



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

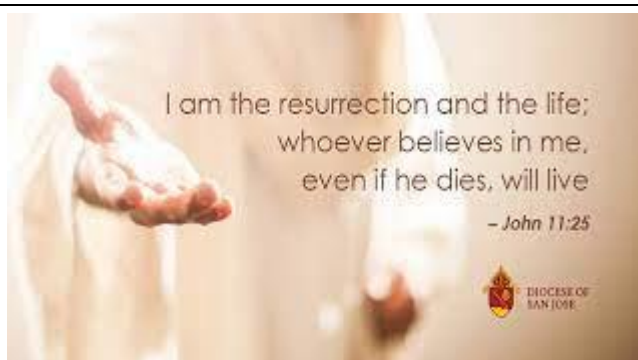
First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

This Sunday's Readings

1 Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130
2. Romans 8:8-11
John 11: 1-45

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Isaiah 50: 4 - 7
Psalm 89
2 Philippians 2:6 - 11
Mathew 26: 14-27, 66



Have you ever worried about whether or not you really are a Christian?

A Christian is anyone who has the Spirit of God living in him or her. If you have sincerely trusted Christ for your Salvation and acknowledged Him as Lord, then the Holy Spirit has come into your life, and you are a Christian. You won't know that the Holy Spirit has come if you are waiting for a certain

feeling, you will know He has come because Jesus promised He would. When the Holy Spirit is working within you, you will believe that Jesus Christ is the God's Son and that eternal life comes through Him. (1John 5:5); you will begin to act as Christ directs (Rm.8: 26), you will be empowered to serve God and do His will (Acts. 1:8) and you will become part of God's plan to build up His Church (Eph 4:12). The Holy Spirit is God's promise or guarantee of eternal life for those who believe in Him. The Spirit is in now by Faith and by Faith we are certain to live in with Christ forever (Rm.8:23, 1Cor.6:14)

On behalf of Patele Soane and Myself we would like to say Thank you very much to all our people in both St John the Evangelist and St Peter Chanel for your support for us through your Prayers and the work that you are doing it in our communities.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother continue their love and protection for you and your children and family

Fr Michael Alipia Endemann

TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS: FOR THE SICK.

Miriama Felise, Tofaga Asiata, Iosefa Taliaoa, Isaako Tila'Tia, Masae Toilolo, Mafi Ioane, Aniva Smith, Sophia Ng Lam, Jonathan Mehau, Christine Bronnum, Maria Petelo, Lelosa Henare, Tavui Sidney Gray, Maliaeva Kisina, Mele Ahomana, Samuelu Tolova'a, Rita Fa'asoa, Leah George, Vilisoni Ahovelovelo, Elisapeta Makalio Mata'u, Iulio Amituanai.

VETTING FORM

For all the Ministers and those who served in the parish please you need to filled out the police vetting form. If you have completed your form bring it to the office today. We will sent out all the forms by the end of this month.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ROSARY – ALTAR OF REPOSE

All the groups in our community will take turn for our rosary on Holy Thursday in the Togan Hall after mass, please check our notice board or on the door for more notices

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There are 14 young people who have enrolled in this years' Sacramental Program. They will be celebrating their first confession on Tuesday 28th March with others from our parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation for St John's Parish - 28th March at 7pm. All are welcome
Sacrament of Reconciliation for the St John's School – 29th March at 10.00 am

CLEAN OUT YOUR CUPBOARD FOR THE POOR

Every Easter we collect food for the poor, it's an old Catholic tradition. Are you able to bring a can of food eg: baked beans, spaghetti, tuna, corned beef, rice, flour or sugar and please leave in the church or in the office. Your kindness and love during this time will be much appreciated.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please bring your own palm for Palm Sunday & bring one for those who do not have palms.

FOODBANK

The Parish Foodbank will be operating on Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 12pm every week. If you need a food parcel, please come to the parish office during those times. Those who are able to donate food for the foodbank, please bring your items to the Parish Office.

UNITS FOR RENT

Units for Rent at Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby: Holy Cross Seminary have units available for rent next year, from 06 February 2023 for 1-year. The units are 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom units (1en-suite). All have an internal access double garage, with dedicated space in the garage for indoor washing machine/dryer as well as internal storage. \$730 per week. If interested, please send an email to office@holycross.org.nz

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

We are offering the course **PM501 Prayer and Liturgy** on Saturdays 01 April, 06 May and 03 June in Ponsonby, Auckland. This course is ideal for people in the ministry or wanting to grow their faith. It can be credited towards a Certificate qualification or solely for personal interest. For schedule of fees, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Fees. Email admin@ctc.ac.nz or call 09 3611053 to enquire or register.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the ACFL Operations Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION

On Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The diocese currently has a number of staff vacancies

- Chancellor for the Bishop's Office
- Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer.
- Project Manager – Property Maintenance Delivery, Education
- Social Workers – 2 Roles in Catholic Social Services Auckland – new graduate's welcome.

For detailed information including closing dates and application procedures please access the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>