



# Holy Family Parish

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



## FIRST READING : Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

℟. *The Lord is compassion and love.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. ℟.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. ℟.*

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich mercy, He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. ℟.*

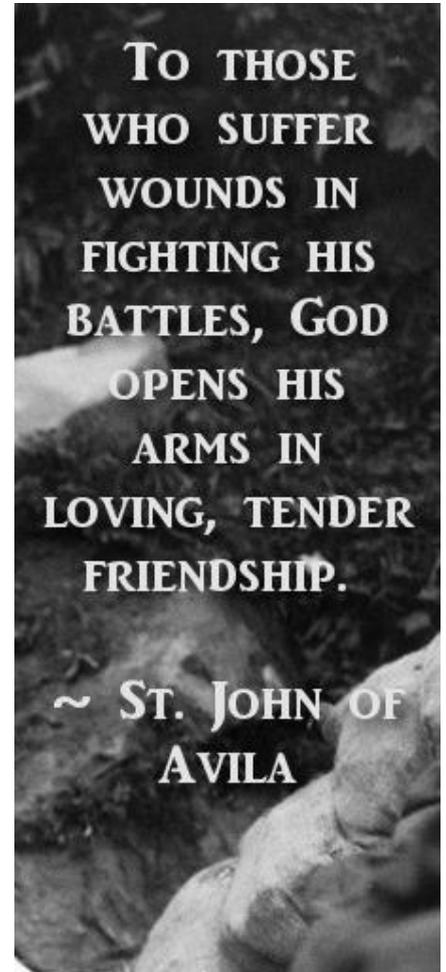
*As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. ℟.*

## SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## GOSPEL : Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



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~ ST. JOHN OF  
AVILA

"WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE WORD OF GOD TRANSCENDS TIME. HUMAN OPINIONS COME AND GO. WHAT IS VERY MODERN TODAY WILL BE VERY ANTIQUATED TOMORROW. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WORD OF GOD IS THE WORD OF ETERNAL LIFE, IT BEARS WITHIN IT ETERNITY AND IS VALID FOREVER."

POPE BENEDICT XVI

"The true aim of our Christian life consists in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.

As for fasts, and vigils, and prayer, and almsgiving, and every good deed done for Christ's sake, they are only means of acquiring the Holy Spirit of God."

ST SERAPHIM OF SAROV

One day, Padre Pio gave a Rosary to a spiritual daughter, remarking to her with a trembling voice, "I am entrusting you with a treasure. Know how to value it. Let us empty Purgatory."

**ABORTIONISTS DO NOT CARE ABOUT WOMEN. THEY TAKE HER MONEY, ABORT HER BABY, AND PUSH HER OUT THEIR DOORS."**

**KRISTAN HAWKINS**  
PRESIDENT OF STUDENTS FOR LIFE

"Just as it is licit to resist a Pontiff who attacks the body, so it is licit to resist him who attack souls, or who disturbs the civil order, or, above all, him who tries to destroy the Church. It is licit to resist him by not doing what he orders and by impeding the execution of his will." St. Robert Bellarmine

“ The Eucharist bridges the gap between fallen humanity and redeemed humanity and prepares us for our glorified humanity in Christ's second coming. We are in a process of deification through the Eucharistic life. ”

*Mother Angelica*

"Remember, you will be faulted not because you are ignorant against your will, but because you neglect to seek out what makes you ignorant."

-Saint Augustine-

"ALL MY OWN PERCEPTION OF BEAUTY BOTH IN MAJESTY AND SIMPLICITY IS FOUNDED UPON OUR LADY."

-JRR TOLKIEN

"BLESSED BE GOD WHO PERMITS OUR AGE, SICKNESSES AND MORAL SUFFERING TO MAKE US FEEL SO USELESS AND UNABLE DO ANYTHING."

-BL. MARÍA LUISA JOSEFA

"WHAT DARKNESS, WHAT MADNESS, WHAT SICKNESS, WHAT A TERRIBLE, DEADLY POWER IS SIN!"

- ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT

"LET'S PLACE ALL OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD, ALWAYS AND FOR EVERYTHING."

- BL MARÍA LUISA JOSEFA

"THE SOUL IS IN ITSELF A MOST LOVELY AND PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD."

