



# Holy Family Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## FIRST READING : Baruch 5:1-9;

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness. 'Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 125(126)

℟. *The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.*

*When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter on our lips there were songs. ℟.*

*The heathens themselves said "what marvels the Lord worked for them!"  
what marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ℟.*

*Deliver us O Lord from our bondage as streams in dry land  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ℟.*

*They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ℟.*

## SECOND READING : Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

## GOSPEL : Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Come along to Advent Reconciliation at **Holy Family, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday, 7pm**. Prepare your soul spiritually for Christmas by going to Confession.

*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 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**12:00am**

Carols from 11:00pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**8:00am** (Latin)

**10:00am** (English)

### BOXING DAY

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**9:00am**

**Please note: After Boxing Day – All Weekday and Sunday Masses are as usual unless stated otherwise.**

## THURSDAY NIGHT FORMATION

**7PM, BUGLER CENTER**

**TOPIC = SERIES ON APOLOGETICS**

*Learn how to make an explanatory defence of the Faith.*

## A BEAUTIFUL FILM DOCUMENTARY

**"ALL OR NOTHING: SR. CLARE CROCKETT"**



<https://youtu.be/-0LKZm2BqZo>

*A budding actress leaves her career and the open doors to fame behind to give her life to God. Some might see this as a total failure. But was it? Those who knew Sr. Clare speak in this film. After her tragic death in the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador, the failure might be seen as having reached its devastating end. Yet, many think that the story doesn't end there. Thanks to the Servant Sisters' archives with over 15 years of photos and videos of Sr. Clare's life, HM Television presents this documentary to show you the real-life story of this Sister who gave her ALL to God, keeping NOTHING back.*

*"If one understands the mysteries of spiritual life and the mystical way in which God works, he ceases worrying over what happens to him, because he accepts joyfully the bitter medicines that God gives him for the health of his soul. Such a person considers everything to be the result of his prayer, since he constantly asks from God to purify his soul."*

St. Paisios of Mount Athos

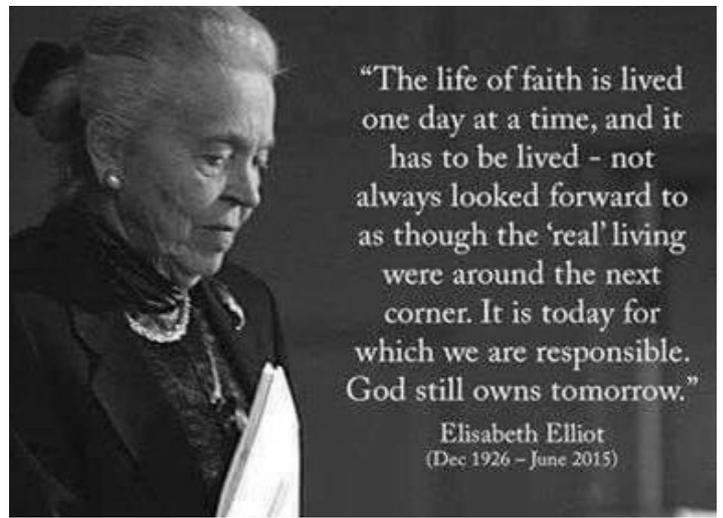
# TOP ~~10~~ 11 SECRETS TO HAPPINESS CATHOLIC VERSION

1. SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
2. LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF
3. EMBRACE THE HOLY CATHOLIC FAITH
4. DRAW NEAR TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
5. MAKE FREQUENT USE OF CONFESSION
6. FREELY FORGIVE OTHERS
7. ENTER DEEPLY INTO HOLY MASS
8. RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST WORTHILY
9. LIVE A "SACRIFICIAL" LIFE
10. REMAIN PROFOUNDLY PRAYERFUL
11. SERVE THE POOR



Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri



*"The life of faith is lived one day at a time, and it has to be lived - not always looked forward to as though the 'real' living were around the next corner. It is today for which we are responsible. God still owns tomorrow."*

Elisabeth Elliot  
(Dec 1926 - June 2015)

YOU MUST ACCEPT  
YOUR CROSS; IF YOU  
BEAR IT COURAGEOUSLY,  
IT WILL CARRY YOU  
TO HEAVEN.

