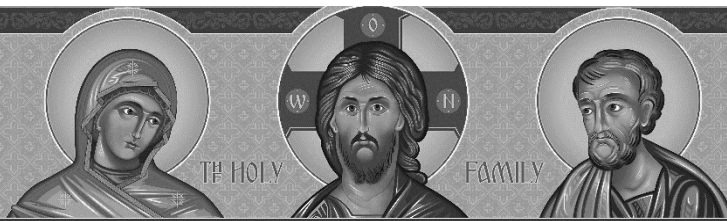


Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 1: v.1-5



An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, Son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sin."

Matthew 1: v.20-21

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A – 11th of DECEMBER 2022

FIRST READING : Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and 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 those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 145(146):6-10



R. Lord, come- and save us.

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. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just, but thwarts the path of the wicked, The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God from age to age. R.

SECOND READING : James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL : Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

LORD HAVE MERCY

III. *H* Y-ri-e * e-lé-i-son. *ijj.* Christe e-lé-i-son. *ijj.* Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e * e-lé-i-son.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

VIII. *S* Anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Pleni sunt cœ-li et terra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in excél-sis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit in nómine Dómi-ni. Ho-sán-na in excél-sis.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

III. *R.* Mortem tu-am annunti-á-mus, Dó-mi-ne, et tu-am re-surrecti-ó-nem confi-témur, do-nec vé-ni-as.

LAMB OF GOD

VIII. *A* -Gnus De-i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i,* qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i,* qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

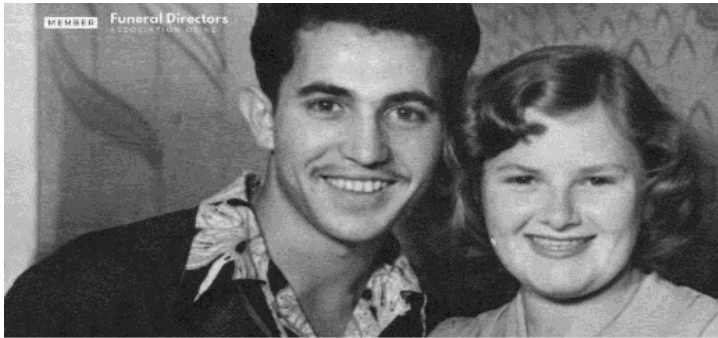
What to do?

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.

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."



Look after them the way
they looked after you.

There are certain people in life who shape who you are. Special people who were always there to give you advice, support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.

Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.

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"I want you to know that in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Rosary."

Our Lady to St. Dominic

"The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins."

- St John Chrysostom -

Third Candle and Week 3 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."

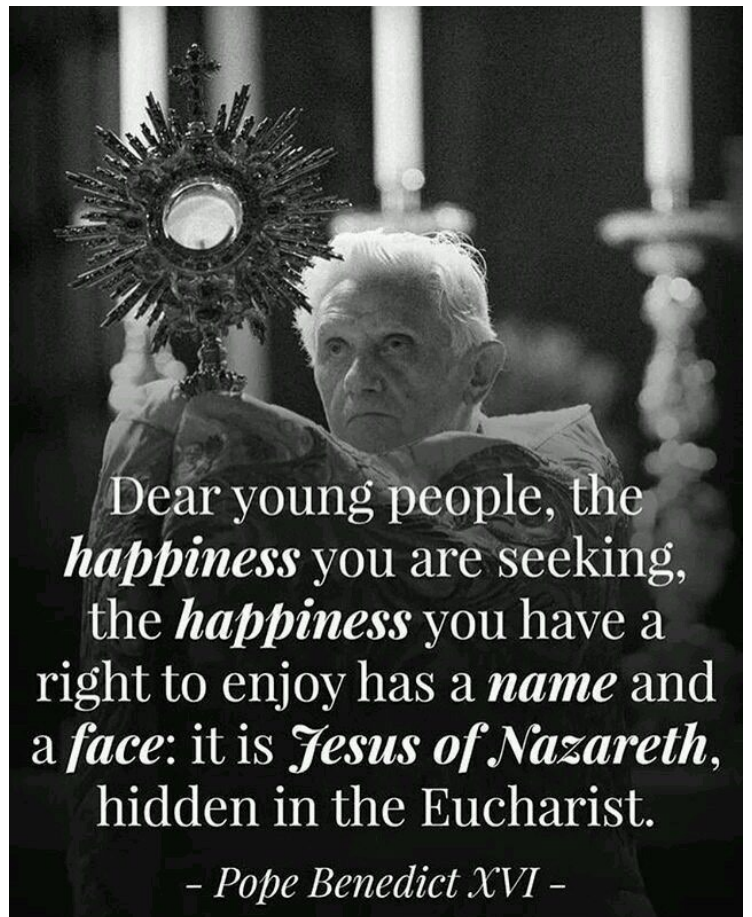
Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

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."



Dear young people, the
happiness you are seeking,
the *happiness* you have a
right to enjoy has a *name* and
a *face*: it is *Jesus of Nazareth*,
hidden in the Eucharist.

- Pope Benedict XVI -

**Jesus' desire is for us
to be with Him in communion.
This is what He aches for,
His deepest desire
that He prays for.
This is what Jesus was doing
the night before He died....**

St Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906)

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the second founder of the Cistercians, the Mellifluous (“honey-tongued”) Doctor of the Church, the apostle of the Crusades, the miracle-worker, the reconciler of kings, the leader of peoples, the counselor of popes! Yet Bernard was all of these, took no joy in the world or pride in his successes and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.

“It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.”

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux on humility



St. Bernard is recognized as one of the most commanding Church leaders, as well as one of the greatest spiritual masters of all times.



