



Holy Family Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 5th September 2021



FIRST READING : Isaiah 35:4-7;

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 145(146):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. ℟

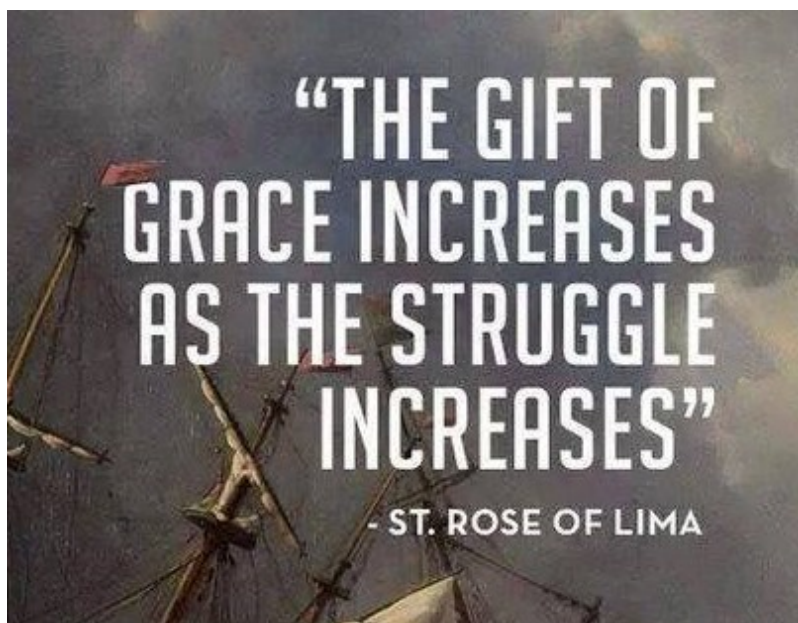
He upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked, The Lord will reign forever and ever, Zion's God, from age to age. ℟

SECOND READING : James 2:1-5;

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL : Mark 7:31-37;

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



"When the whole world is running towards a cliff, He who is running in the opposite direction seems mad"
C.S Lewis

- Jesus to St. Faustina
 "Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you."

"It is a characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unaware of the tragedy.

Humanity in a crisis is generally insensitive to the gravity of the times in which it lives.

Men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because they have no standard outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice, how shall men know it is violated?

Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

NEXT SUNDAY:
12th September 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35;

PARISH ROSTERS
Please note: the Liturgy, Church Cleaning and Sunday Cup of Tea Rosters are all on hold while we are in Level 4.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
 5 Sep: *Elsie O'Malley*
 6 Sep: *Benjamin Watene, Margaret Wynne*
 7 Sep: *Sharn Inu, Caroline Bell*
 8 Sep: *Juliana Leifi, Brenda Harvey*
 9 Sep: *Margaret Anderson, Albert Wallace*
 11 Sep: *Eliza Ashton, Jolene Lopez*

PARISH FINANCES

<i>Parish</i>	\$1,769.81
<i>Priests</i>	\$ 884.90
Total AP's	\$2,654.71

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Mass times while we are in Level 4:
 All Masses will be live streamed on the Parish and Fr Jeremy's Facebook Pages at **9am**
 (Please note: this includes Sunday)

The Diocese continues to air the Sunday Mass on Shine TV at 2.00 pm on free to air Channel 25 or Sky TV 201

PARISH ACTIVITIES: All Parish activities are postponed while we are in Level 4. We will update you when they will start again.

FORMED: It is an online *Resource Centre* of Catholic Formational videos. Formed has hundreds of talks, presentations, courses, and shows on a multitude of Catholic topics. **FORMED is FREE for HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS**
 Please email hffparish@xtra.co.nz to obtain the login details.

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers!

Thank you,
 Jesus for my father who loves me, for my grandfather who cares for me, for our priests who teach me, and for God, your father and mine, who made me and is always with me. Amen