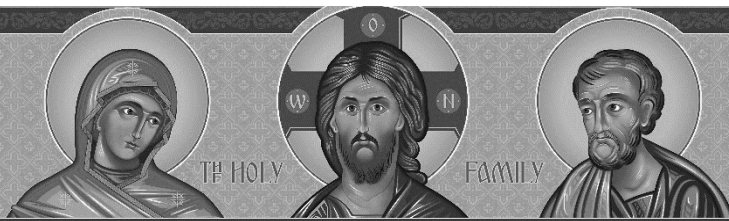


*Holy
Family*



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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A – 12th OF MARCH 2023

FIRST READING : Exodus 17:3-7;

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9;



℟. *If to-day you hear His voice, har-den not Your hearts.*

SECOND READING : Romans 5:1-2,5-8;

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL : John 4:5-42;

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



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**"MARY SEEKS FOR THOSE WHO APPROACH HER
DEVOUTLY AND WITH REVERENCE, FOR SUCH SHE LOVES,
NOURISHES, AND ADOPTS AS HER CHILDREN."**

Saint Bonaventure

Work for justice
among the poor and
the oppressed, and
keep us undivided in
love in the eucharistic
community of your
Church.

-Saint Katharine Drexel, Pray for us

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of
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**"Our works are of no value if they be
not united to the merits of Jesus Christ."**

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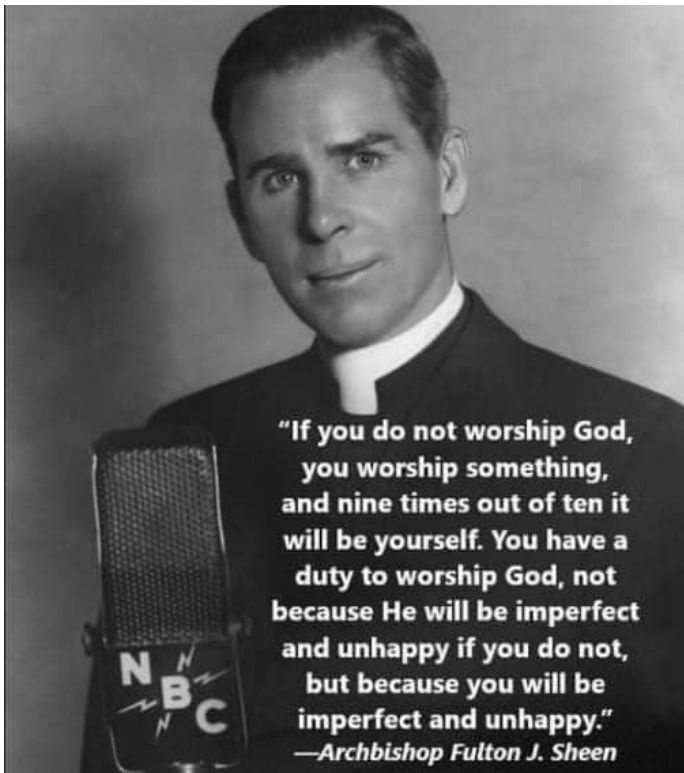
*"The Eucharist is a
never-ending
sacrifice. It is the
Sacrament of love,
the supreme love,
the act of love."*

**"O Lord, everything
good in me is due to
you. The rest is my
fault."**

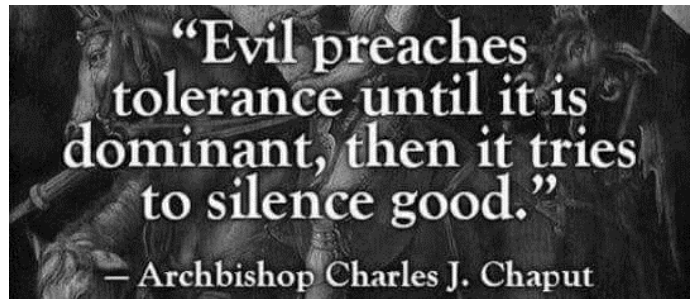
- Augustine

He who is not angry when there is
just cause for anger is immoral. Why?
Because anger looks to the good
of justice. And if you can live amid
injustice without anger, you are
immoral as well as unjust.

Thomas Aquinas,
priest, philosopher

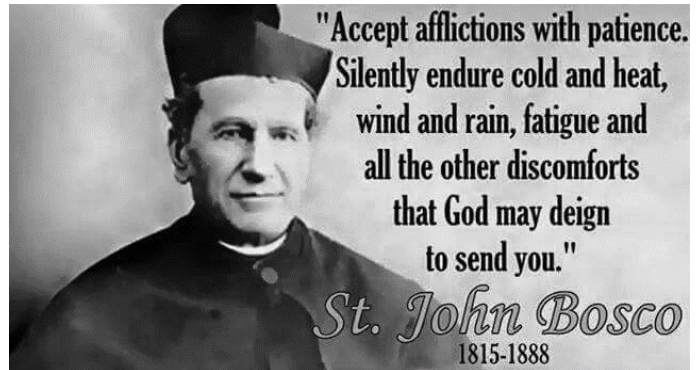


"If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy."
 —Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



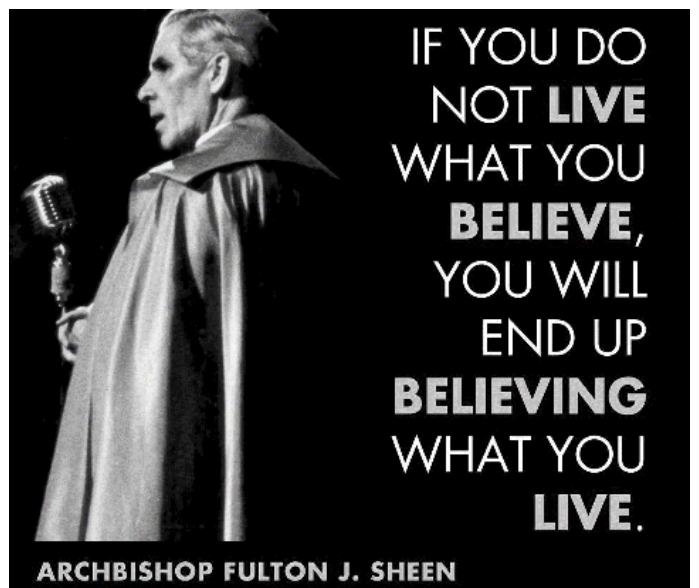
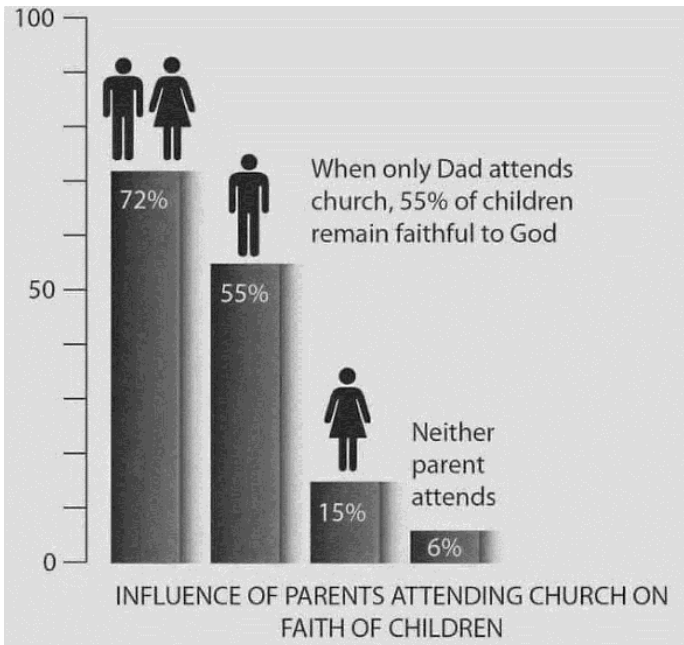
"Evil preaches tolerance until it is dominant, then it tries to silence good."

— Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



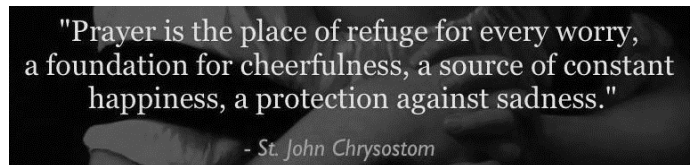
"Accept afflictions with patience. Silently endure cold and heat, wind and rain, fatigue and all the other discomforts that God may deign to send you."

St. John Bosco
1815-1888



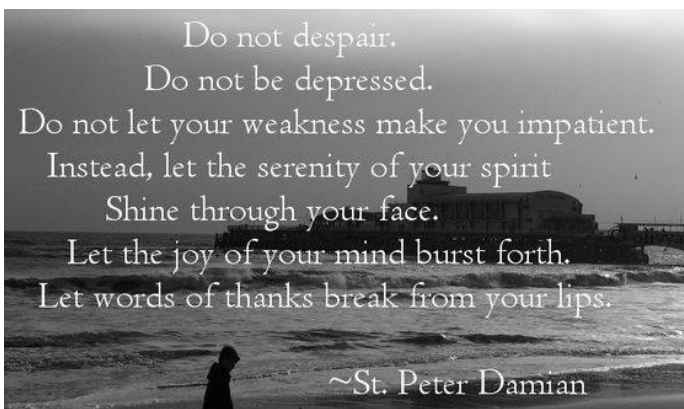
IF YOU DO NOT LIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL END UP BELIEVING WHAT YOU LIVE.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN



"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness."

— St. John Chrysostom

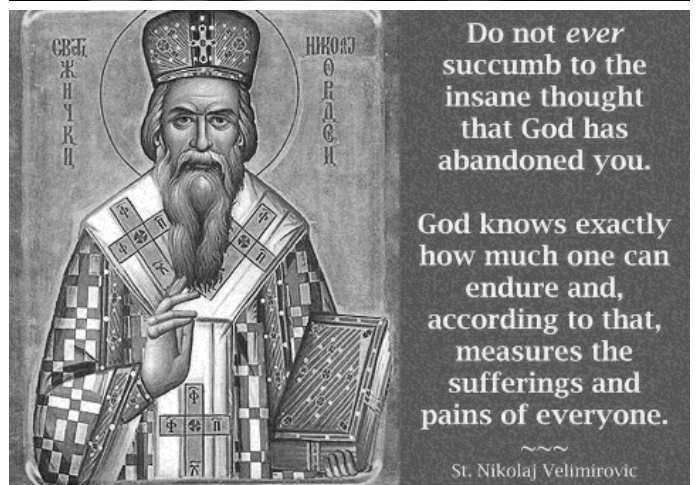


Do not despair.
 Do not be depressed.
 Do not let your weakness make you impatient.
 Instead, let the serenity of your spirit
 Shine through your face.
 Let the joy of your mind burst forth.
 Let words of thanks break from your lips.

~St. Peter Damian

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

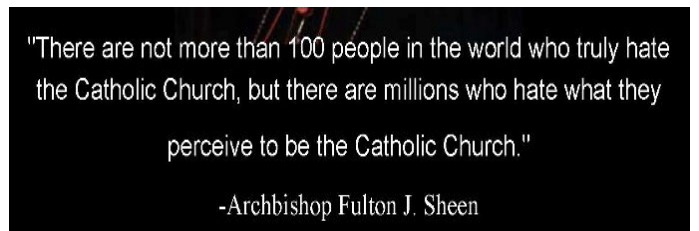
**"We become like that which we love.
 If we love what is base, we become base;
 but if we love what is noble, we become noble."**



Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you.

God knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the sufferings and pains of everyone.

St. Nikolaj Velimirovic



"There are not more than 100 people in the world who truly hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they perceive to be the Catholic Church."

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom
all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses
saw the loving God
who gave the law; and to Elijah,
fasting came the steeds
and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The ordinances of the Lord are right,
* bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than
honey or honeycomb. Therefore your
servant will observe them.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament proclaims the work
of his hands.

Day unto day conveys the message* and
night unto night imparts the knowledge

No speech, no word, whose voice goes
unheeded; their sound goes forth
through all the earth, * their message to
the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming
from his tent, rejoices like a champion
to run his course.

At one end of the heavens is the rising
of the sun; to its furthest end it runs its
course. There is nothing concealed from
its burning heat.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Though You are God,
with Father and the Spirit,
You did not cling to Your equality,
Emptied Yourself, became for us a slave,
and humbler yet, You died upon a tree,
You give Your flesh that we be truly fed,
Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your love,
You come to us as flesh and blood
outpoured,
and then to quench your thirsting for
our love,

You come again, as poorest of the poor,
that what we do to these the least of
brethren,
we do to You, our Saviour and our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing to be with us,
You bid us share Your one true sacrifice,
offer ourselves, with You the Holy Lamb,
washed by Your Blood, you call us into
life,
so fed by You, made holy and made one.
We, now Your Body, for the world,
become.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame, a second
Adam to the fight and to the rescue
came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail, should strive
afresh against the foe, should strive,
and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine: God's
presence and his very self, and essence
all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote in
man for man the foe, the double agony
in Man for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on the
cross on high, should teach his
brethren, and inspire to suffer and to
die.



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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NEXT SUNDAY:

19th March 2023

4th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

*1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: S. Shaw, E. Shaw
Prayers of the Faithful: T. Molloy
Offertory: Fortuin Family
Special Ministers: P. Capundag

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 Mar: Joyce Fitzgerald, Terry Fitzgerald,
Kathleen Bonner
14 Mar: Donald Ah Loo, Huck Chiang Tan
16 Mar: Ravindra Prasad
17 Mar: Sr Genevieve, Mate Ulrich,
Jim Lyons
18 Mar: Roe Atkinson, William Ewing

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,843.13
Priests	\$1,421.57
Total Cash and AP's	\$4,264.70

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Catechism Classes – 5 year olds to teenagers after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. *Please send your children even if they attend Catholic School as this is for all children in the Parish.*

Cup of tea in the Hall after the 9:30am Mass. *We are looking for volunteers for Sundays during the school holidays. Contact Ellen in the Parish Office on 8346677*

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Auckland Catholic Single Social Group:
Axe Throwing 18 March 2023, 2:00 PM
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