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22 DECEMBER 2024 - Year C - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5

Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might, and come to save us.

Turn again, O God of hosts: look down from heaven and see;

Have regard for this vine,

The stock that your right hand has planted.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right,

The son of man you have made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you;

Give us life, and we will call on your name.

2ND Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

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

Audrey Hauraki, Phillip & Colin Mulligan, Sheryl Willis, Fa'atauva'a Palea, Lilieta Soafa, Sailoka Emelio, Lafaele Silafai, Fr Pauli Ta'ai

Recent deaths: Renato Arsua, Delia Arsua, Edna Patigayon

Anniversaries Gregorio Urquiola Jr, Ernesto San Sebastian, Tevita Tupi Hufanga, Macaria Antolijao

Sunday Mass intentions:

5.30pm: Saturday

8.00am: Sunday: Renato Arsua, Delia Arsua, Edna Patigayon, Macaria Antolijao

10.00am: Sunday: Tevita Tupi Hufanga **5.30pm Sunday:** Gregorio Urquiola Jr

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) Friday and Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
28 DECEMBER & 29 DECEMBER –4TH Saturday and 5TH Sunday

| | SATURDAY 5.30PM | SUNDAY 8.00AM | SUNDAY 10.00AM | SUNDAY 5.30PM |
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| LEADER | CARMENCITA BUGASH | MU VIIGA- PAONGO | TUALA MAUGA | KITA TAUGA |
| READERS | AIDAN ADAMS ZABRINA VILLAMOR | MARIA & MOSES HUNI | TIA RAMSAY IVONA UTULEI | DIVINYA & PRINCYA KARUMALIL |
| MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | S SAKISI K SKIPPER D MAHONI | L MATAIA S MATAIA P SIKEI | J PADORA L MANUTOIFO A WULF G MEREDITH J TUPI HUFANGA | M – G CORRIN C ABADINGO S BROWN |
| MUSICIANS | PARISH CHOIR | SR GEMMA OR SR FRANCINE | PARISH CHOIR | SR GEMMA |
| FIRST AID | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM |
| WARDENS | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM | TIA & TEAM |
| COLLECTION COUNTERS | 22 DECEMBER 2024 P PETELO & F PATAU | | 29 DECEMBER 2024 JIM GRIBBLE & RUTH PETERSON + PAT | |
| FLORISTS | CHRISTMAS – MAFUTAGA TINA EKALESA SAMOA | | 28 DECEMBER 2024 KARAMELI & TIA | |
| LAWNS | JIMS MOWING | | | |
| GROUNDS: | DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY | | | |

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2615.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2162.00 TOTAL \$4777.00
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.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED
 CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING –
 YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY
 ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.**

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Peace and Joy of the Lord be with you all!

It is such a joyful season to celebrate "God-with- us". People around us are saying 'Happy Christmas'. Being happy at Christmas means contemplating the mystery of the Word made flesh and dwelling among us - happy in the sense of recognizing an aura of truth and goodness in all that there is.

The year was 1223. Christmas was coming. Francis of Assisi longed to do something to help the people of the small Italian town of Greccio to feel close to the infant Jesus, born for them in a stable in Bethlehem. They would never have a chance to visit the Holy Land, so how could he make the Nativity a real and personal experience for them? He persuaded a friend called John to bring straw, hay, an ox and an ass to a cave overlooking the town. There, Francis did the best that he could to recreate within the stable at Bethlehem.

The news spread throughout the neighbouring countryside and so, on Christmas Eve, people came from miles around for Midnight Mass, willingly climbing the steep and rocky hillside in the bitter cold. As Francis was a deacon, he sang the Gospel telling the story of the first Christmas. He hoped and prayed that the congregation would see his makeshift manger and imagine the baby Jesus lying in the hay, with Mary and Joseph on either side. Through St Francis, that Christmas night in Greccio, Jesus came to life in the hearts and memories of all those who saw the crib.

I do not need to be big and important in order to make Jesus known by others. Sometimes I touch hearts in unseen ways of which I am unaware. I recreate Christmas daily if I help Jesus to be born in someone's heart. I am always present with and to Jesus when my heart becomes his home and he comes to live in me. Christmas reminds us that God, in Jesus, is present in our midst. Happy Christmas!

On behalf of Father Thomas, I would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas filled with God's love and peace. I pray that you have a great holiday and enjoy a happy time together with your family. And safe travel!

Christmas blessings,
Father Anthony Tran

Final Practice/ Dress rehearsal for the Nativity Play on Monday 23rd at 1pm in church.

Please ensure your children attend. If you have any further questions please contact Rachel 0211525477. Looking forward to seeing you all at the practice. Malo 'aupito."

To all Parents and Guardians of children who would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion in 2025.

To enrol, please provide the following information:

1. Complete the Children's Sacramental Program Enrolment form
2. Your child's baptismal certificate

Parents meeting will be on the 18th of February 2025 @ 6.30 pm at the church For further information please contact Anasetasia Wulf @ 0223221419 or Pat at the office.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Mass: 6.00pm - Christmas Eve: 9.00pm – 10.00pm Christmas Carols

Christmas Eve: 10.00pm Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Masses at 8.00am & 10.00am (no 5.30pm Mass)

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Mass 8.00pm: NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass 9.00am

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.00pm

Ministers of Holy Communion: O Faatuula, J Filipino, R Seko, J Paul, B Choi, A Croker, A Savelio

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10.00pm

Leader: Sonia Jackson **Readers:** Maria - Grace Corrin & Nimfa Maravilla

Ministers of Holy Communion: J Latu, V Latu, Sr M Fetuli, S Levi, S Tuala, E Moa-Sili-Mati, N Moa Sili

CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am

Leader: Kita Tauga **Readers:** Tia Ramsay & Jordan Filipino

Ministers of Holy Communion: M Jones, S Jackson, P Ali

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00am

Leader: Tevise Otutoa **Readers:** Anastasia Wulf & Malia Auva'a

Ministers of Holy Communion: C Abadingo, I Teki, R Daurewa, A Savelio, M_G Corrin