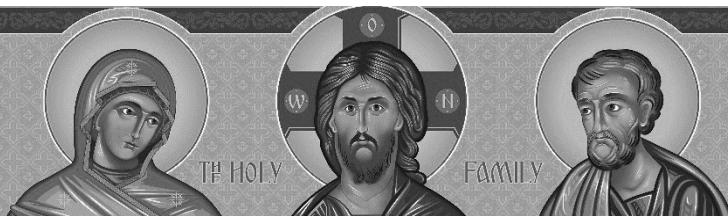


*Holy  
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*Catholic  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

YEAR B

17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### FIRST READING : Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Luke 1:46-50,53-54



℟ My— soul— re—joi—ces in my God.

*My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness, henceforth all ages will call me blessed. ℟*

*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy from age to age, on those who fear him. ℟*

*He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy. ℟*

### SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

### GOSPEL : John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



*Morning Tea and Fellowship in the Parish Hall, after every Sunday Mass.*

## FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

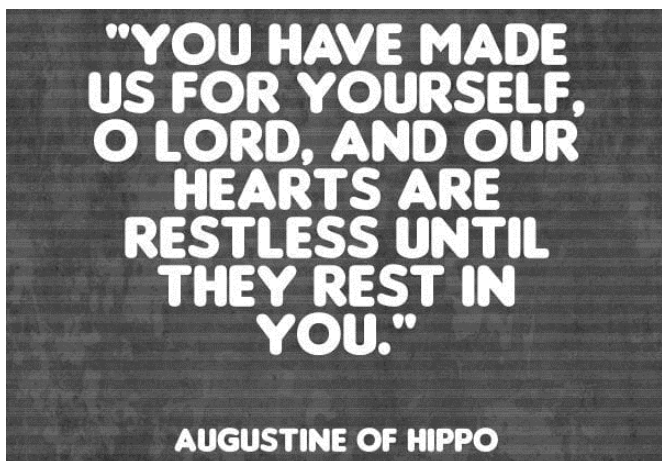
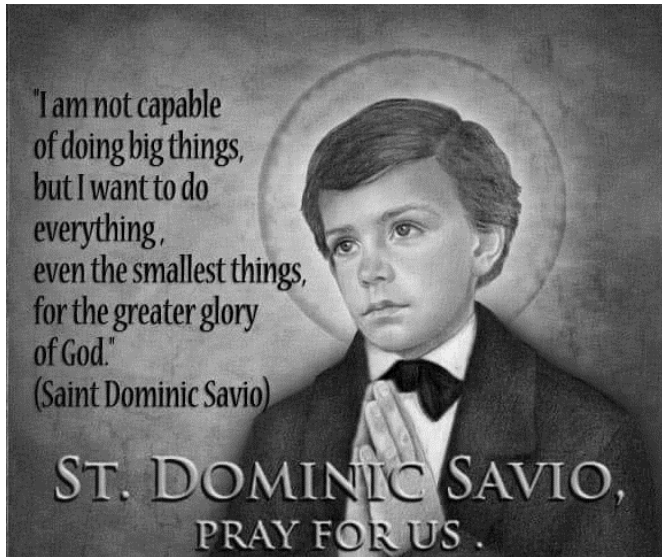
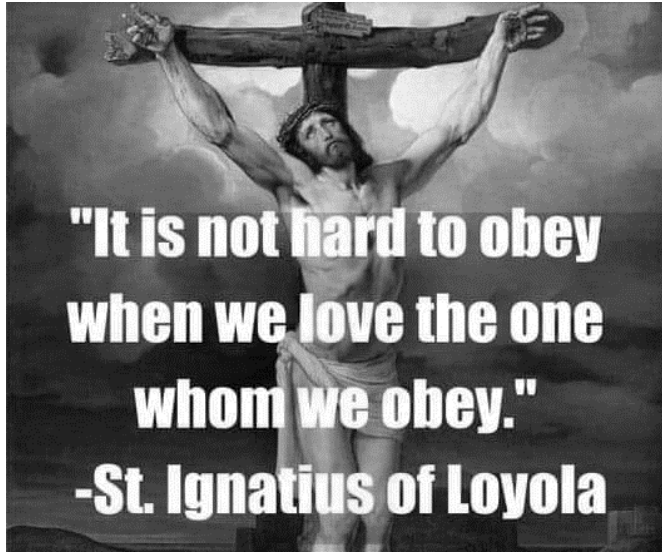
### What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

**3rd Week Prayer:** We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

### 3rd Week Gospel Luke 3:10-18

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*



## Third Candle and Week 3 of Advent

**Monday:** "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner.

O come to teach us the way of truth."

