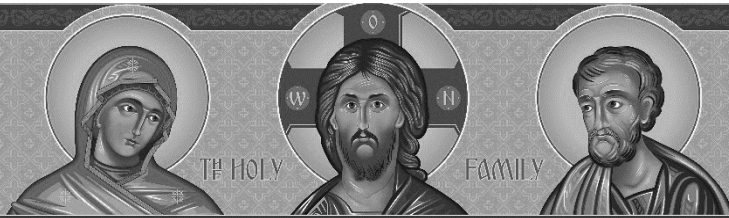


*Holy
Family*



*Catholic
Parish*

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

12th November 2023

FIRST READING : Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 62(63):2-8



℟ My- soul is thirsting for you, O-- Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long, for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you, like a dry, weary land without water. ℟

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. ℟

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. ℟

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night. For you have been my help. In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ℟

SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL : Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

In the way of virtue, there is no standing still; anyone who does not daily advance, loses ground. If one does not conquer, one will be conquered.

- St. Bonaventure -

A special thank you on behalf of the parish to all who generously contributed to the Tabernacle Plinth costs. If anybody would like to give something to help cover the cost of the Reredos, please talk to Ellen in the Office.

Also, for parishioners' knowledge, please find below a list of other maintenance works that have been completed in the parish over the past several years. The sanctuary alterations in the Church are certainly visible and obvious. Some of these other completed works, upgrades, and additions are less visible, but also important.

- Full safety barrier added to the Choir Loft
- Multiple broken windows replaced in the Church (front face and sides)
- New roof added on the Foyer of the Church
- Automatic Gate installed for security
- Crying Room completely upgraded and renovated, including larger window
- New confessional installed off the Church Foyer
- Church resource cupboard added in Church stair well area
- Vacuum-cleaner cupboard added under choir loft stairs
- Foyer renovation 99% completed
- Cladding and staining of the back walls of the Church
- Church microphones all upgraded
- A Safe added to the sacristy for security
- Stainless steel bench added in back-sacristy (for flower work/arrangement)
- Incense-bay added to back-sacristy
- New storage cabinet added to back-sacristy
- New lighting installed in both the main and back-sacristies
- Internal toilet off the back-sacristy repaired and re-instituted.
- Multiple electrical works completed in Presbytery to fix old wiring and power points
- Hot water cylinder replaced in Presbytery
- Heat-pump added to Joseph Centre (Bugler)
- Heat pump installed in old Flat (Marian Centre)
- Old Flat renovated to make it the 'Marian Center' for Catechism, Legion of Mary, and other meetings
- New lights installed in the Joseph Centre (Bugler) teaching room
- New whiteboards installed in teaching room of Joseph Centre (Bugler)
- Phone system upgraded and new Fibre connection installed across the site
- 40ft container behind Hall cleared out, sold, and removed
- New shed built in Presbytery car-port
- Roof of Presbytery carport sealed and re-painted
- Gardens moved to the side of the property, behind Hall
- Temporary carpark installed
- Complete removal of leaking and broken Studio building behind Hall
- Blinds installed in Hall to help with light for video presentations
- Projector installed in Hall
- Projector screen installed in Hall
- New fridge purchased for Hall kitchen
- New Freezer purchased for Hall kitchen
- New stove added in Hall kitchen
- Old and faulty power-points repaired in Hall
- New sound system added in Hall, including audio resources cupboard
- Safety barrier installed in end double-doors of Hall
- Completely new fence fabricated beside Presbytery to replace old one which was falling apart
- New gate installed between Presbytery and new fence
- End roof board fascia replaced at end of Joseph Centre (Bugler) due to leaking
- Rusting roof on Marian Centre (old Flat), sealed and repainted
- Locks added to Church side-doors
- Keycode locks added to numerous doors onsite
- Security cameras installed around site, including 4G router in Church
- New lights installed under choir loft/mezzanine floor in Church
- New lights in foyer and Church entrance
- New lights in Choir Loft installed
- New side lights for sanctuary added
- Many new shelves added in main-sacristy
- Traffic protector installed at concrete corner of Church, opposite Presbytery.
- Water containers emptied, prepared for removal
- Down drain pipes installed on backside of Hall
- New storage cupboards installed in the middle room of the Joseph Centre (Bugler)
- Internet connection added to the Hall for Projector and Conferences
- New deck and decking fabricated and installed on Bugler Center
- Flood lights for parking installed on external end wall of Hall
- Large whiteboard for talks in Hall added
- Drainage pipe fixed under Bugler Centre
- External toilet pipes and fittings repaired and fixed on Hall toilet block
- Leaking Urinal in Hall toilet block fixed.
- Security lights added to Presbytery and Marian Centre.
- Courtyard lights repaired.
- New Hose tap on front side of Presbytery for watering of the front Garden
- Side Window coverings in the Church above sanctuary

"It is a reasonable consequence, that he who runs after the perishable goods should himself perish."

St. Teresa of Avila

"You know you've reached some level of humility when you're not loving your own will nor be pleased to fulfill your own desires."

-Saint Benedict



"The wicked fear the good, because the good are a constant reproach to their consciences."

-Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"The Lord's Prayer is to be said in order that we may be preserved not only from venial sin, but also from mortal sin."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

"Contemplation is a ladder to God. And when you come down the ladder, come to the aid of your neighbour in need."

-St. Anthony of Padua

"It is necessary to communicate in a state of grace; otherwise the Communion will become a poison, or rather a halter to strangle the unworthy communicant."

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

"It is certainly a great happiness for some sinners who after a bad life are converted at their death, and are saved; but these cases are very rare: ordinarily he that leads a bad life dies a bad death."