- ST. JOHN VIANNEY -

**The Martyrs gave their blood for the truth, and you are not able to come to church? They gave their lives for Christ, and you cannot make a small journey for Him? But you say, "I am a sinner, I cannot come." Then come, and cease to be one!**

*Saint John Chrysostom*

**Adore and praise the immense love Jesus has for you in this Sacrament of Himself. In order not to leave you a lonely orphan in this land of exile and misery, He comes from heaven for you personally, to offer you companionship and consolation.**

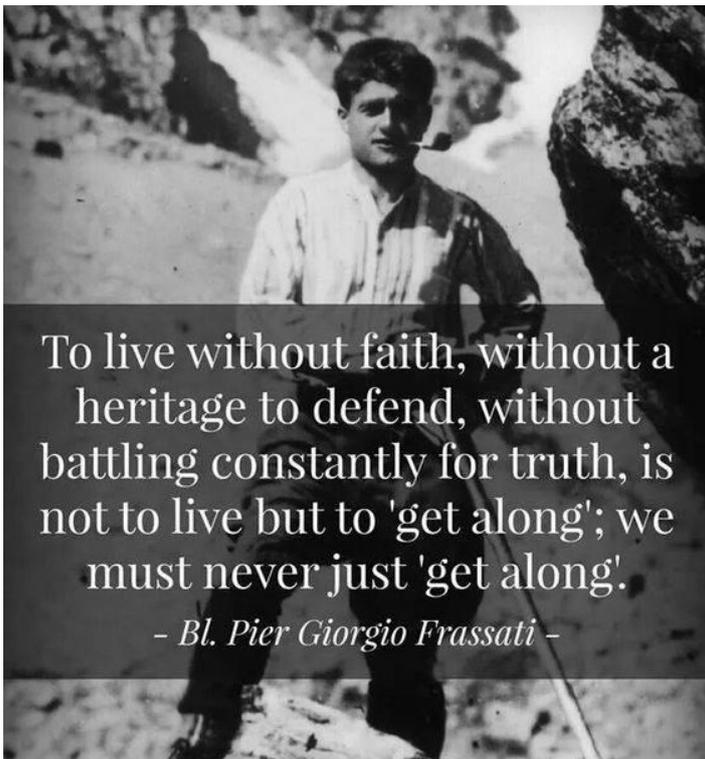
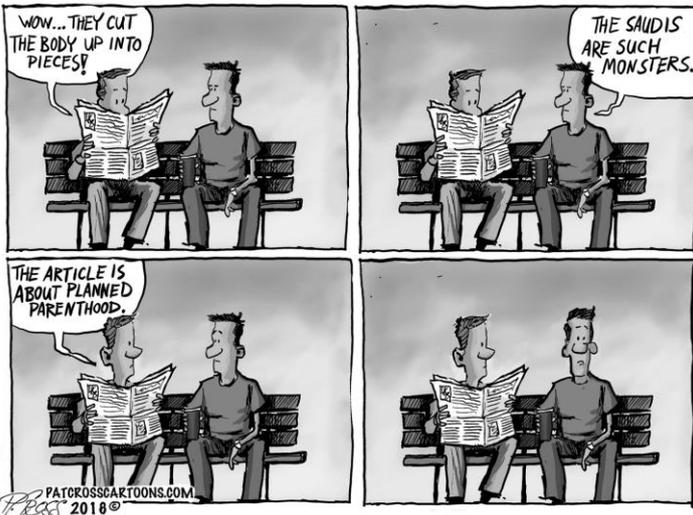
**Thank Him, therefore, with all your love and all your strength; thank Him in union with all the saints!**

*Fr Vincent M Lucia*

**“Use the beautiful gifts God has given you for His greater glory. All that you have and all that you are and all that you can be and do...”**

**- St. Mother Teresa**

In 1994 Mother Teresa was invited to speak before the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. Every year U.S. political and religious leaders come together for the annual interfaith event. That year, President Bill Clinton, first lady Hillary Clinton, and Vice President Al Gore sat at the head table. The event is intentionally non-partisan, with speakers avoiding controversy. At this particular breakfast, however, the message was anything but meek, and the speaker's talk was followed by a prolonged standing ovation from all except the President and his Entourage. Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke of how precious life is and what we can learn from the poor. She unequivocally told those present that it is crucial for all people, and especially Americans, to stand up for life. Stop killing the babies she said.



