



# Holy Family Parish

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A –  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

## FIRST READING : Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with our authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 137:1-3,6,8

℟ *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. ℟

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. ℟

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. ℟

## SECOND READING : Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## GOSPEL : Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### RESPECT FOR HEALTH

**2288:** Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them, taking into account the needs of others and the common good. Concern for the health of its citizens requires that society help in the attainment of living-conditions that allow them to grow and reach maturity: food and clothing, housing, health care, basic education, employment, and social assistance.

**2289:** If morality requires respect for the life of the body, it does not make it an absolute value. It rejects a neo-pagan notion that tends to promote the cult of the body, to sacrifice everything for its sake, to idolize physical perfection and success at sports. By its selective preference of the strong over the weak, such a conception can lead to the perversion of human relationships.

**2290:** The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine. Those incur grave guilt who, by drunkenness or a love of speed, endanger their own and others' safety on the road, at sea, or in the air.

**2291:** The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. Clandestine production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices. They constitute direct co-operation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law.

### EUTHANASIA

**2276:** Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

**2277:** Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.

**Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.**

**2278:** Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected.

**2279:** Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged.



I don't know  
what God is doing.  
He knows.  
We do not understand,  
but one thing I'm sure,  
He doesn't make a mistake.  
~ Mother Teresa

GAZE UPON HIM,  
CONSIDER HIM, CONTEMPLATE HIM,  
*as you desire to imitate him.*  
- St. Clare of Assisi

In all your trials, arm  
yourself with faith,  
confidence in God, and  
deep humility of heart.  
Fear nothing.  
- St. Paul of the Cross -

“Mary, who is  
the Virgin Most  
Pure, is also the  
Refuge of Sinners.  
She knows what  
sin is, not by  
the experience  
of its fall, not  
by tasting its  
bitter regrets,  
but by seeing  
what it did to  
Her Divine Son.”  
~Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.

Fulton Sheen  
You will never be happy if your  
happiness depends on getting  
solely what you want. Will what  
God wills and your joy no man  
shall take from you.

Every time I hear a televangelist emphasize  
a personal relationship with Christ,  
I thank God that I'm Catholic.  
For only here can I receive the Lord  
— body, blood, soul and divinity.  
It doesn't get much more personal than that.  
Fr. William Casey

“Love Him totally,  
who gave Himself totally for your love.”  
St. Clare, pray for us!

“HE WHO HAS GOD LACKS NOTHING,  
THOUGH HE HAS NOUGHT ELSE.”  
- ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

**EVERYTHING TURNS OUT  
FOR THE BEST FOR THOSE  
WHO SEEK THE WILL OF GOD.**  
Blessed Marie-Elisabeth Turgeon

**"I promise my  
special protection  
and the greatest  
graces to all those  
who shall recite the  
Rosary."**  
Our Lady to St. Dominic

**ST. JOHN  
BERCHMANS**  
*"Our true worth  
does not consist in  
what human  
beings think of us.  
What we really  
are consists in  
what God knows  
us to be."*

"NO ONE, NOT EVEN A SINNER, WHO DEVOUTLY  
RECOMMENDS HIMSELF TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
SHALL EVER BECOME THE PREY OF HELL."  
- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

"WALK VERY SIMPLY ALONG THE WAY  
OUR LORD SHOWS YOU AND DON'T WORRY."  
- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"THERE IS NO MORE POWERFUL MEANS TO  
OBTAIN GOD'S GRACE THAN TO EMPLOY  
THE INTERCESSIONS OF THE HOLY VIRGIN."  
- ST. PHILIP NERI

"THE COST OF OBEDIENCE IS SMALL  
COMPARED WITH THE COST OF DISOBEDIENCE."  
- ST. AUGUSTINE

"NONE CAN BECOME FIT FOR THE FUTURE LIFE  
WHO HAS NOT PRACTICED HIMSELF FOR IT NOW."  
- ST. AUGUSTINE

"BY THE CROSS, WE HAVE BECOME  
CHILDREN OF FREEDOM."  
- ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"IN TRIAL OR DIFFICULTY, I HAVE RECOURSE  
TO MOTHER MARY, WHOSE GLANCE ALONE IS  
ENOUGH TO DISSIPATE EVERY FEAR."  
- ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)**  
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27;

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**  
**24 Aug:** Harry Allen, Monica Shaw  
**25 Aug:** Elizabeth Gillespie  
**26 Aug:** Joseph Stowers, Ruth Wentzel  
**27 Aug:** Patrick Hogan, Sonny Johnson,  
Ronald Corkill, Terrance D'Lima  
**28 Aug:** Floss Lyons

**PARISH FINANCES**

Parish	\$863.33
Priests	\$431.67
<b>Total AP's</b>	<b>\$1,295.00</b>

~ **HOLY FAMILY NEWS** ~  
**Reminder:** Don't forget to keep an eye  
on Fr Jeremy's and the Parish Facebook  
pages as well as the website for updates!

**St Vincent De Paul Foodbank UPDATE**  
Central and South Auckland  
Pick Ups ONLY (non contact)  
Mon, Wed and Friday  
To request a parcel  
Ring 0800 680 090 or  
09 815 6122  
Email Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz  
Delivery reserved only for urgent and  
most vulnerable families.  
These assessed case by case.

**Bonds of Marian Love - Preparation for  
the Consecration to Jesus through  
Mary starts on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> of August.**  
This time the preparation will be online.  
To register or for more information  
email us at [bml.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:bml.auckland@gmail.com).

**Family Life International - The 54-Day  
Rosary Novena for New Zealand begins  
on Monday 24 August and concludes on  
Saturday 17 October 2020. You can [find  
the meditations on FLI's website.](#)**

~ **DIOCESAN NEWS** ~  
**Broadcast Mass Shine TV Sunday**  
2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25 | SKY  
TV Channel 201. This week from the  
Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph  
with Bishop Michael Gielen. Also  
available to download from 6pm  
Saturday on the diocesan website  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

**Job Opportunity** Te Kupenga-Catholic  
Leadership Institute is seeking a  
Marketing and Business Development  
Advisor to build the profile of the  
organisation. The role is Auckland-  
based and fixed term full-time for two  
years. Full details:  
<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50415919>