16th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A 23rd JULY 2023

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16



R: Lord, You are good and for-gi-ving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the sound of my voice. **\(\mathbb{R}**: \)

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name O Lord: for You are great and do marvelous deeds, you who alone are God. R:

But You, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger O Lord, a bounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. R:

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

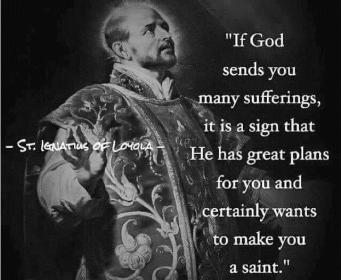
GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

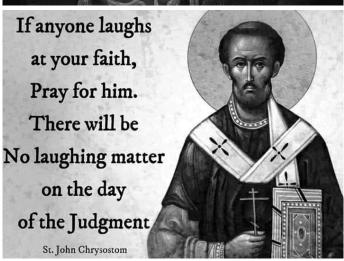
Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY YOUTH EVENT

Sunday, August 6, 2pm – 8:30pm Sancta Maria College, Flat Bush

Praise and Worship, Inspiring Keynote Speakers Mass, Dinner, Reconciliation, Adoration.





"I passed many times in front of the Tabernacle without making the proper reverence. For this sin, I am in Purgatory".

~Friar to Padre Pio

"I thank God that I live in a day when the enemy is outside the Church, and I know where he is, and what he is up to. But, I foresee a day when the enemy will be both outside and inside the Church ... and, I pray for the poor faithful who will be caught in the crossfire." Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) Marriage is the key of moderation, the harmony of desires, the seal of a deep friendship ... the unique drink from a fountain enclosed, inaccessible to those without. United in the flesh, one in spirit, they urge each other on by their mutual love.

St. Gregory the Theologian



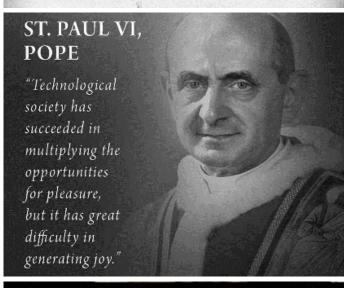


"If you knew how quickly people would forget about you after your death, you will not seek in your life to please anyone but God."

Saint JohnChrysostom

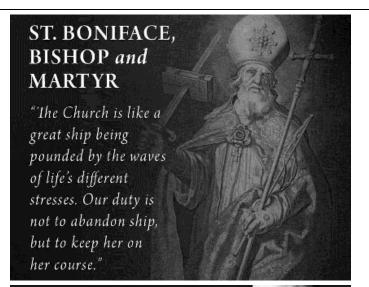
Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent.

- St. John of the Cross -



"For the devil may tempt the good, but he cannot find rest in them; for he is shaken violently, and upset, and driven out, now by their prayers, now by their tears of repentance, and now by their almsgiving and similar good works."

-St Bruno of Cologne

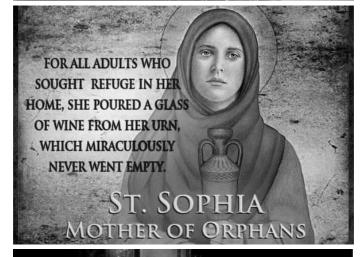


Do violence to yourselves.
Do not allow yourselves to be conquered by the devil. Give this pleasure to Jesus Christ and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who now have their eyes upon you to see what you are going to do.



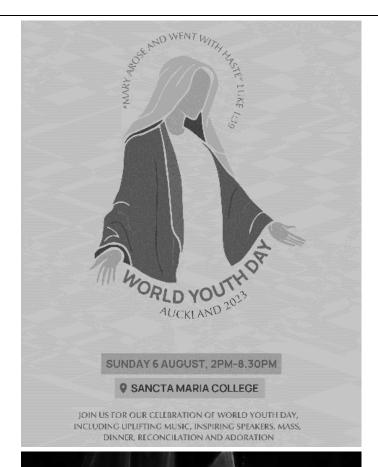
Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

- St. Padre Pio



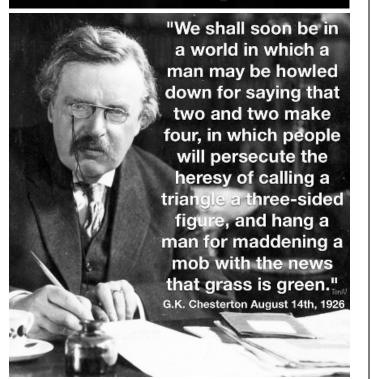
"Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation and bond of all virtue"

— St John Chrysostom



"When a woman veils her body in modest clothing, she is not hiding herself from men. On the contrary, she is revealing her dignity to them."

Venerable Archbishop Sheen



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Gather, Lord, Your people, called to be Your Bride, formed by Blood and Water flowing from Your side, joined with You in baptism, washed to give rebirth, she filled with Your Spirit, shall renew the earth.

You the one true Shepherd, searching for the lost, You the Lamb of offering, counting not the cost, You have called each one by name, each Your precious choice, May we enter by Your gate, listening to your voice.

At Your mother's pleading, You gave finest wine, Now Your Church implores You, Jesus fruitful vine. Heed the thirsting of her heart, and bring forth a flood, Open wide the fountain of Your Precious Blood.

Send Your Holy Spirit, by that Blood outpoured, making us one Body, Temple of the Lord. With Your sev'n fold gifts descend, font of Charity, that we may cry "Abba", and true children be.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Mariam, matrem virginem Attolite Jesum Christum extolite concorditer

Maria, seculi asilum,
Defendenos,
Jesu tutum refugium,
Exaudi nos.
Iam estis vos totaliter
Diffugium,
totum mundi confugium
Realiter.

Maria, Virgin mother pure, We lift you high. We raise You, Jesus, to the sky In harmony.

Maria, refuge for all time,
Defend us here.
Christ Jesus, harborage sublime,
Give us Your ear.
Already over land and sea
You are unfurled.
You shelter over all the world
Entirely.

COMMUNION HYMN:

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent, omnes Sancti, amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia, Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy sceptre claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee; Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising, Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train Joins thy sacred Name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white robed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee; Though in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee; And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

New Parish Bank Account Number 02-0108-0707884-000

If you have recently started depositing money into the new bank account and are not on the pledge system. Can you please contact the Parish Office on 098346677 or hfparish@xtra.co.nz

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th July 2023

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: G. Lao, J. Brodie **Prayers of the Faithful:** N. Nunes

Offertory: Cardoza Family **Special Ministers:** P. Capundag

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Stowers - Subermani Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Senior Legion of Mary

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

23 July: Winifride Vonk

24 July: Carol Barnett, Christine Maurice **25 July:** John Donohue, Louisa McKenzie **26 July:** Florence Tolcher, Michael Moore

27 July: Kathleen Limbrick **28 July:** Caroline Carney

29 July: Gordon Harvey, Sefo Vaituliao

PARISH FINANCES

 Parish
 \$1,882.60

 Priests
 \$941.30

 Total Cash
 \$2,823.90

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

- This Sunday 23rd July after the 9:30am Mass from 10:45-11:30am.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Scholarship. Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now **sold out.** We are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! Two scholarship spaces are available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023

CARING MASS - 1 AUGUST, 11.30am

Please join Bishop Steve and the Foundation team for the Caring Mass on the 1st of August at 11.30am. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome!

Young Adults Ball 26th August 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham

The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'. Tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17th August). *This is an 18+ event. Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for tickets.