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3 November 2024 - Year B - 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 18:1-2, 3, 6, 46-50

I love you Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

My shield and the source of my salvation,

My stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed.

2ND Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time				
9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2024 – 2nd Saturday and 2nd Sunday of the Month				
	<u>SATURDAY</u> 5.30PM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 5.30PM
<u>LEADER</u>	VANIKOLO FAMILY	FILIPO FAMILY	TUALA MAUGA	ARLYN URQUIOLA
<u>READERS</u>	VANIKOLO FAMILY	FILIPO FAMILY	LEILOA KEPAOA MARIA MAUGA	NIMFA MARAVILLA THERESA PIAD
<u>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>S SAKISI</u> S JACKSON B CHOI	<u>P ALI</u> A SAVELIO A CROKER	<u>E MOA SILI-MATI</u> N MOA SILI T RAMSAY S TUALA M CHADWICK	<u>M-G CORRIN</u> J FERNADES R MONTECILLO
<u>MUSICIANS</u>	SR GEMMA	ALL SORTS	ALL SORTS	FILIPINO CHOIR
<u>FIRST AID</u>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<u>WARDENS</u>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<u>COLLECTION COUNTERS</u>	3 NOVEMBER 2024 JULIE PAUL & PAT DE ZOETE		10 NOVEMBER 2024 P PETELO & F PATAU	
<u>FLORISTS</u>	2 NOVEMBER 2024 DIVINE MERCY GROUP		9 NOVEMBER 2024 TONGAN COMMUNITY	
<u>LAWNS</u>	JIMS MOWING			
<u>GROUNDS:</u>	NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP			
Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2469.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2123.20 TOTAL \$4592.20 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: \$641.00 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY				
This the parish bank account: . Holy Cross Papatoetoe – Parish Account 02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00 PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.				
You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the FOODBANK. Particularly helpful are: Spaghetti, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Flour, Salt, Can of soup, Rice & Pasta, Cans of Tuna, Noodles, Jam/Peanut Butter etc If you need some food assistance please txt or email your address to Ruth Peterson ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz or mobile: 0274046818 or contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.				
PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE				

Please pray for those who are unwell, recovering from surgery, or in need of our prayers:

Colin & Phillip Muligan, Fa'atauva'a Palea, Tia Titi, Falefia Tia, Isaako Tia Tila,
Athena Marie Parakoti, Jason Simmons, Julie Antonio, Janice Williams, Lilieta Soafa,
Sailoka Emelio, Lafaele Silafai, Fr Pauli Ta'ai

Recent deaths: Doug Peat, Del Smith

Anniversaries

Sunday Mass intentions:

5.30pm: Saturday: Deceased members of the Paul & D'souza families

8.00am: Sunday:

10.00am: Sunday: Deceased members of the Narag & Saganit families

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE : Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm

Weekday Mass Timetable: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am Wednesday :12noon

RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Wednesday (before midday Mass) 11.15am – 11.45am

Friday and Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass - (or by appointment with the priests)

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

We hear about commandments to love in this Sunday's gospel. The Ten Commandments are familiar to us all. Like the scribe in this Sunday's Gospel, we learned the Commandments by heart when we were young. We've combed through them to find "sins" to confess in the confessional on Saturday afternoon. We've quoted them as the basic principles of morality. Yet many people today do not fully appreciate the significance or the sophistication of this deceptively simple moral code. The Ten Commandments or Decalogue are not simply a list of "dos" and "don'ts". They form the heart of the Torah — that is, the "Instruction" given by God through Moses. All this was reflected on, reworked and enlarged in the generations that followed. As a result, we have the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). Given the extent of Israel's God-given Law, the Ten Commandments are not the only commandments contained in those books. Rabbinic Jewish tradition maintains that the Torah contains a total of 613 commandments. All were taken to be equally important. Similarly, in the New Testament, mention of the "Law" is not simply a reference to the Ten Commandments, but the whole Torah. Even when Jesus, in today's Gospel, is asked which of the commandments is the first or most important, he does not quote the Decalogue directly, but rather combines quotations from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (love God) and Leviticus 19:18 (love your neighbour).

Law codes of the type found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy were common in the ancient world. Archaeologists have discovered a large number of legal collections, including Sumerian, Babylonian, Hittite and Assyrian collections. The most famous is the Code of Hammurabi, dating from several hundred years earlier than Moses. Ancient law codes, like those in the Torah or in Hammurabi's decrees, consist primarily of sample rulings in particular types of cases — what we call casuistic law. These cases suggest the different penalties applicable to a wide range of offences. In this regard, they were not designed to indicate whether certain types of behaviour were right, just as they were not made to tell people what they should or should not do.

By contrast, the type of law that is found in the Ten Commandments prohibits or requires certain types of behaviour. This kind of law is rarely found in the legal collections of the ancient Near East. Furthermore, there is one other distinctive feature. The Ten Commandments are unique in the ancient world (and, for that matter in the modern world) in that the focus is on social concerns rather than religious or political ones. They are about relationships, not just with God, but also with other people. In fact, of the Ten Commandments only three of them pertain to how one worships the deity, but seven pertain to how one treats other people. Society, morality and social justice stand at the heart of the Covenant. The Ten Commandments imply that genuine worship of YHWH is found in doing right by one's fellows. Hence, the scribe in today's Gospel praises Jesus for his statement that "love of neighbour" is an integral and indispensable part of "love of God".

Have a blessed week. Father Anthony Tran

Do you want to know more about the Catholic church, or would you like to become a Catholic? On Sundays after 10.00am Mass, there is a series of sessions for anyone who is 14 or over, to prepare for being received into the Church at Easter. These sessions will take place in the little side chapel in Holy Cross church straight after the 10.00am Mass. (11.00am till 12.00 midday)

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students - If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn – Sunday 3 November 7.30pm at Potter's Park, Cnr Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral. Bring family and friends. Candles provided. For more information contact Simon 021 400 729 or email simon@fli.org.nz

► **A REMINDER THAT FROM TUESDAY THIS WEEK UNTIL SUNDAY THE HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO THE SCHOOL FAIR.**

► **THANK YOU NOTICE – The Hospitality committee would like to thank everyone that supported our "Supper Sale Fundraiser " last week Saturday. It was very successful, and the money will be put to great use with various activities in our Parish. Thank you.**

DURING NOVEMBER WE ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A MASS COUNT OF ALL ATTENDEES AT OUR SUNDAY MASSES – (You may notice people wandering around the Church during Mass counting the number of people in the congregation.)

November is a special time to pray for the dead. It is certainly a month for remembering them. Traditionally, in the church, it has been especially set aside as a time of prayer for our loved ones who have gone before us. Let us remember them in our daily prayers. There is a box in the sanctuary for you to place the names of your loved family members and friends who have died, and they will be remembered in prayer at all our Masses in November.

The BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE is held on the last Thursday of the month Feb – Nov at 7.00pm in the Church, and is for Catholic Parent/s wishing to have their children under 7 years of age, baptised into the Catholic Faith. Enrolment forms are available in the Parish Office or can be completed during the course. The next **baptism preparation course** will be **Thursday 28 NOVEMBER 2024 at 7pm in the Church.**(The last course for the year) **Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.**