



Holy Family Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 29th September 2019

FIRST READING : Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawler's revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 145:7-10

℟. *Praise the Lord my soul.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed, It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ℟.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. ℟.

He upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked, The Lord will reign forever and ever, Zion's God, from age to age. ℟.

SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL : Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

THE BASIC FORMS OF PRAYER

Blessing & Adoration

In prayers of adoration we praise God and acknowledge our dependence on Him.

Example: The Gloria and Act of Faith

1

Petition

In prayers of petition we ask God for things we need both spiritually and physically.

Example: Our Father

2

Intercession

In prayers of intercession we make requests to God on behalf of other people.

Example: Watch, O Lord (St. Augustine)

3

Thanksgiving

In prayers of thanksgiving we thank God for the good things.

Example: Grace Before Meals

4

Praise

In prayers of praise we express our love for God, the source of all love.

Example: Act of Charity

5

Totus Tuus

Totally yours,
Immaculate Conception,
Mary my Mother,
Live in me, Act in me,
Speak in me and through me,
Think your thoughts in my mind,
Love through my heart,
Give me your dispositions and feelings,
Teach, lead me and guide me to Jesus,
Correct, enlighten and expand my
thoughts and behavior,
Possess my soul,
Take over my entire personality and
life, replace it with Yourself,
Incline me to constant adoration,
Pray in me and through me,
Let me live in you and keep me in this
union always.

-Pope John Paul II

*In 1984 our late Holy Father
consecrated the world
to God under the care of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

ALLHALLOWTIDE



The three days of All Hallows' Eve, All Hallows' Day, and All Souls' Day are collectively referred to as Allhallowtide and are a time for honouring the saints and praying for all recently departed souls.

The term hallow means "holy" – you may recall reciting it in the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Mt 6:9).

MIRACLE AT LEPANTO THE LADY IN THE SKY



Following the miraculous victory of the Catholic forces against the Ottoman fleet at Lepanto in 1571, Islamic prisoners-of-war later claimed of beholding a radiant Lady in the sky and admittedly, were terrified of her majestic and threatening countenance. They said that the Lady gazed upon them so threateningly that they could not gaze back at her and they rather retreated.

It was soon found out that the claimed apparition coincided with the turning of events in the battle: the wind's direction, which initially favored the Islamic forces, mysteriously shifted to the advantage of the Catholic navy, just as the two fleets were about to make contact in battle.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:



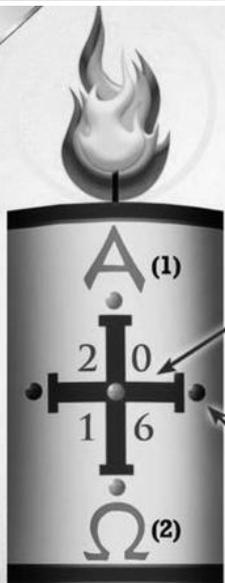
IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



IT PERTAINS to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.



Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle represents **Jesus Christ**, the Light of the World.

Made of **pure beeswax**, it represents the **sinless Christ** who incarnated in the womb of His Mother.

The priest inscribes in the candle a **Cross**, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, (1) Alpha and (2) Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year.

Five grains of incense inserted into it in the form of a cross, recalling the **aromatic spices** used to anoint Our Lord's Body, and the **five wounds** in His hands, feet, and side.

INDISSOLUBILITY OF MARRIAGE



This means that once a man and woman are completely united in a consummated Christian marriage, there is no power on earth—not even the Pope—can dissolve that bond. "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). It will only be dissolved if one of the spouses dies.

The state laws which permit divorce with remarriage are meaningless as far as God is concerned. A divorced person who remarries, and his or her partner, are living in habitual adultery if previous marriage is valid.

VEILING OF STATUES AND ICONS DURING PASSIONTIDE



This ancient Catholic practice stems from the former liturgical calendar in which the old Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent (i.e., the start of Passiontide) tells us on how Jesus hid Himself away from the Jews when they attempted to stone Him.

According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus "hid Himself" from the Jews, Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His Divine nature. To help signify this mystery,

crucifixes and images of Christ are veiled with purple cloth on the evening before the start of the Passiontide. The same goes with the images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should not appear.

ON THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: JESUS DID SAVE HIS MOTHER



1
ADAM AND EVE

Consider this analogy: (1) A man falls into a muddy pit and someone pulls him out. Now the man is "saved" from the pit but still has the stain of mud on him as a result of falling into it.