**Tuesday:** "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

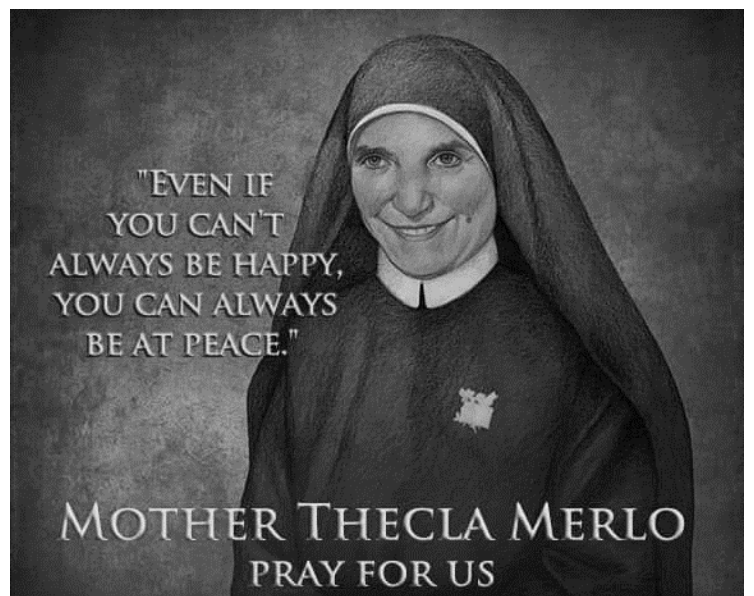
**Wednesday:** "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

**Thursday:** "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

**Friday:** "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

**Saturday:** "O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

**Sunday:** "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."



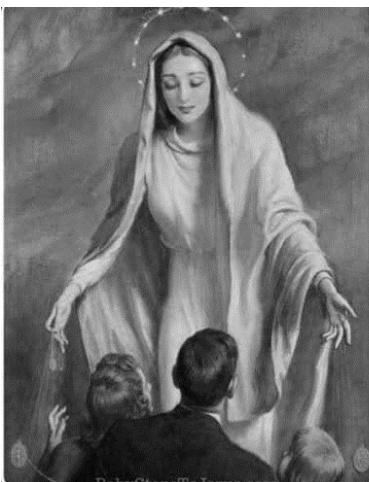
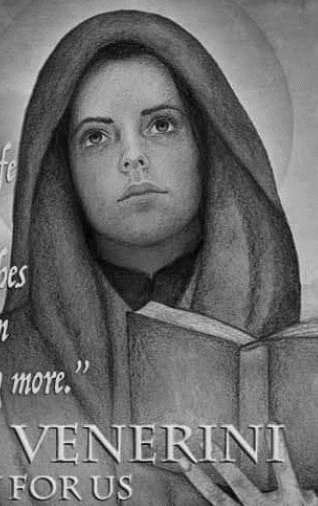
**"You are like crusaders united to fight against the world, not like Religious who retreat from the world lest they be overcome, but like brave and valiant warriors on the battlefield, who refuse to retreat or even yield an inch. Be brave and fight courageously."**

**~ St. Louis de Montfort**

*"I find myself so bound to the divine will that neither death nor life is important."*

*I want to live as He wishes and I want to serve Him as He likes, and nothing more."*

**ST. ROSE VENERINI**  
PRAY FOR US




"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."

- Saint Francis de Sales

**St. Padre Pio**

"It is through testing that God binds His chosen souls to Himself."



"Patience, prayer and silence.  
These are what give strength to the soul."

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- St. Faustina Kowalska -


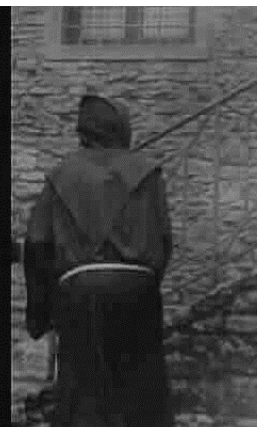


"By washing the Disciples' feet, Jesus Christ would teach us humility, and also with what purity we ought to draw near to Him."

-St. John Marie Vianney

"The saints were so completely dead to themselves they cared very little whether others agreed with them or not."

- St. JEAN VIANNEY -



*St. Augustine*

"She is the Flower of the field from whom Bloomed the Precious Lily of the Valley."



