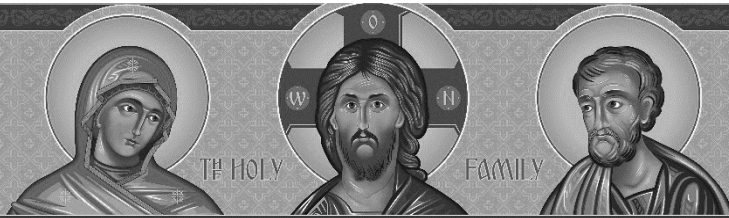


*Holy
Family*



*Catholic
Parish*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

30th JULY 2023

FIRST READING : 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130



R: Lord, I love your com—mands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your commands. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R:

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live, for your law is my delight. R:

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts. I hate false ways. R:

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R:

SECOND READING : Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL : Matthew 13:44-52

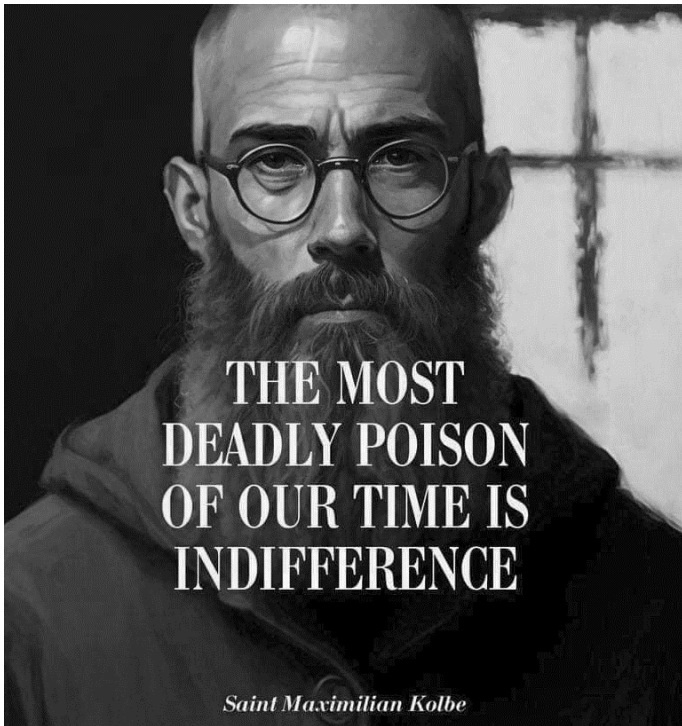
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.**

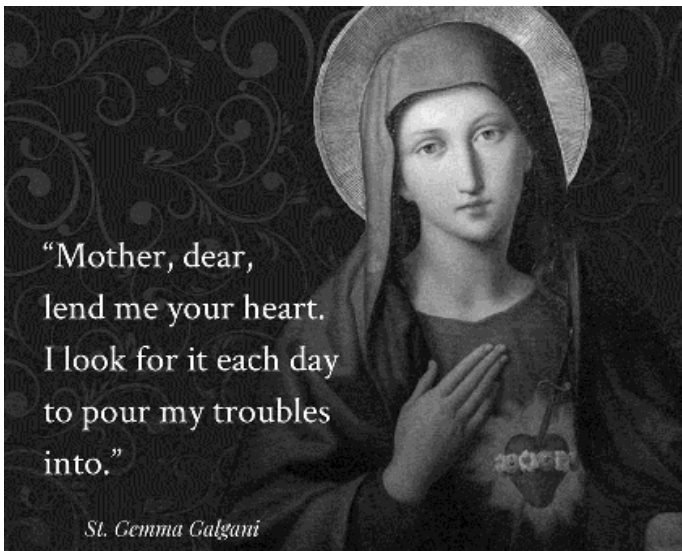


THE MOST DEADLY POISON OF OUR TIME IS INDIFFERENCE

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

“Love is never wasted, for its value does not rest upon reciprocity.”

