



# Holy Family Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A –

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022



**FIRST READING : Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17**



*℟. Jus-tice shall flou-ri-sh in His time, and full-ness of peace for-e-ver.*

*O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. ℟.*

*In His days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. ℟.*

*For He shall save the poor when they cry, and the needy who are helpless, He shall have pity on the weak, and save the lives of the poor. ℟.*

*May His name be blessed forever, and endure like the sun. Every tribe will be blessed in Him, all nations bless His name. ℟.*

**SECOND READING : Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

**GOSPEL : Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

LET US UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS A  
PHYSICIAN, AND THAT SUFFERING IS  
A MEDICINE FOR SALVATION, NOT A  
PUNISHMENT FOR DAMNATION.  
- ST. AUGUSTINE -

## 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week Prayer:** O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths....and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



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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## Second Candle and Week 2 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."

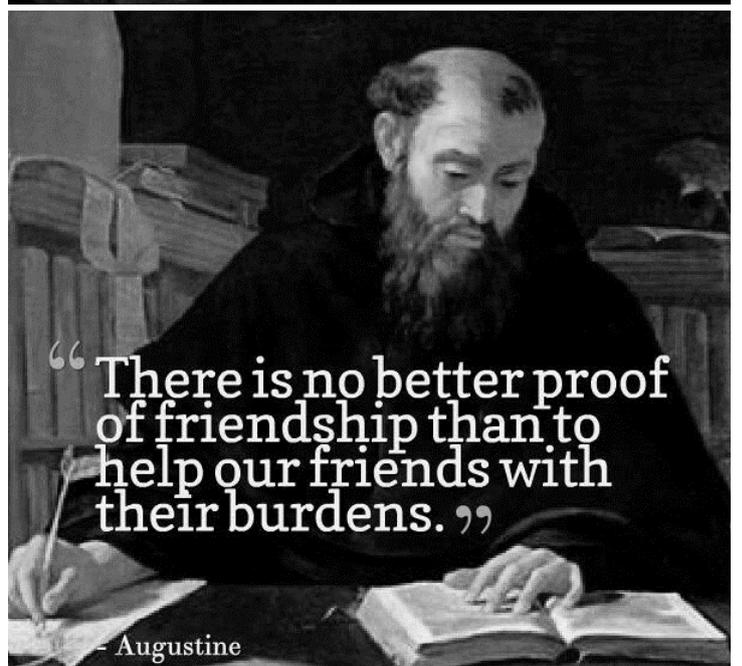
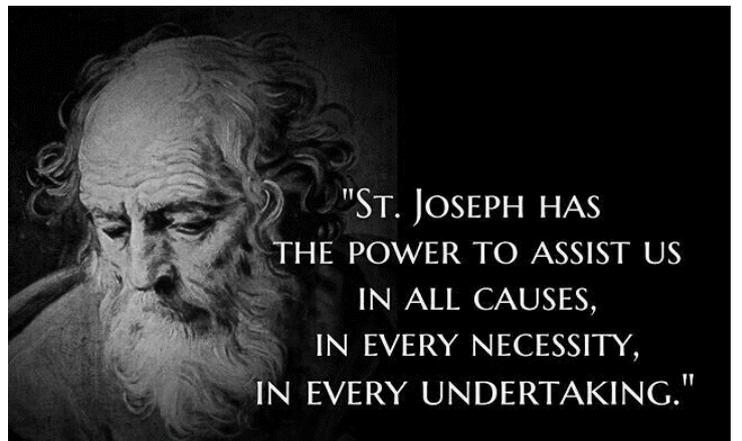
**Wednesday:** "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

**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 people's 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."



"Do not allow  
the sad spectacle of  
human injustice  
to disturb your soul."

-St. Padre Pio

"THE WISDOM OF  
THE *scriptures*  
IS LEARNED RATHER  
BY *prayer* THAN  
BY *study*."

-St. Philip Neri

■ 1st Apparition

**Feb 11**

Accompanied by her sister and a friend, Bernadette went to Massabielle on the banks of the Gave to collect dead wood. Removing her socks in order to cross the stream, she heard a noise like a gust of wind, she looked up towards the Grotto.

Bernadette relates: *I saw a lady dressed in white, she wore a white dress, an equally white veil, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot.*



Bernadette made the Sign of the Cross and said the Rosary with the lady. When the prayer ended the Lady suddenly vanished.

■ 3rd Apparition

**Feb 18**

For the first time, the Lady spoke.



Bernadette held out a pen and paper asking her to write her name.