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

O Come, O come, Emmanuel  
 Redeem thy captive Israel,  
 That doth in exile homeless mourn  
 Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high  
 with healing for our hearts draw nigh:  
 Do thou the mists of night dispel and  
 death's forboding darkness quell.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.  
 A world that needs thee ransoming  
 And save thy Servants who confess  
 with humbled hearts their faithlessness.

**OFFERTORY CHANT:**

*O Lord, you have blessed your land, \*  
 You have put an end to Jacob's captivity;  
 you have forgiven the guilt of your people.*

*You forgave the guilt of your people, \*  
 and covered all their sins.  
 You averted all your rage; \*  
 you turned back the heat of your anger.*

*Bring us back, O God, our savior!  
 Put an end to your grievance against us.  
 Will you be angry with us forever?  
 Will your anger last from age to age?*

*Will you not restore again our life, \*  
 that your people may rejoice in you?  
 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, \*  
 and grant us your salvation.*

*I will hear what the Lord God speaks; †  
 He speaks of peace for his people  
 and his faithful,  
 and those who turn their hearts to him.  
 His salvation is near for those who fear  
 him, and his glory will dwell in our land.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

O Beauty ever ancient, and yet so new,  
 How I hunger and thirst  
 now I have tasted You,  
 You were deep within me  
 all the while that I remained apart,  
 Now my soul will be restless,  
 until it rests in Your heart.

Your shout pierced my deafness  
 and drew me to Your call,  
 And my blindness was vanquished,  
 Your light dispelling all,  
 For your scent I pant,  
 and for Your taste I hunger now so much,  
 For your peace, my heart is burning now  
 I have known Your touch.

O Beloved Eternity,  
 Eternal truth, True love,  
 How I sigh day and night now for You,  
 my God above,  
 When your rays of light flashed  
 brilliantly, and beat my feeble gaze, Then  
 my soul feared and trembled, I was so far  
 from Your ways.

When I first came to know You,  
 You lifted me so high,  
 Your light truly blinding,  
 and then I heard you cry:  
 I'm the food of true maturity,  
 so grow that you may dine,  
 You will not make me your body,  
 but I will make you mine.

O late have I loved You,  
 Beauty ancient and new,  
 How I hunger and thirst,  
 now I have tasted You,  
 You were deep within me  
 all the while that I remained apart,  
 Now my soul will be restless  
 until it rests in Your heart.

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:**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
 Born to set thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us,  
 Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
 hope of all the earth thou art:  
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
 joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
 Born a child, and yet a king,  
 Born to reign in us forever,  
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
 Rule in all our hearts alone;  
 By thine all sufficient merit  
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**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.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:****24<sup>th</sup> December 2023****Fourth Sunday of Advent***2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27;**Lk 1:26-38;***LITURGY ROSTER****Readers:** J. Brodie, N. Nunes**Prayers of the Faithful:** E. O'Brien**Offertory:** Drabble Family**Special Ministers:** P. Tagilima**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Hatzaw/Shwe Thang Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**On a break till 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK****17 Dec:** Nathaniel Pierce**18 Dec:** Mary Olive Scanlon, Myrtle Goudie,  
Oliver Bray - Taylor**19 Dec:** Fonofale Endemann**20 Dec:** Peter Somerville**21 Dec:** Ronald Gander**22 Dec:** Ante Katavich**23 Dec:** Michelle Bryan, Michael Atkinson,  
Margaret Finn.**PARISH FINANCES****Parish** \$2,213.47**Priests** \$1,106.73**Total Cash and AP's** \$3,320.20**Christmas Mass Schedule****SUNDAY, DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>****8am: Traditional Mass****9:30am: English Mass****10pm: Carols Service****11pm: Midnight Mass****MONDAY, DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>****8am: Latin Mass****10am: English Christmas Mass****TUESDAY, DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>****9am: Mass****No 7pm Mass***Please note:*

*There will be changes to our  
 Mass schedule from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December  
 till Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January the changes  
 will be posted in the foyer next week.*

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

**ROSTERS 2024:** If your family would like  
 to be added to the Church Cleaning or  
 Morning Tea or Offertory or the 24hr  
 Adoration Rosters please see Ellen or email  
[hfp parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfp parish@xtra.co.nz)

**Christmas Hampers:** Thank you to all  
 those who donated towards the Christmas  
 Hampers.

**Please note: on Sunday, Dec 31, and  
 Sunday, Jan 7, there will only be an  
 English Mass at 9:30am, and no Latin  
 Mass at 8am, as Fr Jeremy will be away at  
 Hearts Aflame. A visiting priest will offer  
 the Mass.**