To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'; we must never just 'get along'.

*- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati -*

*“Your weakness is My gift to you. Instead of offering Me your achievements, offer Me your poverty, your weakness, your very failure to achieve great things, and I, in turn, will accept your offering and, uniting it to My own all-sufficient Passion, will make it fruitful for My priests and for all My Church. So long as you come to Me humbled by your weakness and animated by a holy desire for Me alone, I will overlook the other faults that affect you and in My mercy I will erase them, and give you, in their place, graces and mercies, that I have chosen and designated for you and for no other, and this from all eternity. My plan for you is not the one you have created and entertained in your mind.*

*My plan for you is the one that is unfolding day after day in all the humiliations and apparent failure to achieve great things that make up this phase of your life. Accept your weaknesses, and then offer them to Me; offer them to Me through My Mother. Place them in her hands and entrust them to her Most Pure Heart. Every weakness entrusted to My Mother becomes an occasion of grace and an outpouring of My merciful love into the soul that suffers it.*

*Trust not in what you do for Me but, rather, in what I will do for you, for I am all love, and I am all-powerful, and you have won the love of My Heart, and I shall never take from you what is Mine to give. How have you won the love of My Heart?, you ask. By learning to say sincerely and with confidence, “O Jesus, King of Love, I put My trust in Thy merciful goodness.” That little invocation expresses all that a soul needs to say to win My Heart’s tenderness and favour.”*

Excerpt from *In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart*  
The Journal of a Priest at Prayer  
Book by A Benedictine Monk

Communism is the final logic of the dehumanization of man. The industrial civilization of the Western world has no intent to destroy man's freedom or to deny his personality. But Communism does. Denying God, it reduces man to a robot.

*— Fulton J. Sheen —*

**“When a bad or gloomy thought, fear or temptation threatens to afflict you, don’t fight it to try and get rid of it. Open your arms to Christ’s love and he will embrace you, then it will vanish by itself”.**

*- Saint Porphyrios -*

**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)*

**RECESSIONAL 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.

**2nd Week Prayer:** O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths....and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

**Second Candle and Week 2 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 cornerstone 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:  
16th December 2018**

**3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)**  
*Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** J. Bright, Leslie Ahio  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** M. Tagiilima  
**Offertory:** O & E Ahio  
**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Leaumoana Family  
**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Samoan Community

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 10 Dec:** Kathleen Gould, Frances Warden, Ivan Vujcich
- 11Dec:** Carl Briant
- 12Dec:** Mary King
- 13 Dec:** Eneliko Michael
- 15 Dec:** Marjory Moore

**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$ 1,086.90
Priests	\$ 543.40
Total Cash	\$ 1,630.30

**Parish Notices**

- **LOST:** Black pair of rosary beads, if you have found them during Mass last week, please hand them into the Parish Office.
- **PARISH MORNING TEA.** Thank you to all those who came to our end of year celebration!
- **"ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS".** Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Christmas Hampers.
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWER RAFFLE.** Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas flowers and Congratulations to the winners: 1. C & D Ozich, 2. M. Smith, 3. N. Hoy.
- **ROSTERS 2019.** If your family would like to be added to the Church Cleaning or Morning Tea or Offertory Rosters please see Ellen.
- **CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CONCERT. An evening of carols, music and song** Featuring Tim Watanabe, Ronan and Beatrice Reilly (Australian Sacred Music Association), Sunday 16th December, 6:30pm. 3 Cole Place, Te Atatu South, \$20 per person, Students and Children by donation. All welcome

**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

**Congratulations to**

Apai and Petela La'akulu  
on your Wedding Anniversary  
on Thursday 13th December.

