



Holy Family Parish

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

16th December 2018

FIRST READING : Zephaniah 3:14-18;

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Isaiah 12

R. Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear, for the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples, declare the greatness of his name. R.

Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth, People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

SECOND READING : Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL : Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Come along to Advent Reconciliation at **Holy Family, Dec 21st, Friday, 7pm**. Prepare your soul spiritually for Christmas.

Other options:

Avondale, Wed, Dec 19, 7pm

Glen Eden, Thurs, Dec 13, 7pm

Henderson, Fri, Dec 14, 7pm

Blockhouse Bay, Fri, Dec 20, 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Midnight Mass

Monday 24th December

12:00am

Carols from 11:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 25th December

8:00am (Latin)

10:00am (English)

BOXING DAY

Wednesday 26th December

9:00am

After Boxing Day - Masses are as usual.

THURSDAY NIGHT FORMATION

7PM, BUGLER CENTER

TOPIC = SERIES ON APOLOGETICS

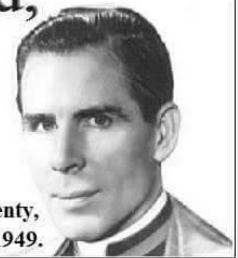
Learn how to make an explanatory defence of the Faith.

In spite of everything, I feel that I am filled with courage; I am sure that God is not going to abandon me. Oh. I want to refuse Him nothing, and even though I feel sad and alone on this earth, He still remains with me. And has not St. Teresa said: God alone suffices.

(Thérèse of Lisieux)

**"If the new crime be,
to believe in God,
let us all be
criminals."**

+ Fulton J. Sheen, defending Cardinal Mindszenty,
"Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God." 1949.





BE THE LIVING
EXPRESSION
OF GOD'S
KINDNESS;
KINDNESS IN
YOUR *face*,
KINDNESS IN
YOUR *eyes*,
KINDNESS IN
YOUR *smile*.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

SHOW ME YOUR HANDS.
DO THEY HAVE SCARS FROM GIVING?
SHOW ME YOUR FEET.
ARE THEY WOUNDED IN SERVICE?
SHOW ME YOUR HEART.
HAVE YOU LEFT A PLACE FOR
divine love?

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

"In the first place it
should be known that
if a person is seeking
God, His Beloved is
seeking him much more."

~St. John of the Cross

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I AM TRULY YOUR
COMPASSIONATE MOTHER:
YOUR MOTHER AND THE
MOTHER TO ALL WHO
DWELL IN THIS LAND AND TO
ALL OTHER NATIONS AND
PEOPLES WHO LOVE ME AND
CALL AND ENTREAT ME.

I AM THE
MOTHER OF ALL
WHO SEEK ME
AND PLACE THEIR
TRUST IN ME.

★
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
pray for us!



"THE DEVIL FEARS HEARTS ON
FIRE WITH LOVE OF GOD."

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

*Start being brave
about everything.
Drive out darkness
and spread light.
Don't look at
your weaknesses.
Realise instead,
that in
Christ crucified,
you can
do everything.*

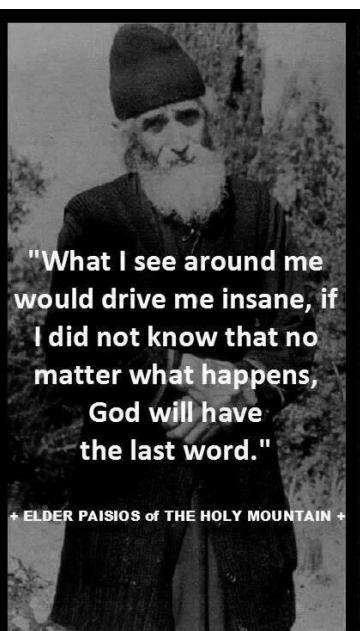
**St Catherine of Siena
(1347-1380)
Doctor of the Church**



**Prayer of
St Thomas Aquinas**

*Grant me,
O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in
waiting for you,
and a hope of finally
embracing you.*

Amen.