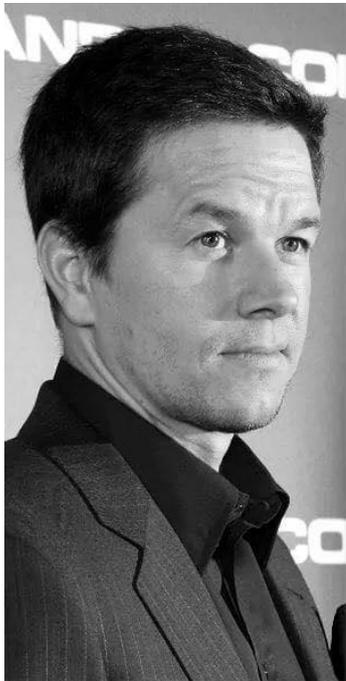
- ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

"FOOLISH IS HE WHO FOLLOWS THE PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD, BECAUSE THESE ARE ALWAYS FLEETING AND BRING MUCH PAIN."

- BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

"THE ONLY TRUE PLEASURE IS THAT WHICH COMES TO US THROUGH FAITH."

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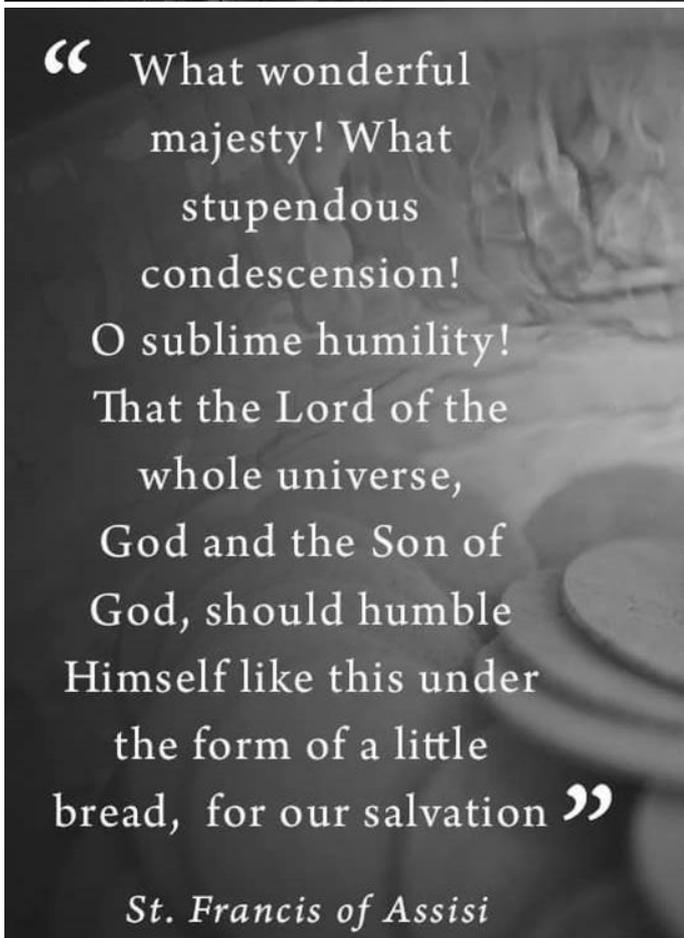
"Every time I go to Mass, it's through a priest's hands that I receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which strengthens me to share my Catholic faith with others."

- Mark Wahlberg  
ChurchPOP



“ Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing... ”

St. Thérèse of Lisieux



“ What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation ”

St. Francis of Assisi

## WHAT IS THE HERESY OF MODERNISM ?

Described as the "synthesis of all heresies" by Pope Pius X. Modernism is defined as:

A belief whose foundation is from Rationalism and Agnosticism (God is vague and unknowable) and Immanence (internal feeling/sentiment). From these principles, allied with various evolutionary doctrines, the heresy of Modernism reduces faith to something we construct from our internal religious feeling. It removes the supernatural content of the Faith. It tends to demolish...

(1) **Dogmas of the Faith** (which it called 'variable-symbols'; these can be contradicted and reversed),  
 (2) **Sacraments** (which it reduced to faith-nourishing signs, just an expression of one's religious sentiments),  
 (3) the **authenticity of the Scriptures** (God hasn't really spoken to man; man just feels that he has, and this can evolve),

(4) **the Church** herself (the Church is simply a gathering of people who share and agree upon this religious experience), and

(5) **Ecclesiastical authority** and discipline (each group can evolve in its own way; it determines its own faith)

It also reduces Christ to human dimensions, and makes inspiration a common gift of mankind – all religions are paths to God.

## CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MODERNISM IN THE CHURCH

*"We allude, Venerable Brethren, to many who belong to the Catholic laity, and, what is much more sad, to the ranks of the priesthood itself, who, animated by a false zeal for the Church, lacking the solid safeguards of philosophy and theology, and further, thoroughly imbued with the poisonous doctrines taught by the enemies of the Church, and lost to all sense of modesty, put themselves forward as reformers of the Church; and, forming more boldly into a line of attack, assail all that is most sacred in the work of Christ, not sparing even the Person of the Divine Redeemer, whom, with sacrilegious audacity, they degrade to the condition of a simple and ordinary man."*

*"For, as We have said, they put into operation their designs for her undoing, not from without but from within. Hence, the danger is present almost in the very veins and heart of the Church, whose injury is the more certain from the very fact that their knowledge of her is more intimate. Moreover, they lay the axe not to the branches and shoots, but to the very root, that is, to the faith and its deepest fibers. And once having struck at this root of immortality, they proceed to diffuse poison through the whole tree, so that there is no part of Catholic truth which they leave untouched, none that they do not strive to corrupt."*

*Further, none is more skillful, none more astute than they, in the employment of a thousand noxious devices; for they play the double part of rationalist and Catholic, and this so craftily that they easily lead the unwary into error; and as audacity is their chief characteristic, there is no false conclusion of any kind from which they shrink, or which they do not thrust forward with pertinacity and assurance."*

~ Encyclical "On the Doctrine of the Modernists" by Pope Pius X, September 8, 1907

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation! All you who hear  
Now to His altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our  
gifts at His altar; let not our sins and  
transgressions now cause us to  
falter. Christ the High Priest, bids us  
all join in His feast, gathered with Him  
at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
is wondrously reigning, and as on  
wings of an eagle, uplifting,  
sustaining. Have you not seen, all  
that is needful has been, sent by His  
gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper  
your work and defend you; Surely his  
goodness and mercy shall daily attend  
you. Ponder anew, what the almighty  
can do, as with his love he befriends  
you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in  
us adore Him! All that has life and  
breath, come now with praises before  
Him! Let the Amen, Sound from His  
people again, gladly forever adore  
Him!

**OFFERTORY 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do  
adore, Masked by these bare shadows,  
shape and nothing more,  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a  
heart. Lost, all lost in wonder at the God  
thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee  
deceived: How says trusty hearing?  
that shall be believed; What God's Son  
has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth himself speaks truly or there's  
nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign  
to men, Here thy very manhood steals  
from human ken: Both are my  
confession, both are my belief, And I  
pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot  
see, But can plainly call thee Lord  
and God as he; This faith each day  
deeper be my holding of, daily make me  
harder hope and dearer love.

O thou reminder of Christ crucified,  
Living bread, the life of us for whom he  
died, Lend this life to me then;  
feed and feast my mind, There be thou  
the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here  
below, I beseech thee send me what I  
long for so, Some day to gaze on thee  
face to face in light and be blessed for  
ever with thy glory's sight.

**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..

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass times  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
9am & 7pm



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

during Lent  
starts  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
at 7pm



**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**1 March 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Yr A)**

*Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** M. D'Souza, S. Shaw  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** F. Xavier  
**Offertory:** Thotawattage Family  
**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Xavier/D'Lima Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Ann Leifi

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**23 Feb:** Frances Leef, Pasi Ulugia

**25 Feb:** Greg Boyle

**26 Feb:** Catherine McCarthy,  
Susanna Te Tai, Alice Barry

**28 Feb:** Robert Keenan

**29 Feb:** Annie Francis, Patrick Doyle

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	\$1,128.80
<b>Priests</b>	\$564.40
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$1,693.20</b>

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS**

**Sunday Cup of Tea:** Thank You to all those  
who helped to make Fr Jeremy's morning  
tea special last Sunday.

**Easter Flower Raffle:** Coming Soon!  
Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Episcopal Ordination** of Fr Michael Gielen  
at The Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great  
South Road, Wiri, Manukau. Saturday 7  
March - 11am, doors will be open at  
9:45am see the noticeboard for more  
information.

**40 Days for Life:** Be a sign of hope this  
Lent and help save lives! February 26 to  
April 5 - Monday to Saturday - 7am to  
7pm. Please protect mothers and babies  
through prayer, fasting, and vigil outside  
the local abortion centre in Mt Eden. Vigil  
works on a rotating roster of one-hour slots  
with two to three people needed to cover  
each hour. To find out more and sign up for  
your prayer hour please visit  
[fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife) or contact Michelle  
027 526 1199 or [michelle@fli.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fli.org.nz)

**Holy Cross Parish, Henderson:** conducting  
a DVD presentation of the Biblical Study of  
the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri, on the five  
Monday's in March (During Lent) 2020  
from 7pm to 8:30pm. **Requirements for  
the course-** stationary, Catholic Bible,  
Order of the Mass (Free online) and  
Catechism of the Catholic Church (Free  
online). Please contact 09-8381558 or  
[secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz) from  
Monday to Friday between the hours of  
9:30am to 1pm.