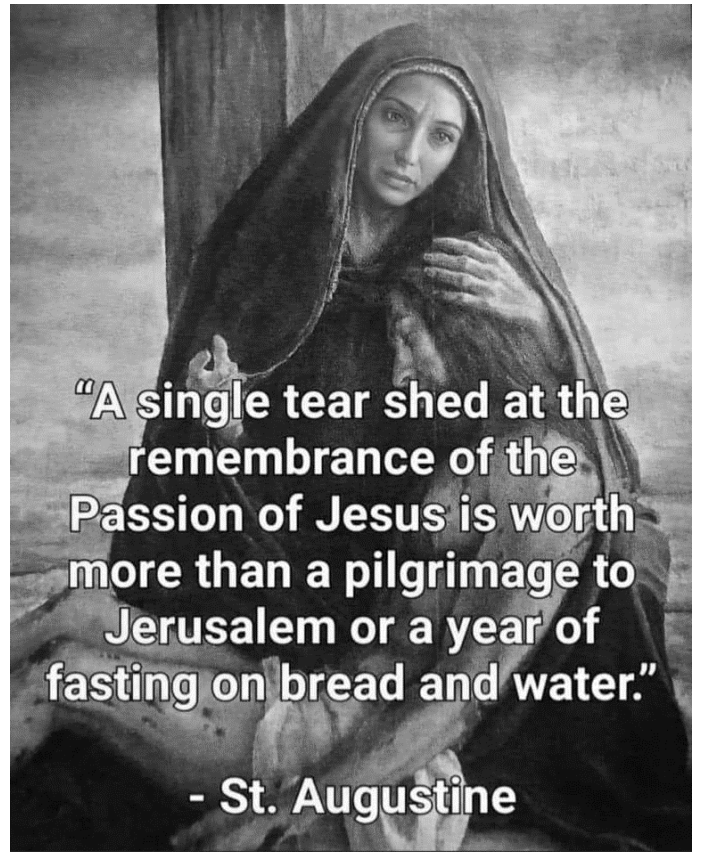
-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"In the contemplation of His holy life we should try to enter into the sanctuary of His heart, admire and adore the virtues and imitate them as far as we possibly can."

-St. Arnold Janssen

"A single tear shed at the remembrance of the Passion of Jesus is worth more than a pilgrimage to Jerusalem or a year of fasting on bread and water."

- St. Augustine



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father;
thine own may I be:
Thou in me dwelling,
and I one with thee.

High King of heaven,
when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

*Lord, make me to know thy ways,
O Lord. O Lord, teach me thy paths,
O lead me in thy truth, and teach me,
For thou art the God of my salvation.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

*Sicut cervus desiderat
ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat,
anima mea ad te Deus.*

*Sitivit anima mea ad
Deum fortem vivum,
Quando veniam et apparebo,
ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae
Panis die ac nocte,
Dum dicitur mihi quotidie
Ubi est Deus tuus?*

*"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:
when shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my meat day and
night, while they continually say unto me,
Where is the God?"*

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus dearest treasure, hail!
I love Thee and adoring kneel:
Each loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy Own Self in form of Bread.

O Food of life Thou Who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live,
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love, that dost unite
The servant to his Loving Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite
Such love, then death
were meet reward:
I cannot live, unless to prove,
Some love for such unmeasured Love.

Beloved Lord in Heaven above
There Jesus Thou awaitest me,
To gaze on Thee with endless love,
Yes thus I hope Thus it shall be.
For how can He deny me Heaven,
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Cause of our delight,
O Splendour of our race,
Hail! Full of grace, radiant in light,
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

Heaven, hear, rejoice,
your Queenship to acclaim
and praise your name,
by God's own choice
Holy Mary, be thou, our voice.

Flower like the rose,
e'en in the midst of thorn,
all those who mourn,
deep your heart knows,
Holy Mary, comfort bestow.

Brightest Dawn, you shine,
the sun completes your vest,
O Mother blest of the divine,
Holy Mary, give us new wine.

Cause of our delight,
O Splendour of our race,
Hail! full of grace, radiant in light,
Holy Mary, shine in our night.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Hampers: The Mother's group are gathering food donations to make food hampers for families in need during this Christmas Season.

If you would like to donate food items to the hampers, please bring your dry food stuffs to the Office on the 12th and 13th December from between 10am to 4pm.

Please make a note on your calendars:

1st Holy Communion Morning Tea:
Sunday 26th November after the 9:30am Mass. Please bring a plate.

NEXT SUNDAY:

19th November 2023
33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: J. Brodie, T. Molloy
Prayers of the Faithful: N. Nunes
Offertory: Tovio Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 Nov: Agnes Kessler, Valmae Ross
13 Nov: Raymond Sharp
14 Nov: Gudren Wagner, Stephen Page,
John Farry, Joyce Hodge
15 Nov: O.J Bray Taylor, Greg Boyle
16 Nov: Patrick Newin
17 Nov: John Borell
18 Nov: Raymond Prime, Thio Sam

PARISH FINANCES

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| Parish | \$2,010.47 |
| Priests | \$1,005.23 |
| Total AP's and Cash | \$3,015.70 |

Church Carpark –just a reminder that we have plenty of parking behind the Church and Hall. **Please do not park on the grass in front of the Church.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

University Ministry Coordinator – Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

<http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group:

A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s

November Event:

French Cooking Class
Monday 27th November 2023 • 6:00PM - 9:00PM. Selwyn College, 203-245 Kohimarama Road. \$76 per person. Register yourself at: <https://www.selwyncomed.school.nz/courses/2003-date-night-french-cuisine/>

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz