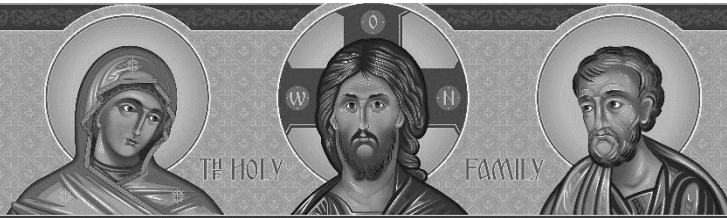


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### FIRST READING : Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 127(128):1-5



℟ *Hap—py are those who fear the— Lord—.*

*O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. ℟*

*Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. ℟*

*Indeed, thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem, all the days of your life. ℟*

### SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### GOSPEL : Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: “The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. ‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” ‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” ‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” ‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

The more pure the soul is, the more it will love God; and the more impure it is, the more it will love itself.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



Possession of humility is more easily acquired by the poor than the rich: for submissiveness is the companion of those that want, while loftiness of mind dwells with riches.

POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT  
BISHOP OF ROME (440-461)



Let no created thing have a place in your heart if you would have the face of God pure and clear in your soul.

St. John of the Cross



The poorer you are, the more Jesus will love you.

St. Therese of Lisieux



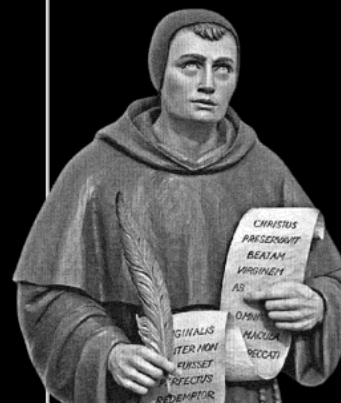
Always believe in Love. If you have to suffer, think that you are even more loved, and always sing in thanksgiving.

ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY  
FRENCH DISCALCED CARMELETTE  
MYSTIC AND VIRGIN



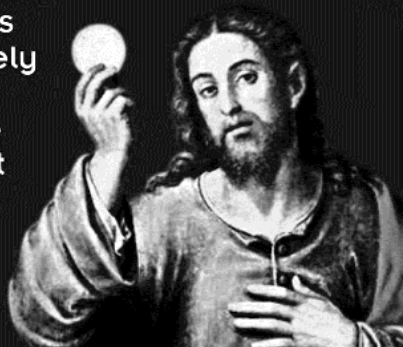
Nothing is to be held as of the substance of the faith unless it can be learned expressly from the Sacred Scripture, or has been expressly declared by the Church.

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS  
SCOTTISH FRANCISCAN PRIEST  
AND THEOLOGIAN



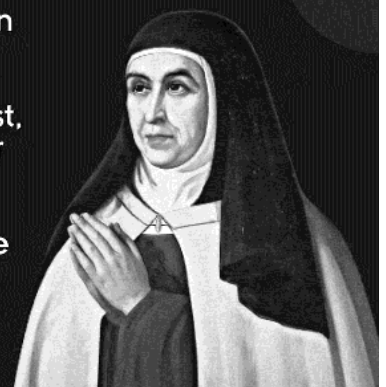
You know what this banquet is, and what nourishment is offered you at this table. Since Jesus Christ gives entirely his body and his blood, let no one approach without giving himself entirely to the Lord.

St. Augustine of Hippo



When any bad thought presents itself, make the sign of the cross, recite the "Our Father," or strike your breast, and try to turn your thoughts to something else: the more you resist, the more merit you will have.

St. Teresa of Avila



While you are still in this world, I beg of you to repent. Confess and give thanks to the Lord, for in this world only is he merciful.

Saint Jerome



The world calls him happy who is rich, who is honored, and it calls unhappy him who is poor and despised; but the truth is no one is happy but he who is in the grace of God and is saved.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



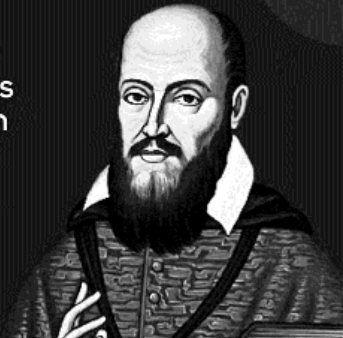
Do not complain if you find more trials than consolations. If the burden is great, so also is the reward ; but, on the other hand, the more assistance you receive, the more your own reward is diminished.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



When a holy person gives a glass of water or some bread, it seems like a little act. Yet God sees it and rewards it by an increase of charity. Little actions flowing from charity always acquire merit.

St. Francis de Sales



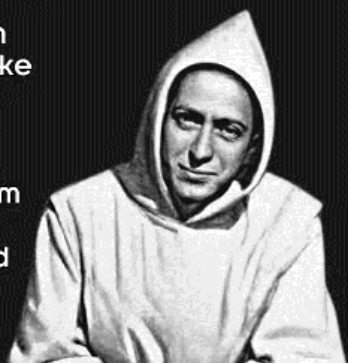
**Make a practice of prayer, and if you reach that degree of sweetness of prayer which is found in intimate converse with God, you will never have discomfort nor despair.**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI



Don't worry about the world and its affairs, don't let the future disturb you, leave it in God's hands; don't take an interest in earthly things, because they are a waste of time. Turn to God and in Him you will find peace, first here on earth and then in heaven.

St. Rafael Arnaiz Baron



"You often receive Jesus Christ in your heart, but is he not there as though in a stable, finding there only dirt and corruption, because you have affection for other things rather than for him?"

St. John Baptist de La Salle

Learn to keep thyself free from the images of outward and material objects, for God loves with a special love the soul that is thus purified. That is, with those who, set free from earthly affairs and distractions, and at peace from their passions, offer Him simple and pure hearts intent on Him alone.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



**"My Jesus, I implore you through your Holy Wounds that I may die a thousand times rather than permit that I do a single action in order to be noticed!"**

ST. MARIA BERTILLA  
BOSCARDIN  
ITALIAN NUN AND NURSE



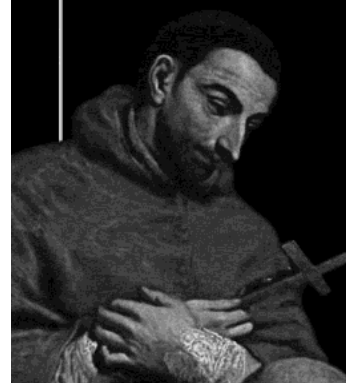
**"Do not complain, that shows discontent with the will of God in the present moment. That is also proof of impatience."**

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES  
DOMINICAN LAY BROTHER



Let us humble ourselves with the Lord, if we desire to be exalted with him. With him let us serve the poor, if we wish to reign with him. Let us wash one another's feet, if we wish to be considered disciples of Christ.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO  
BISHOP AND CONFESSOR



**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:**

Most Holy Trinity,  
You have created me,  
and redeemed me;  
You have made Your home  
within me and graced me;  
Now You call me from within,  
to love me.

What then can I give You?  
I have but two small coins to live on;  
They are nothing yet I see they please  
You; My body and my soul, I give You.

O Jesus, grace my gift,  
just as You graced the gift of Mary, when  
You gave to her  
Your Blood and Your Body,  
You who give Yourself to me,  
receive me.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

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:**

Let us sing to you, O Mary,  
disciple first and best,  
Join our voices sing with every age  
that loves to call you blest.  
Blessed you among all women,  
first in faith, in hope, in love,  
Blessed you who believed in the promise  
from above, Chosen Woman, through  
obedience untied the knot of Eve, Holy  
Virgin, fruitful Mother of all who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!  
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!  
Hail His Home! His Throne!  
His Servant! His Mother and mine!  
Consecrated by the Father,  
before time had e'er begun,  
And prepared by the Spirit to mother the  
Son, Spotless Ark, conceived immaculate  
and spared from every sin,  
Full of grace, you won God's favour,  
enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow  
would pierce your loving soul,  
As your Son is opened with a lance  
and Blood and Water flow.  
Hail Model of the Church  
newly created from His side,  
Called to mother Christ's children  
and be His holy Bride,  
And His words: "Behold your mother,"  
And "Woman see your son," Are his gift  
to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,  
We join with you our praise,  
To your Son, O Blessed Mother,  
Our worship we raise.  
To the Spirit by Whose power  
you conceived The living Word,  
our profound adoration will always be  
heard, Turn your eyes,  
O Holy Mary, Look lovingly and bless,  
Take our prayer, in love transform it,  
Unite it with your "Yes!"

**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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
December from between 10am to 4pm.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Morning Tea:**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** after the  
9:30am Mass. Please bring a plate.

**NEXT SUNDAY:****26<sup>th</sup> November 2023****Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,  
KING of the UNIVERSE***Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20,28;  
Mt 25:31-46;***LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** R. Cardoza, C. Tagiilima  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** E. O'Brien  
**Offertory:** Cardoza Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Tagiilima

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Tovio Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**Parish – 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**19 Nov:** *Fr Rory Price, Lavinia Kenny*  
**21 Nov:** *Louisa Meredith,  
Ihapera Richardson, Terence Higgins*  
**22 Nov:** *Ella Drummond*  
**23 Nov:** *John Cavanagh, John Sole,  
Margaret Binnie*  
**24 Nov:** *Desmond Sharkey, Elizabeth Pirini*  
**25 Nov:** *Ivan Yurlina, Margaret Cotton*

**PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Parish</b>	\$2,330.73
<b>Priests</b>	\$1,165.37
<b>Total AP's and Cash</b>	\$3,496.10

**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****Monte Cecilia Housing Trust's Christmas  
Appeal 2023**

Christmas approaches quickly and Monte  
Cecilia is reaching out for our annual  
appeal, asking for your help in ensuring  
that children in Monte Cecilia housing have  
a joyful Christmas, with food on the table  
and a toy of their own. We are asking for  
donations of children's toys and non-  
perishable food, which can be dropped off  
at our 30 Windrush Close office in Mangere.  
If you are donating a wrapped present,  
please let us know the general contents so  
we can match it with an appropriate child.  
No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+  
children living within our Transitional and  
community houses, so every little bit helps.  
Please kindly ensure your donations reach  
us by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

If you have any questions, please call 0800  
624 848, or email us  
at [info@montececilia.org.nz](mailto:info@montececilia.org.nz)

**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](http://www.marchforlife.nz)