2
VIRGIN MARY

(2) Now imagine a woman is about to fall into the same pit, but at the moment she is to fall, someone stops her. She too has been saved, not just from falling into the pit, but from getting stained by the mud.

In the same way, Mary was saved by Jesus by the same sacrifice on the cross, applied in a different point in time, by preventing her to be stained by original sin at the moment of her conception, so she could be worthy to carry the Son of God.

All Three Are Coeternal



One of the errors that we must guard against in our thinking about the Holy Trinity is this: **We must NOT think** of God the Father as having "come first" and God the Son a little later, and God the Holy Spirit later still. All three are equally eternal, possessing as they do one Divine nature.

"For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal."

- From the Athanasian Creed

Two Natures, One Person



Jesus plainly showed the **"twoness"** of his natures by doing things only God can do (such as raising the dead to life) and things that men must commonly do (e.g., eating, sleeping, drinking, etc.).

Yet, equally plainly, He also showed the **"oneness"** of His personality. He did not say to the widow's son, for example, "the God part of me says to thee, Arise!". Jesus commanded simply, "I say to thee, Arise!". On the Cross, Jesus did not say, "My human nature thirsts", instead He cried out, "I thirst": Two natures, one Person.

The True Jesus Christ

And He [Jesus] asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)



"We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **is both God and man**. As God, He was begotten of the substance of the Father before time; as man, He was born in time of the substance of His Mother. He is perfect God; and He is perfect man, with a rational soul and human flesh. **He is equal to the Father in His divinity, but inferior to the Father in His humanity**. Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ. And He is one, not because His divinity was changed into flesh, but because His humanity was assumed unto God. He is one, not by a mingling of substances, but by unity of person. As a rational soul and flesh are one man: so God and man are one Christ."

- From The Athanasian Creed

The Seven Last Words



(1) "Father, **forgive** them, for they know not what they do." [Luke 23: 34]



(2) "Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with Me in **paradise**." [Luke 23: 43]



(3) "**Woman**, behold thy son ... Behold thy mother." [John 19: 26, 27]

(4) My God, my God, why hast Thou **forsaken** Me?" [Matthew 27: 46]

(5) "I **thirst**." [John 19: 28]

(6) "It is **consummated**." [John 19: 30]

(7) "Father, into Thy hands I **commend** My spirit." [Luke 23:46]

THE COMMON QUESTION: WHERE IS THAT WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE?



Here is the basic and proper understanding of what Sacred Scripture (i.e., the Holy Bible) is:

While it is true that Sacred Scripture is the infallible Word of God, it is NOT, however, the sole rule of faith, that is: NOT ALL doctrines and truths that we need to know to be saved is EXPLICITLY laid out in Scripture.

Meaning of the word CATHOLIC

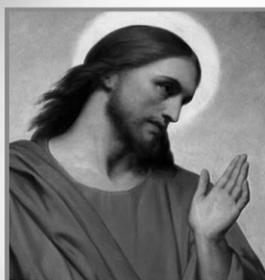
The word 'Catholic' is derived from the Greek adjective καθολικός (**katholikos**). It is a combination of the Greek words **kata-** (κατά) meaning "according to" and **holos-** (όλος) meaning "whole", or more colloquially, "universal."

"[The Church] is called Catholic because it extends over the whole world, and because it teaches universally and infallibly each and every doctrine which must come to the knowledge of men." (St. Cyril of Jerusalem).

Hear our Lord speak: "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the **whole world**, for a witness to all nation." (Matt 24:14). "Go into the **whole world** and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

WHAT'S THE BIG DIFFERENCE?

The **big difference** between Catholics and Non-Catholic Christians is that:

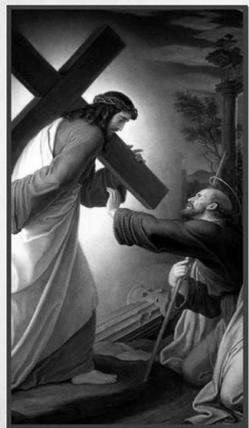


The Catholic Church was founded by the Son of God.
By God Himself.



And all non-Catholic Christian religions - everyone of them - was founded by a fallible man.

QUO VADIS DOMINE?



Legend has it that when St. Peter was fleeing from likely crucifixion in Rome during Nero's persecution, he met a vision of Christ coming towards the city.

Finding his way blocked by the specter of his Savior, a nervous and surprised Peter asked, "Quo Vadis, Domine?," which is Latin for "Where are you going, Lord?". The vision of Christ replied, "To Rome, to be crucified a second time," whereupon Jesus disappeared.