— C.S. Lewis

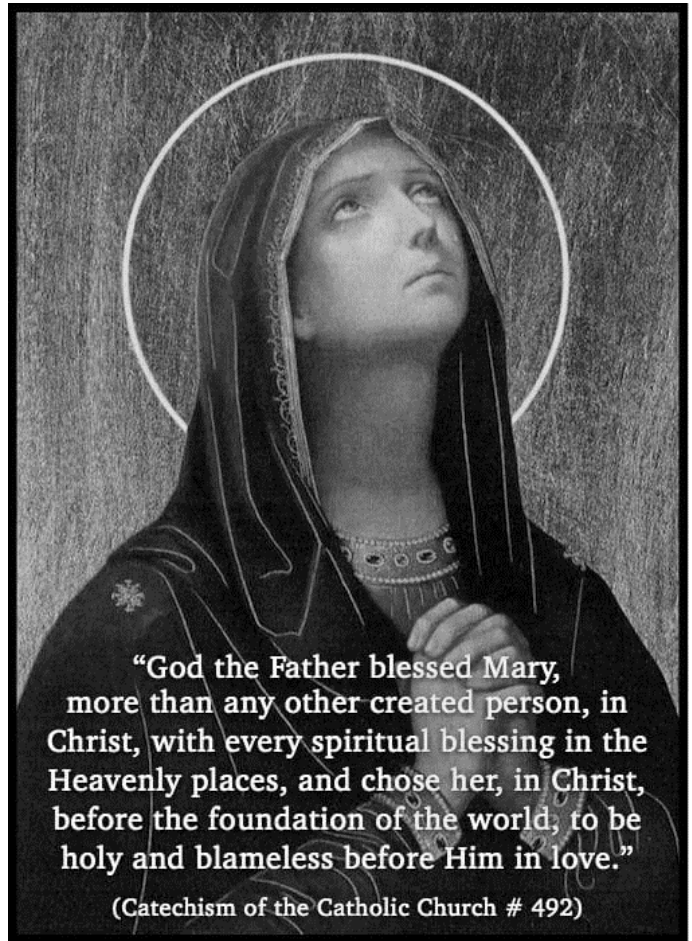
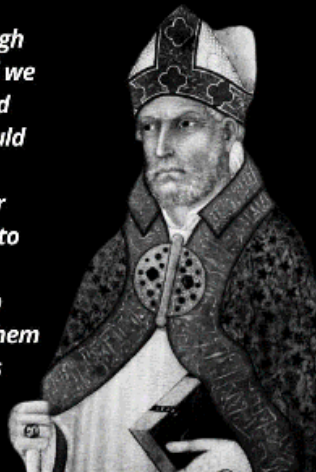


“Mother, dear, lend me your heart. I look for it each day to pour my troubles into.”

St. Gemma Galgani

We must not yearn for riches, for many have been lost through possessing wealth. Nor should we long to enjoy the pleasures and goods of this earth, for we would slight God by seeking our own satisfaction in such things. Nor should we procure or ask God to give us high and honorable positions because of the pomp and display that accompany them and the vainglory that inspires them.

— St. Augustine of Hippo
Doctor of the Church

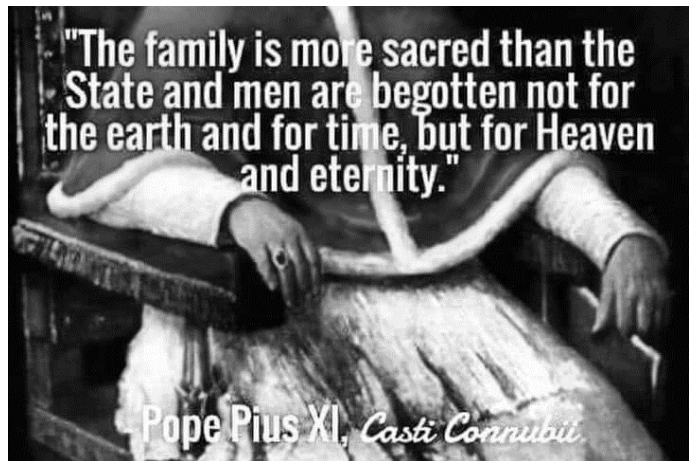


“God the Father blessed Mary, more than any other created person, in Christ, with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places, and chose her, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church # 492)

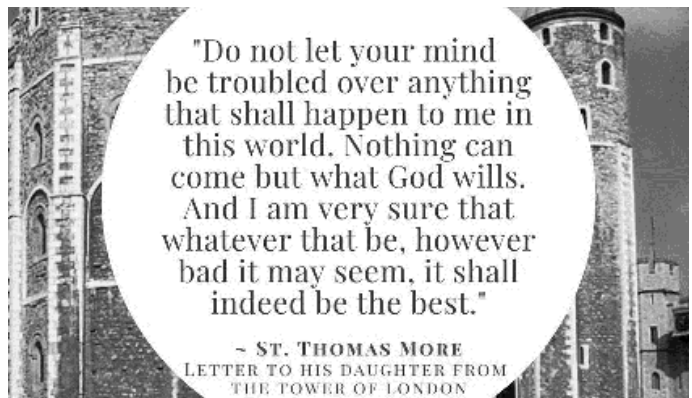
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

“It is better to be the child of God than king of the whole world.”



“The family is more sacred than the State and men are begotten not for the earth and for time, but for Heaven and eternity.”

Pope Pius XI, Casti Connubii



“Do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.”

— ST. THOMAS MORE
LETTER TO HIS DAUGHTER FROM THE TOWER OF LONDON

It is no advantage
to be near the light
if the eyes are closed.

Saint Augustine

Theologian and philosopher

(354 — 430 CE)

“When people are empty of Christ, a thousand and one other things come and fill them up: jealousies, hatreds, boredom, melancholy, resentment, a worldly outlook, worldly pleasures. Try to fill your soul with Christ so that it's not empty.”