Our Lady: *It is not necessary.*

Our Lady: *Would you be kind enough to come here for a fortnight?*

*I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.*

■ 9th Apparition

**Feb 25**

Bernadette relates: *She told me to go, drink of the spring. I only found a little muddy water. At the fourth attempt I was able to drink. She also made me eat the bitter herbs that were found near the spring, and then the vision left.*

The crowd: *Do you think that she is mad doing things like that?*

Bernadette replied: *It is for sinners.*

# Lourdes 1858

## The Immaculate Conception

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*She lifted up her eyes to heaven, joined her hands as though in prayer, and said to me: I am the Immaculate Conception.”*  
— St. Bernadette relates (On March 25)

The apparitions at Lourdes took place only four years after the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, in 1854, and given their nature it is only natural to see a strong link between the two.

On 11 February 1858, fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous saw a beautiful young girl in a niche at a rocky outcrop called Massabielle, about a half mile outside the town. This was the beginning of a whole sequence of apparitions, 18 in all, which occurred during the spring and early summer of 1858.



St. Bernadette refers to the vision as 'Aqvero', which means, 'this thing', and said that the Lady spoke in the Lourdes dialect.

**Location:** Lourdes, Hautes Pyrenees, France  
**Date:** 11 Feb - 16 July 1858  
**Visionary:** Bernadette Soubirous



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■ 13th Apparition

**March 2**

Our Lady: *Go, tell the priests to come here in procession and to build a chapel here.*

Bernadette spoke of this to Fr. Peyramale, the Parish Priest of Lourdes.



Fr. Peyramale: *If the Lady really wishes that a chapel be built, then she must tell us her name and make the rose bush bloom at the Grotto in the middle of winter.*

■ 14th-15th Apparition

**March 3, 4**

The crowd becomes larger and larger (about 8,000). Soldiers and police had been put on duty to control the expected large crowd.

Bernadette: *Would you kindly tell me who you are?*

The vision response was a smile.

■ 16th Apparition

**March 25**

The Lady finally revealed her name.

Our Lady: *I am the Immaculate Conception.*

Bernadette left and, running all the way, repeated continuously the words that she did not understand.

These words troubled the Parish Priest.

Four years earlier, in 1854, the Church declared that Mary was the "Immaculate Conception".

The title would certainly have been unknown to Bernadette since it was not broadly discussed in the liturgy at that time.

*"She could never have invented this ..."* wrote Fr. Peyramale to the bishop that evening.

**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:**

You will turn toward us, O God, and  
 restore our life again, and your people  
 will rejoice in you. Show us, Lord, your  
 mercy and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, you have favored your land,  
 And brought back the captives of Jacob.  
 You forgave the guilt of your people,  
 And covered all their sins.  
 You averted all your rage;  
 You turned back the heat at your anger.

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

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.

Merciful love and faithfulness have met;  
 Justice and peace have kissed.  
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,  
 And justice look down from heaven.

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty,  
 and our earth shall yield its increase.  
 Justice will march before him,  
 And guide his steps on the way.

**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.

*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*

**More 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](mailto:mdmwydmovie@gmail.com) or ph  
 Paula 021827225.

Come sing with us our Christmas prayers.  
 On **Thursday 8 December at 2pm** in the  
 chapel of St Benedicts Bishop Steve will  
 pray the Mass of Christmas day which  
 will be filmed for broadcast on Shine  
 TV. We would deeply appreciate a good  
 congregation.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr A)**

*Is 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** J. Brodie, C. Tagiilima

**Prayers of the Faithful:** G. Lao

**Offertory:** Tagiilima Family

**Special Ministers:** P. Capundag

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Fakava Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Parish Picnic

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**5 Dec:** Kevin Lyons, Philip Luoni

**8 Dec:** Paddy Boyle, Eileen Moody,  
 Edna Headland

**10 Dec:** Kathleen Gould, Frances Warden,  
 Ivan Vujcich

**PARISH FINANCES**

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| <b>Parish</b>              | <b>\$2,975.27</b> |
| <b>Priests</b>             | <b>\$1,487.63</b> |
| <b>Total Cash and AP's</b> | <b>\$4,462.90</b> |

**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 [hfp parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp parish@xtra.co.nz).

**WYD FUNDRAISING: Tabaco Siblings** are  
 having a fundraising event here in the  
 Parish Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at  
 1pm, tickets are \$10 each and children  
 under 4 years free. They will have art  
 stalls, bake sale, dancing and raffles.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** On the first 2 Sundays  
 in January (1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) 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.

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Marriage & Family Life** would like to invite  
 to you consider becoming Marriage  
 Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight  
 and are passionate about helping engaged  
 couples prepare for marriage and have been  
 married for 5 years or more, please contact  
 Gerry on 021 02247442.

**G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass** Sunday 4th  
 December at 4.30pm at Good Shepherd  
 Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden. After we will  
 share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T.  
 Centre.

**Catholic charity NPH New Zealand** offers a  
 range of Christmas Gifts which help  
 vulnerable children and families in Latin  
 America. E-cards and Gift Certificates