



# Holy Family Parish

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent –Year B–  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## FIRST READING : Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Luke 1:46-50,53-54

℟. *My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. ℟.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. ℟.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.; He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy. ℟.

## SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

## GOSPEL : John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

#### 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 3of 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."

"What makes us holy and pleasing to God is what our vocation demands of us, and not what our own will chooses."

*St. Francis de Sales*

It is possible to remain little even in the most responsible position.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it."

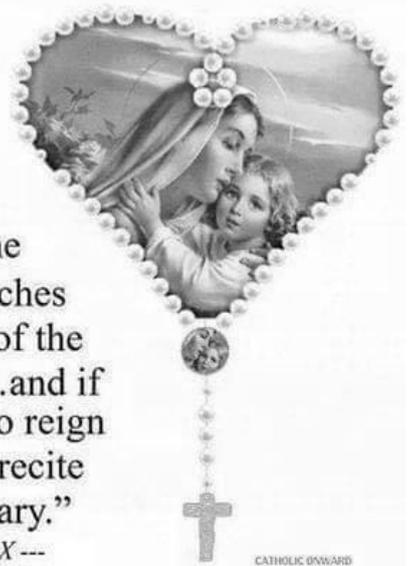
He alone is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress where I will not be shaken.  
Psalm 62:6

Go to the tabernacle in spirit when you are not able to do so physically

St. Padre Pio

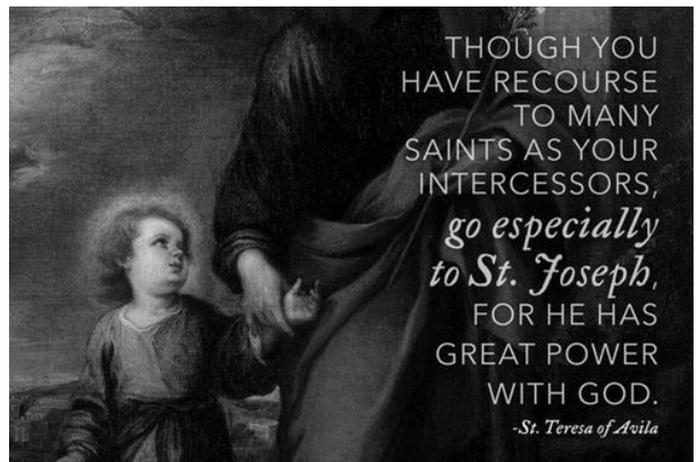
"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

--- Pope Saint Pius X ---



CATHOLIC ONWARD

"Let him who wants fortitude ask it of God, and it shall be given."  
- St. Alphonsus Liguori -



THOUGH YOU HAVE RECOURSE TO MANY SAINTS AS YOUR INTERCESSORS, go especially to St. Joseph, FOR HE HAS GREAT POWER WITH GOD.  
-St. Teresa of Avila

AS OFTEN AS I LOOK UPON THE CROSS, SO OFTEN WILL I FORGIVE WITH ALL MY HEART.

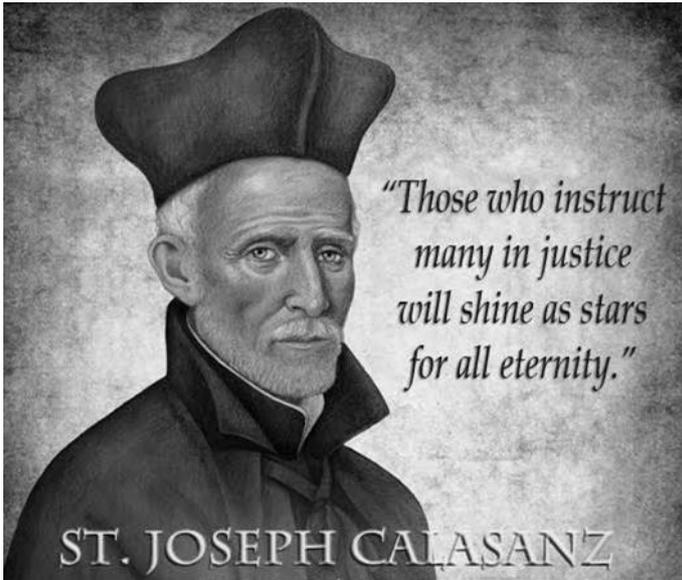
ST. FAUSTINA

"Let each look to himself and see what God wants of him and attend to this, leaving all else alone."