— *St. Porphyrios* —

"When God sees us coming to Him in prayer, He leans His Heart down very low to His little creature, like a father who bends down to listen to his child when it speaks to him."

~*St. John Vianney*

The more the heart bends under humility, the nearer we are to God. Thus it is easy for the man who is humble of heart to approach near to God and to beg His Grace.

—
St. Bonaventure

The Blessed Mother of Mount Carmel and of the holy scapular speaks to us of her maternal care, her concern to clothe us spiritually with the grace of God and to help us always keep our garments white.

—
POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

Show by your deeds that you believe; by a virtuous life a Christian must prove that he has faith.

—
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

You stubbornly seek happiness in sin, which causes you nothing but worry, sadness, misery, and emptiness.

—
St. Charbel Makhlouf



SUNDAY 6 AUGUST, 2PM-8.30PM

📍 SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF WORLD YOUTH DAY, INCLUDING UPLIFTING MUSIC, INSPIRING SPEAKERS, MASS, DINNER, RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

Eternal happiness is promised only to those who have charity.

—
St. Thomas Aquinas

Brother, if you commit a sin and take pleasure in it, the pleasure passes but the sin remains. But if you do something virtuous, even though you are tired, the tiredness passes but the virtue remains.

—
ST. CAMELLUS DE LELIUS

I would like you all to be happy; but true happiness is not of this world, we waste our time looking for it here.

—
St. Zélie Guérin Martin

During prayer, avoid haste. Many people, when praying, seem to be intent only on reaching the end of their prayers, as if it were a torture that must be endured, but during the shortest possible time. Such irreverent haste can hardly be pleasing to God or profitable to ourselves.

—
ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

If you desire to be holy, be humble; if you desire to be very holy, be very humble.

—
St. Joseph Calasanz



If you wish to know how much a person loves his God, see how much he loves his neighbor.

—
St. Catherine of Genoa

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
All you who hear
Now to His altar draw near,
join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
let us offer our gifts at His altar;
let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ the High Priest,
bids us all join in His feast,
gathered with Him at the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning,
and as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen,
all that is needful has been,
sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper
your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, what the almighty
can do, as with his love he befriends
you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in
us adore Him! All that has life and
breath, come now with praises
before Him! Let the Amen,
Sound from His people again,
gladly forever adore Him!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

All highest glorious God,
Cast Your light into
the darkness of my heart,
Give me right faith, firm hope,
perfect charity,
and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, that I may do
what is truly Your will.

COMMUNION HYMN:

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you
another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever
ev'n the spirit of truth

To love is to give all,
To love is to give all,
To love is to give all and give oneself.

If I were to speak
the tongues of both mortals and
angels, If I do not have love
I'm no more than a thundering gong,
No more than a cymbal clashing.

If I prophesied and understood
All the myst'ries even if I had faith to
be
Able to move ev'ry mountain
Without love I'm nothing at all.

If I give to the poor
the sum of my ev'ry possession,
And if I go so far as to give up my body
To burn without love it's nothing at all.

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, 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.

Church Parking

Dear Parishioners, during winter,
please avoid parking in front of the
presbytery (Fr Jeremy's house) and
under the tree in front of the Church as
the grass is too soft for a car to park on.
There is plenty of parking behind the
Church. If you have mobility issues and
need to park closer to the Church,
Please let Ellen know in the Parish
Office on 834 6677.

**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:

6th August 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

Dan 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19;

Mt 17:1-9;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: E. O'Brien, M. D'Souza
Prayers of the Faithful: B. Molloy
Offertory: Drabble Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

24-hour adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Bonds of Marian Love

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

31 Jul: Joseph Haare
1 Aug: Annette Waitapu, Michael O'Reilly,
Celina Nicholson
2 Aug: Herbert Smeets
4 Aug: Alisa Urlich, David McMeekin
Anthony van Leeuwen

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$3,071.20
Priests \$1,535.60
Total Cash \$4,606.80

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

1st Friday and Saturday 24hr Adoration:
starts Friday 4th August at 6pm to Saturday
5th August at 6pm, we have a few times
where we are looking for a few extra
people: Friday - 6pm - 7pm, 7pm - 8pm.
If you are interested, please contact Ellen
on hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Lost property: we have managed to collect
a wonderful assortment of lost property
here at Holy Family. This Sunday is your
opportunity to pick it up from the hall
during the cup of tea, whatever is left over
after the cup of tea will be given to St
Vincent De Paul. Please come and collect
your items. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Marist Catholic School – Herne Bay. Come
and visit us; we are a values-driven central
city Integrated Catholic Primary School. We
are an unzoned local school serving our
surrounding areas. If you would like to visit
Marist, please contact 093767173, see the
website maristhernebay.school.nz, or check
the noticeboard for more details.

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.