A chastened Peter realized that Christ meant he was going to take the place of the weak-willed first pope and die, once again, for his faith. Peter turned around and returned to Rome, eventually to be martyred by being crucified upside-down.

WHAT IS A CREED?



A Creed is an organic summary of the essential elements of the Church's Faith. Creeds are so called from the Latin word with which they often begin, "credo": 'I BELIEVE'. (CCC 186, 187)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear,
His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor
glowing.

O Comforter, draw near, within my
heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy
flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions
turn to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on
my sight, and clothe me round, the
while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture
be, and lowliness become my inner
clothing; True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humble part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which
the soul will long shall far outpass the
power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till Love
create a place wherein the Holy Spirit
makes a dwelling.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Cause of our delight,
O Splendour of our race,
Hail! Full of grace,
radiant in light,
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

Heaven, hear, rejoice,
your Queenship to acclaim
and praise your name,
by God's own choice
Holy Mary, be thou, our voice.

Flower like the rose,
e'en in the midst of thorn,
all those who mourn,
deep your heart knows,
Holy Mary, comfort bestow.

Brightest Dawn, you shine,
the sun completes your vest,
O Mother blest of the divine,
Holy Mary, give us new wine.

Cause of our delight,
O Splendour of our race,
Hail! full of grace, radiant in light,
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

HOLY FAMILY NEWS

**Rosary Procession
Sunday 6th October
3pm**

**Annual Parish Quiz Night: Saturday
30th November at 7:30pm.**

**Fundraising for the fence by the
Presbytery:** if you would like to donate
to the rebuilding of the fence by the
presbytery, please contact the Parish
Office on 8346677.

Pray and Play Day: For all those
children who are between the ages of 8 -
17 years old on **Friday 11th October**
from **9am to 3pm** in the Parish Hall.
Please bring something to share for
lunch. To register please contact the
Parish Office on 8346677.

Change to 24Hr Adoration in October:
Please note: we have changed the date
for Adoration from the **4th - 5th October**
to **Friday 11th October** at 7pm to
Saturday 12th October at 6pm.

House of Nazareth: Every 1st Friday
from 11am-2.30pm in the Hall. All are
welcome, just bring a plate to share. For
more information call Danielle
0212506318

NEXT SUNDAY:

6 October 2019

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

*Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13- 14;
Lk 17: 5 - 9;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: R. Lopez, R. Hall
Prayers of the Faithful: C. Tagiilima
Offertory: Leifi Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Leifi Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

School Holidays

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

30 Sept: *Wilhelmus Hilhorst*

2 Oct: *Martin Backall, Mary Cournane*

3 Oct: *Eunice Maher, Peggy Grubb,
Charmian Edmonds, Rose Hogan,
John Ashley Lopez*

4 Oct: *Nanci Murch, Harding Leef*

5 Oct: *Honor Tempany*

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,127.80
Priests	\$563.90
Total Cash	\$1,691.70

DIOCESAN NEWS

**Choral Mass for the Month of the Rosary at
the Cathedral:** Join us at the Cathedral of St
Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street,
Saturday 5 October as we celebrate the
tradition of the Month of the Rosary.
Beginning with the Rosary at 6.45 pm
followed by a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm, our
Choral celebration is a beautiful way to begin
the month with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble
directed by Nicholas Forbes. Validated
parking available at the Wilson car parks on
Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

Auckland Hospital Chaplaincy is looking for
people of Christian faith who feel called to
Hospital ministry to assist the chaplains. If
you are interested, please contact Robert
Burley, Chaplaincy Assistant Training
administrator at
aucklandhospitalchaplaincy@gmail.com

Rosary Aotearoa - Join our nation to pray the
Holy Rosary, Sunday 6th October 2019 at 3pm.

Marian Day - Saturday 5th of October
beginning with Mass at 8am. First speaker at
9am. Our Lady of the Assumption Church
130 Church Street, Onehunga.
See Notice on the Notice Board. Free Entry,
Lunch Provided, All Welcome

**Launch of Caritas' State of the Environment
for Oceania Report** - Please join us at St
Mary's Church in Papakura, Auckland, 7pm,
Thursday 3 October, the eve of the Feast of St
Francis. All are welcome. Please contact
Deacon Sanele Poluleuligaga,
sanele.poluleuligaga@yahoo.com.au, or
phone 027 2673210.