*"What I see around me
would drive me insane, if
I did not know that no
matter what happens,
God will have
the last word."*

+ ELDER PAIOS of THE HOLY MOUNTAIN +

In a word, a man who has acquired the Holy Spirit becomes totally renewed; he becomes different (here is the root of the wonderful Russian word for monk, inok—one who is “different”) in mind, heart and will.

Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children p.99

“If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved.”

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

PRAYER IN DISCOURAGEMENT

My JESUS, relieve me of my discouragement. My devotion has vanished; spiritual thoughts no longer soothe my troubled soul. Even the remembrances of Your passion and of Your Blessed Mother grow dim before my vision. O Jesus, do not forsake me. Help me, help me! I am resolved not to omit a single one of my devotions. Hear me, O my God, strengthen and increase my faith. Keep me from yielding to temptation. You said, “My yoke is sweet; my burden is light.” Have mercy on me, for wheresoever I turn I see only obstacles and difficulties. Were my faith strong I would accept my trials; but alas, I feel only impatience, doubt and discouragement. My soul, hold fast to Jesus. How faint-hearted and childish I am! All my comfort, all my joy must come from You. Bring me closer to You when temptations assail me. Help me not to fail. O Lord, my God, I cast myself entirely into Your Hands. Worn out by the struggle, I will rest beneath Your cross; pray for me in my desolation of soul.

JESUS, BE MERCIFUL TO ME. AMEN.

A prayer by Saint John Neumann (1811-1860)

Collected by Fr. Benedict Groeschel in his book
Praying to Our Lord Jesus Christ published by Ignatius Press

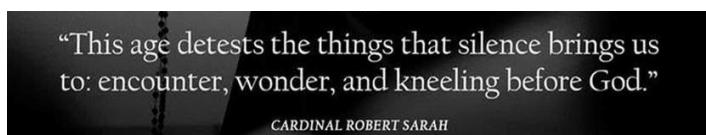
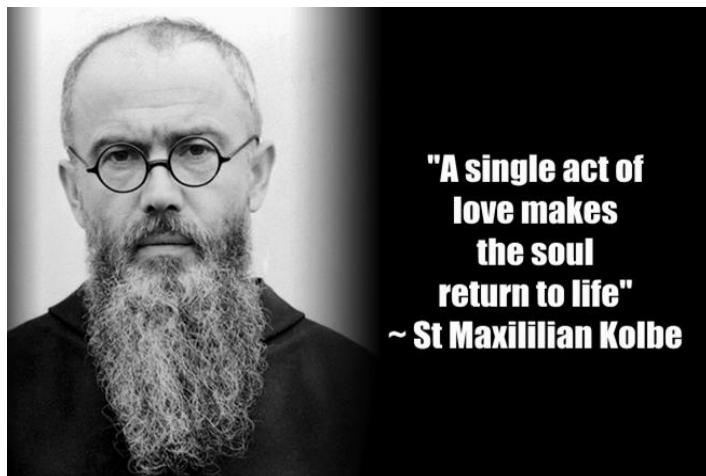
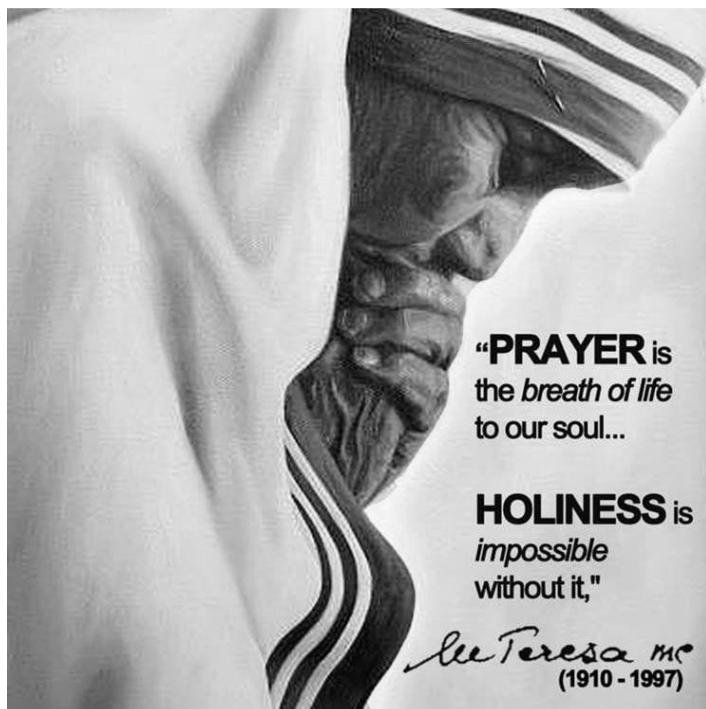
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Prayer is never more perfect than when it ascends from the very depth and essence of the soul ; we pray, then, . in the spirit of God.

