

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 is born to save thee 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 foreboding darkness
quell.

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

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

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Alma Redemptorist - Choir
*Kind mother of the Redeemer,
the open gateway to heaven
and star of the sea.
Help your fallen people who strive to
rise again: we pray you, who bore your
holy son by a miracle of nature, a
virgin first and last, who receive God's
greeting from the mouth of Gabriel,
have mercy on sinners.*
(English Translation)

COMMUNION 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away.

*Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth. dispel the night
and show your face, and bid us hail
the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall
sing its triumph and sadness flee
away.*

O Christ, whom nations sign for ,
Whom priest and prophet long
foretold,
Come break the captive's fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

*Dear Saviour, haste!
Come, come to earth. dispel the night
and show your face, and bid us hail
the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in
silence waits the day when hope shall
sing its triumph and sadness flee
away.*

You come in peace and meekness
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.

Family Prayers for Advent

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.

2nd Week Prayer: O Lord, stir up
our hearts that we may prepare for
your only begotten Son, that through
His coming, we may be made worthy
to serve you with pure souls.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths....and all flesh shall
see the salvation of God."

**Second Candle and Week 1
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."

ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

at Holy Family
Friday 15th December @ 7pm

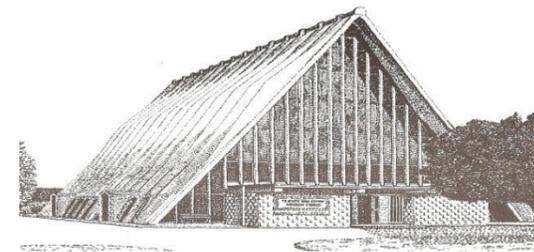
ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAY

**Saturday 16th December
11am-1pm**
Concludes with fish 'n' Chips,
@ 12:30pm

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent

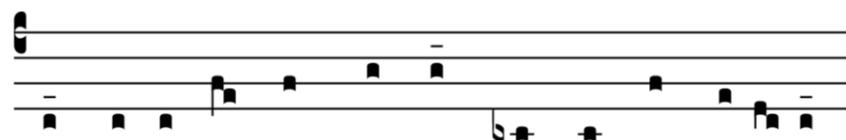
10th December 2017



First Reading. Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11;

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent);



Lord, let us see Your kindness; grant us Your salvation.

Second Reading. 2 Peter 3:8-14;

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

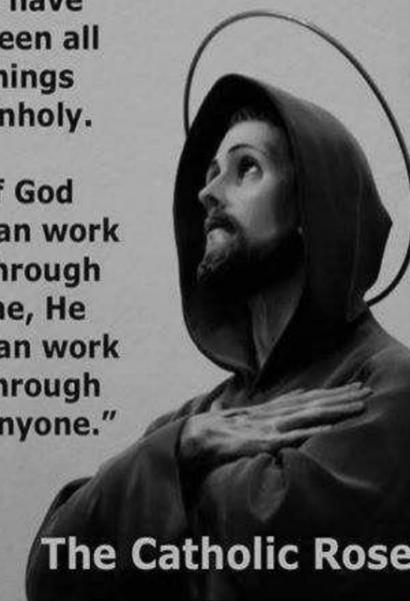
Gospel. Mark 1:1-8;

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

St. Francis of Assisi

"I have
been all
things
unholy.

If God
can work
through
me, He
can work
through
anyone."



The Catholic Rose

“
We must speak to them with our hands
before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

St. Peter Claver

Peter Claver was a Jesuit missionary known for his heroic love and self-sacrifice for African slaves. For almost 40 years, this priest worked tirelessly in Cartagena, defending, protecting and nursing newly arrived slaves.



1580
Born on June 26, in Verdu, Spain.

1602
At age 22, Peter entered the Jesuits novitiate at Tarragona.

1605
While studying philosophy at Majorca, he was inspired and encouraged by Jesuit Brother Alphonsus Rodriguez to hear and respond to the call to minister in the New World.

1610
In April, Peter's superiors sent him to Cartagena (in modern-day Colombia). He then journeyed to Bogota to continue his theological studies.

1616
After completing his studies in Tunja, 35-year-old Peter was ordained a priest on March 19 in Cartagena. He began working with Fr. Sandoval the leader of the missionary work among African slaves.

Cartagena during the 17th century

His new home had become one of the largest slave ports in the New World.

Despite the Church's official condemnation of slavery, the slave trade continued to flourish, and the plight of those brought over was deplorable.

Thousands of slaves were brought there, herded into warehouses and auctioned.

Captured in West Africa, these slaves were chained and crammed into the lower holds of ships.

Their treatment was so inhumane that a third of the poor souls died in the sea journey. It was to these people that Peter would minister.

1622

On April 3, Peter made a vow to spend his life as "a slave of the slaves."

He enlisted many helpers and many benefactors to bring food, medical treatment, and other necessities to the slaves.

As soon as a slave ship arrived Peter accompanied by interpreters went



1654

After a prolonged illness, largely forgotten and neglected, he died on Sept 8 in Cartagena.



The original room where St. Peter Claver lived and died.

1888

Peter was canonized on Jan 15, by Pope Leo XIII.

1896

He was declared patron of missionary work among African slaves by Pope Leo XIII.



Today the remains of St. Peter Claver rests in a glass coffin in the Cathedral of St. Peter Claver in Cartagena.



Full name: Pedro (Peter) Claver Corberó
Known as: The Apostle of Cartagena and the Apostle of the Slaves.

Date of birth: June 26, 1580
Birthplace: Verdu, Catalonia, Spain
Died: September 8, 1654 **Age:** 74

Feast day September 9

Patronage: Against slavery; African-Americans; Interracial justice; Colombia

St. Peter Claver's Ministry

Peter was very clear-sighted about the physical and emotional state of the slaves when the slave ship arrived in port. Those basic human needs (food and medical treatment) had to be attended to first.

If a person was dying, Peter would try to communicate the bare fundamentals of faith and try to elicit enough of a response to justify baptizing that person. However, if a person was healthy, baptism was only offered after a period of instruction.

He also placed a high priority on continuing to support these new converts after their baptism. He visited them in their new locations and encouraged them in their faith.



A bronze statue which depicts St. Peter Claver strolling through the streets of Cartagena with a slave.



Catholic Saints Online
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NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE:

Choral Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:36-38 At the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph 7.30 pm, Friday, 8 December. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Hobson Street & Durham Lane.

Christmas on the Field at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Avondale on Saturday 23rd December. What an amazing opportunity to showcase and Celebrate the God given talents that many of our Parishioners, Family and Friends have! Bring your friends and family, bring a blanket, Share a meal, Sing-along! Free Entry, Pre-Ticket sales for a wonderful hot cooked meal will be available shortly. For more information, please contact Amata on 0211822485

Come and see ...The Auckland Diocesan Peace and International Justice Committee is committed to stand in solidarity with people of other nations and faiths in the face of injustice. We are looking for people with a strong interest in global issues to join us: to exchange ideas, share knowledge and act together for peace and a better future for our children. Come and see for yourself. Prospective members please send an expression of interest to peterg@cda.org.nz. See the Justice & Peace Commission website www.catholicjusticeauckland.org.nz for more information on the committees and the work of the Commission.

BIBLICAL
JESUS

VS

MODERN
JESUS

- Born as God Almighty in the flesh (John 1:1-14)
- Loves us enough to speak the truth (John 4:1-38)
- Points us toward eternal treasure (Matthew 6:19-21)
- Warns of sin, judgement & hell (Matthew 5:29)
- Commands repentance of sins (Matthew 4:17)
- Gives you salvation, hope, peace & joy (John 15:9-17 & John 14:1-14,27)
- Hated & despised by the world (John 15:18)
- Hates sin & exposes the truth about sin (John 3:18-21)
- Commands with divine authority (Mark 5:1-20)
- Says to expect persecution in his name (Matthew 10:22)
- Brings division when necessary (Luke 12:49-56)
- Exalts God the Father's will (John 6:38)
- Warns of false signs & wonders; magnifies God's Word (Matthew 24:24)
- Demands that emotion, experience & opinion conform to sound teaching (Matthew 23:1-39)
- Commands you to deny yourself & be willing to lay down your life for God (Matthew 16:24)

- Was a good teacher and man
- Waters down words to avoid offense
- Promises us earthly treasure
- Sends all to heaven, dismisses hell
- Minimizes need for repentance of sins
- Gives you health, wealth & happiness
- Loved & accepted by the world
- Overlooks sin & never corrects you
- Gives suggestions not commandments
- Promises our best life now
- Promotes unity & tolerance at all costs
- Serves your will above God's will
- Exalts signs, wonders & mysticism above God's Word
- Exalts emotion, experience & opinion above sound teaching
- Encourages you to love yourself first & gratify all your fleshly desires

WHICH JESUS DO YOU FOLLOW?

NEXT SUNDAY:
17 December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr B)
Is 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;
Jn 16-8, 19 - 28;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: J. Bright, Leslie Ahio
Prayers of the Faithful:

A. Endemann

Offertory: La'akulu Family

Special Ministers: P. Vernon

CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Brown Family

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11 Dec: Carl Briant

12 Dec: Mary King

13 Dec: Eneliko Michael

15 Dec: Marjory Moore

16 Dec: Josephine Hill

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,210.90
Priests	\$ 605.40
Total Cash	\$ 1,816.30

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SUNDAY, DEC 24TH

8am: Traditional Mass

9:30am: English Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

11pm: Carols Service

12am: Midnight Mass

MONDAY, DEC 25TH

8am: Sung Latin Mass

10am: English Christmas Mass

TUESDAY, DEC 26th

9am: Mass

Please note: After Boxing Day (Tuesday 26th December) – All Weekday and Sunday Masses are as usual.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Apai and Petela La'akulu on your Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 13th December.

CHURCH FOYER

Please note: We will have a tiler working in the Crying Room/Foyer/ Under the Choir Loft Stairs from Monday 18th December. Entry to the Church will be from the side door. Thanks.