continued that position." Paprocki explained, "Because [Durbin's] voting record in support of abortion over many years constitutes 'obstinate persistence in manifest grave sin,' the determination continues that Sen. Durbin is not to be admitted to Holy Communion until he repents of this sin. This provision is intended not to punish, but to bring about a change of heart," said Paprocki. "Sen. Durbin was once pro-life. I sincerely pray that he will repent and return to being pro-life."

In addition to his ardent abortion advocacy, Durbin votes for and publicly advocates against other Catholic moral teachings. He is a strong supporter of same-sex "marriage"; the pro-gay Human Rights Campaign gives him 100% on their scorecard. He also earned a 100% from abortion lobby group NARAL.

Durbin has said anyone can be a Democrat as long as they support abortion – and that Democrats who "personally" oppose abortion need to keep that view to themselves. He supports funding America's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood. In addition to aborting over 321,000 babies a year, Planned Parenthood prescribes hormone therapy for the gender-confused, dispenses contraception, and encourages sexual behaviour that violates natural law – all of which are incompatible with Catholic moral teaching. Ironically, Durbin was one of the senators who came under fire for asking a Trump judicial nominee questions that some scholars said violate the Constitution's prohibition on a religious test for public officials. "When you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you," Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-CA, told Amy Coney Barrett. Durbin joined in Feinstein's questioning, asking Barrett, "Do you consider yourself an orthodox Catholic?" He boasted of being the product of 19 years of Catholic education, but then admitted, "every once in a while Holy Mother the Church has not agreed with a vote of mine, uh, and has let me know."

Bishop Paprocki also cited the USCCB's 2004 statement on Catholics in Political Life, which says, "Failing to protect the lives of innocent and defenceless members of the human race is to sin against justice. Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good."

The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist conformed by the priest at Mass is the substantial body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Catholics who have committed private serious (mortal) sin are not supposed to receive the Eucharist until they have repented of that sin and gone to Confession. But public sins are different. A public figure whose actions, votes, and statements, stand seriously and diametrically opposed to Christ's Teaching, on morals and faith, place themselves outside of Communion with Christ and His Church, and therefore cannot receive Communion, if they refuse to repent of their public words or actions. And the Church has not only a right to refuse them Communion, but also an obligation. If such a public figure received Communion it could lead the Catholic faithful into confusion and error, thinking that public actions and words don't have any bearing on their Christian Life of communion with God, and that these actions and words, don't matter to Christ, when they actually do.

# What is good & evil? Who decides?



Come and hear



## Raymond de Souza

Delegate for International Missions for Human Life International and EWTN programme host.

**Thursday 8 March, 2018**  
**7:00pm, Holy Family Catholic Church Hall**  
**94 Taikata Road, Te Atatū Peninsula**

*Hall is behind the Church*

In this important presentation, Raymond will discuss and challenge you to consider who decides what is good and evil. Government? Courts? The Church? Individuals? Using logic and daily contemporary experience, he will investigate the natural foundations of morality as they relate to the culture of death.

**For more information contact**

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*A collection will be taken to help defray expenses.*



**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**4 March 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Yr B)**  
*Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** M. D'Souza, R. Lopez  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** C. Tagiilima  
**Offertory:** Thotawattage Family  
**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lim/Pillai

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**26 Feb:** Catherine McCarthy,  
Susanna Te Tai, Alice Barry  
**28 Feb:** Robert Keenan  
**29 Feb:** Annie Francis, Patrick Doyle  
**1 Mar:** Samuel Endemann, Anthony Botica  
**3 Mar:** Vera Sadgrove, Myra Woodcock,  
Ben Stanley

**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$ 1,285.90
Priests	\$ 643.00
Total Cash	\$ 1,928.90

**40 Days for Life prayer vigils**

**underway:** Please consider standing in prayer for an hour for the unborn and their mothers. Join a 40 Days for Life vigil by signing up your hour at [www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife) or text "40 Days" to 021 825 955. The Auckland vigil runs daily from 8am to 8pm **until Palm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Each day small groups of volunteers take on 1 hour shifts to pray on the sidewalk at 283-289 Dominion Road Mt. Eden across the road from AMAC abortion facility.

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

**TODAY:** @ 2pm a talk on "Keeping the Faith in the Family" by Fr Dominique.

**TO NOTE:** SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Classes for First Confession begin on March the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Hall.

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

### -----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 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glen Eden. 4<sup>th</sup> March from 1:00pm to 7:00pm at St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. Contact Leila 0210447337, Arthy 0223193621, Vanessa 0211433703 [drcnz@hotmail.com](mailto:drcnz@hotmail.com)

**Time Out Day** 7 March 2018 Join us for a day of Lenten Reflection @ The Friary from 9.30 am – 2.30pm all for a Gold Coin offering.

A simple lunch will be provided. Contact 09 625 6651 or email [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) Bookings essential for catering purposes. 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1042

**Guided Stations of the Cross** every Saturday in March, 10am – 11am meet at the lower carpark of the Friary. These will be held in the grounds wet or fine, so please come prepared with gumboots and raincoats. No Charge Contact 09 625 6651 or email [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)