Date of birth: 1091

Birthplace: Fontaine-lès-Dijon, France

Died: Aug 20, 1153 **Age:** 62

Feast day: August 20

Patronage: Beekeepers, Bees, Candlemakers, Chandlers, Wax-melters, Wax refiners, Gibraltar, Queens College, Cambridge.



1091

Bernard was born of a noble Burgundian family.



1112

He chose a life of asceticism and enters the Cistercian monastery at Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. In time, more of his family were to join the order.

1115

He was sent to begin a new monastery in a nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

1118

Under Bernard the monastery of Clairvaux grew rapidly and before long began to found its own daughter houses.

1128

He was invited by Pope Honorius II to attend the Council of Troyes to help settle conflicts within the Church in France.



At the Council, Bernard provided the Knights Templars with its first Rule, the Latin Rule.

He continued to stay true to his vocation as a monk and a man of prayer, composing numerous hymns and homilies dedicated to the Mother of God.

He also offered commentary on the Holy Scriptures and treatises on the life of prayer for the benefit of both his monastic brethren and the lay faithful.

The Memorare

Remember,

O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implore thy help, or seek thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I, thy son, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the World Incomprehensible, despite not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



The “Memorare” a very popular Marian prayer, origin unknown, but often attributed to St. Bernard.

1130–38

On the death of Pope Honorius II, a schism broke out in the Church by the election of two popes, Pope Innocent II and Pope Anacletus II.

At a council held at Etampes, Bernard gave judgment in favor of Innocent II.



He wrote at this time his most renowned work, sermons on the “Song of Songs”.

Bernard traveled from one country to another to talk to church leaders in an effort to end the rift.

After eight years of preaching and negotiating, the schism was finally ended.

1145

Pope Eugenius III, Bernard’s former pupil and fellow Cistercian monks was elected pope.

1146–49

The new Pope appointed Bernard to preach the second Crusade. The Crusade, led by King Louis VII of France and King Conrad III of Germany failed miserably.

The last years of Bernard’s life were saddened by the failure of the crusaders, the entire responsibility for which was thrown upon him.

1153

Bernard died at Clairvaux on Aug 21. His death signaling the end of the age of the Church Fathers and the beginnings of new theological movements under the guidance of some of the Church’s greatest minds (such as St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Albert the Great, St. Bonaventure, etc.).

1174

He was canonized by Pope Alexander III on Jan 18.

1830

Named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VII.



“The Family that Overtook Christ” written by Fr. M. Raymond in the form of a novel that depicts the real lives of St. Bernard and his family, all of whom became saints.



The abbey at Clairvaux still survives, but was converted into a prison after the French Revolution.



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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.
 Shall come to thee, O 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.
 Shall come to thee, O 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.
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

O Lord, you have blessed your land,
 You have put an end to Jacob's captivity;
 you have forgiven the guilt of your people.

You forgave the guilt of your people,
 And covered all their sins.
 You averted all your rage;
 You turned back the heat of your anger.

Bring us back, O God, our savior!
 Put an end to your grievance against us.
 Will you be angry with us forever?
 Will your anger last from age to age?

Will you not restore again our life,
 That your people may rejoice in you?
 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
 And grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
 He speaks of peace for his people
 And his faithful, and those who turn their
 hearts to him.
 His salvation is near for those who fear
 him, and his glory will dwell in our land.

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.

*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 posterius,
 Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,
 peccatorum miserere.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah;
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph
 And sadness flee away.

*Sweet Saviour, haste!
 Come, come to earth.
 dispel the night and show thy 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 thou, whom nations sighed for,
 Whom priest and prophets long foretold,
 wilt break the captive's fetters,
 Redeem the long lost fold.

*Sweet Saviour, haste!
 Come, come to earth.
 dispel the night and show thy 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.*

Shalt come in peace and meekness
 And lowly will thy cradle be;
 All clothed in human weakness
 Shall we thy Godhead see.

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 dispel the night and show thy face,
 and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
 O come, divine Messiah; the world in
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Diocesan Notices

WYD23 Fundraiser: Private Screening of Avatar 2 (Rated M), 18th December 2022 2pm, Midcity Hoyts Cinemas \$20 per ticket includes entry, ice-cream, popcorn, drink and sweets. Email for tickets mdmwydmovie@gmail.com or ph Paula 021827225.

Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland, is seeking a part-time chef for 25-hours per week over 5-days (Sundays being one of those days). Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, as well as x1 evening meal preparation. If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 01 January 2023.

NEXT SUNDAY:

18th December 2022
4th Sunday of Advent (Yr A)
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: R. Cardoza, S. Shaw
Prayers of the Faithful: T. Molloy
Offertory: Stowers – Subermani Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

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SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11 Dec: Carl Briant
12 Dec: Mary King
13 Dec: Eneliko Michael
14 Dec: Caylyss Anania
15 Dec: Marjory Moore
16 Dec: Josephine Hill, Drina Letica
17 Dec: Nathaniel Pierce

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,438.80
Priests	\$719.40
Total Cash and AP's	\$2,158.20

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

ROSTERS 2023: If your family would like to be added to the Church Cleaning or Morning Tea or Offertory Rosters please see Ellen or email hffparish@xtra.co.nz.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas Night Mass
 Saturday 24th December
 11:00pm
 Carols from 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

BOXING DAY

Monday 26th December
 9:00am

IMPORTANT NOTE: On the first 2 Sundays in January (1st and 8th) there will be no Latin Mass at 8am at Holy Family Parish, as Fr Jeremy will be at Hearts Aflame. However, the 9:30am English Mass will still be offered by a visiting priest on those Sundays. A sung Latin Mass will be offered at St Paul's College, Ponsonby, on those Sundays (Jan 1 and Jan 8) by Fr Sumich, FSSP.