This is a sublime language, but when God wills, He makes even the stones speak. Let the sovereign God reign in your spirit ; there ought to be a reciprocal repose : God in you, and you in God. O sweet, O divine operation!

St. Paul of the Cross

“FOR GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION BUT OF PEACE.”
1 CORINTHIANS 14:33



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That doth in exile homeless mourn
Until her Saviour Christ be born.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come thou day star seen on high
with healing for our hearts draw nigh:
Do thou the mists of night dispel and
death's foreboding darkness quell.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
A world that needs thee ransoming
And save thy Servants who confess
with humbled hearts their faithlessness.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule
in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Alma Redemptoris - Choir

*Kind mother of the Redeemer, the open
gateway to heaven and star of the sea.
Help your fallen people who strive to rise
again: we pray you, who bore your holy
son by a miracle of nature, a virgin first
and last, who receive God's greeting from
the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on
sinners.* (English Translation)

RECESSINAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away.

*Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth.
dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall sing
its triumph and sadness flee away.*

O Christ, whom nations sign for ,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive's fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

*Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth.
dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall
sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

You come in peace and meekness
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.

**FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT
(Advent Wreath)****What to do?**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

3rd Week Prayer: We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

3rd Week Gospel Luke 3:10-18 "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Third Candle and Week 3 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the corners tone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."

NEXT SUNDAY:

23rd December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent (Yr C)

Micha 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: R. Cardoza

Offertory: Leaumoana Family

Special Ministers: P. Vernon

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Molloy Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Cardoza Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

16 Dec: Josephine Hill

17 Dec: Nathaniel Pierce

18 Dec: Mary Scanlon, Myrtle Goudie,
Oliver Bray - Taylor

19 Dec: Fonofale Endemann

20 Dec: Peter Somerville

21 Dec: Ronald Gander

22 Dec: Ante Kataovich

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 906.60
Priests	<u>\$ 453.30</u>
Total Cash	\$ 1,359.90

Parish Notices

• ROSTERS 2019. If your family would like to be added to the Church Cleaning or Morning Tea or Offertory Rosters please see Ellen.

• CANCELLED CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CONCERT. Please note: that the fundraiser that was meant to be at St Anne's tonight (Sunday) has been cancelled.

Diocesan Notices

• ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE. Time Out Day for prayer and reflection , Wednesday 12th December 2018, 9.30am – 2.30pm @ 50 Hillsborough Rd Mt Roskill. Light lunch provided. Gold coin donation for the day. Booking essential : ph. 09 625 6651

• ST MARY'S AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE (SMACC). Christmas in the Carpark on Saturday 22nd December 2018, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale. Vigil mass begins at 5 pm and the event starts at 6:30pm until 9 pm. All are welcome.