-ST. BLESSED HENRY SUSO

## SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

*"A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ."*



**"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honoured, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son."**

**St Bernard of Clairvaux-Doctor of the Church**

*Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right. - George Orwell, 1984*

## passover

By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

-Catechism of the Catholic Church



Do not let your weakness make you unhappy. When, in the morning, we feel no courage or strength for the practice of virtue, it is really a grace: it is the time to "lay the axe to the root of the tree," relying on Jesus alone.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"In times of darkness, holding the Rosary beads is like holding your Blessed Mother's hand. Pray the rosary everyday, abandon yourself in the Hands of Mary. She will take care of you."

**-Saint Padre Pio-**

**"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave"**

- St John Chrysostom -

**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 forboding 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:**

*Alma Redemptoris Mater  
quae pervia caeli porta manes  
et stella maris, succure cadenti,  
surgere qui curat populo:  
tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,  
tuum sanctum genitorem:  
Virgo prius ac posterious,  
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,  
peccatorum miserere.*

**COMMUNION 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.

**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.

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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  
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**ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES  
IN WEST AUCKLAND**

DATE	DAY	PARISH
16 Dec	Wed, 7pm	Avondale
17 Dec	Thurs, 7pm	Massey

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Midnight Mass  
Thursday 24th December  
12:00am  
Carols from 11:00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Friday 25th December  
8:00am (Latin)  
**10:00am(English)**

**BOXING DAY**

Saturday 26th December  
9:00am

*Please note: From Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>  
December till Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
there will be changes in Mass times  
please check the noticeboard and in  
the foyer.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** \* There will be  
**no 8am Latin Mass on Jan 3 and Jan  
10 2021**, as Fr Jeremy will be at  
Hearts Aflame. The 9:30am English  
Mass will be offered by a visiting  
priest. If you wish to assist at a Latin  
Mass on those Sundays, please go to St  
Paul's College, Ponsonby. Fr Sumich of  
the FSSP will be offering Mass at St  
Pauls at 9am on both Sundays.

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. *Gaudete* means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

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**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr B)**  
2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38;

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** J. Bright, R. Lopez  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** S. Shaw  
**Offertory:** Leifi Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Vernon

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lucas/Andrew Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Parish Picnic

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**13 Dec:** Eneliko Michael  
**15 Dec:** Marjory Moore  
**16 Dec:** Josephine Hill, Drina Letica  
**17 Dec:** Nathaniel Pierce  
**18 Dec:** Mary Scanlon, Myrtle Goudie,  
Oliver Bray - Taylor  
**19 Dec:** Fonofale Endemann

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Parish** \$1,720.87  
**Priests** \$860.43  
**Total Cash and AP's** \$2,581.30

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

• **Rosters 2021:** If your family would like to be added to the Church Cleaning or Morning Tea or Offertory Rosters please see Ellen.

**PARISH PICNIC**  
**Next SUNDAY!**  
**after the 9:30am Mass**  
**On the back field**  
**of the Parish Property**  
*We will have games for all the family to take part in, bouncy castle and a sausage sizzle.*  
*Please bring a plate to share and a picnic mat to sit on.*  
Please contact Ellen on 8346677 or email: [hfparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfparish@xtra.co.nz).

**Also a note about parking on the 20<sup>th</sup> December:** we are going to block off from the studio - grey shed back towards Waione. Please do not park in front of the grey shed.

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Heading north this summer?** A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Tōtara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838. All are invited to Mass at Tōtara Point Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 11am to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa.