

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A – 5th OF MARCH 2023

FIRST READING : Genesis 12:1-4;

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22;



 \mathbb{R} . Lord, let Your mer-cy be on us--, as we place our-- trust in You.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and fills the earth with His love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere Him, on those who hope in His love. To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord, the Lord is our help and our shield, May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in You. R.

SECOND READING : 2 Timothy 1:8-10;

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL : Matthew 17:1-9;

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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Gems from the Saints

"The sin of detraction is the impediment to the very source of piety and grace; it is abominable in the sight of God, because the detractor feeds on the blood of the souls which he has murdered with the sword of his tongue."



Mercy without justice is the *mother of dissolution*; justice without mercy is *cruelty*.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the souls of men and women." "When you are angry with someone, the way to find peace is to pray for that person and ask God to reward him or her for making you suffer" –Saint Therese of Lisieux



"We cannot live without joy; so when we are deprived of true spiritual joys we become addicted to carnal pleasures." -st. THOMAS AQUINAS

> "No one reaches the kingdom of Heaven except by humility."

> > St Augustine

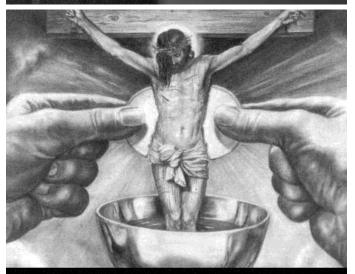
"Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"I WISH THEN THEY PEOPLE WOULD BE COULD TERRIEIEN SEE to ge HFRF HEN ST. JACINTA MARTO "We must make our way towards eternity, never regarding what men think of us or our actions, studying only

to please God."

- St. Francis Borgia



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"The best, simplest, and easiest way to assist at Holy Mass is that suggested by St. Leonard of Port Maurice. Divide the Mass into three parts. From the beginning to the Elevation, meditate on Our Lord's Passion; from the Elevation to Communion, on our sins and the sorrow we should feel for them; from Communion to the end, on the resolution to sin no more."

Saint John Bosco

"MARY SEEKS FOR THOSE WHO APPROACH HER Devoutly and with reverence, for such she loves, Nourishes, and adopts as her children."

Saint Bonaventure

"You must show mercy in this world if you want to receive mercy in heaven."

44 AS OUR BODY RETURNS TO DUST, HOW DOES OUR SOUL FARE? IT WILL RECEIVE A SENTENCE OF EVERLASTING HAPPINESS OR MISERY ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS. Sal gio Boko -

"Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also, even if it costs a sacrifice. Our Lord will reward you with His Blessings and make you succeed in your undertakings." Sami John Bosco



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 praved.

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:

I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands toward your commandments which I love.

I have said, "O Lord, my portion is to obey your words." With all my heart I implore your favor; As with your promise, have mercy.

I have pondered my ways, And turned my steps to your decrees. I made haste; I did not delay To obey your commands.

Though the nets of the wicked ensnare me, your law I did not forget. At midnight I will rise and thank you For your just decrees.

I am a friend of all who revere you, Who keep your precepts. O Lord, your merciful love fills the earth. Teach me your statutes.

God of Mercy and Compassion, Look with pity upon me, Father let me call Thee Father, 'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not implore in vain; All my sins, I now detest them, never will I sin again.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins have nail'd Him, yet bleeds and dies for me.

COMMUNION HYMN:

All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress, Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guild the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you Upon the Cross to die, Opens to you His sacred Heart; O to that Heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear His words so blest: "All ye that labor come to Me, And I will give you rest."

What meeker than the Saviour's Heart? As on the Cross He lay, It did His murderers forgive, And for their pardon pray.

O Heart, Thou joy of Saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here, Attracted by those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear Blood, Which forth from Thee doth flow; New grace, hew hope inspire, a new and better heart bestow.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but it's own: Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the King to Whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.



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 lows. When the time cornes to bid them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly. Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.

MORRISONS

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th March 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent (Yr A) Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42;

LITURGY ROSTER Readers: R. Cardoza, L. Ahio Prayers of the Faithful: E. O'Brien Offertory: Cardoza Family Special Ministers: P. Capundag

> **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER** Tovio Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 5 Mar: Florence Lorigan 6 Mar: Elizabeth Luoni 7 Mar: Darin Keeler 8 Mar: Jack O'Sullivan, Wilfred Cross 9 Mar: Eileen Tolines, Frana Divich, Patricia Wyrill, Eileen Townes 10 Mar: Isobel Glynn, Jack Waitapu, Lois Sumich, Rosaline Corkill 11 Mar: Bernadette Williams, Melva Molloy

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,758.87
Priests	\$1,379.43
Total Cash and AP's	\$4,138.30

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent 7pm

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Auckland Catholic Single Social Group: A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s Axe Throwing 18 March 2023, 2:00 PM Sweet Axe Throwing Co. 110 Nelson Street, Auckland CBD Please RSVP by 14 March to: <u>aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com</u> OR

click going on the Facebook Event Page

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Go Forward in Hope International Pro-Life & Family Conference – Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 March, Auckland.

Featuring thirteen international and local speakers passionate about their areas of expertise in pro-life and family issues - For more information and to register visit <u>fli.org.nz/conference2023</u> or Michelle Kaufman 027 526 1199.