



Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Just as John the Baptist baptized with water, so are Christians baptized with water. Where does the difference lie? John tells us: Jesus is *“someone who is more powerful than I am”*. As Jesus tells us himself, *“The Son of man has authority*

on earth”. The Son of man, who is the Son of God, demonstrates this power and authority many times during his mission on earth: curing illness, walking on the water, calming storms. Jesus is the Son of the Creator of all things; indeed, he is *“the Word through whom all things came into being”*. He has the power, he has the ultimate authority, to change, to alter, to adapt, the laws of nature. For us he is the source, through the pouring of water in baptism, of our

receiving the Holy Spirit and being reborn as children of God. Baptism brings about in us a real change: what is called an ‘ontological change’, a change of *being*. We receive through the power and authority of Christ, the life of grace, the life of God, for our sanctification and salvation.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

THE COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Phil 4:4-5

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

R) Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’
A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord

4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Cf. Is 35:4

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

57. This parable has to do with an age-old problem. Shortly after its account of the creation of the world and of man, the Bible takes up the issue of human relationships. Cain kills his brother Abel and then hears God ask: “Where is your brother Abel?” (Gen 4:9). His answer is one that we ourselves all too often give: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (ibid.). By the very question he asks, God leaves no room for an appeal to determinism or fatalism as a justification for our own indifference. Instead, he encourages us to create a different culture, in which we resolve our conflicts and care for one another.

GAUDETE SUNDAY...



On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Joy

The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday which means Joy.
The first 2 weeks of Advent are a penitent time where we prepare ourselves to be in a state of grace for our Lord’s birth; And now as we are nearing this joyous occasion, we celebrate that the time is near – Jesus has come to save us from our sins! We focus on this uplifting truth and have a glimpse of the joy that lies ahead of the Nativity.
As Pope Francis once said that the first condition necessary for Christian joy is to focus less on oneself and to put Jesus at the centre of everything.
Is Jesus the centre of your Christmas?





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Dear Parishioners

We are already on the third Sunday of Advent!!! It is also called Gaudete Sunday. This week we enter a proximate preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

The weekdays from 17th December to 24th December are given to us for a direct way of preparing for the Nativity of Our Lord by Novenas and attendance of daily masses and communion and an immediate preparation of our hearts by approaching the Sacrament of Confession.

Though we are not arranging a common and special day for confession, be sure that I am at the other end of your call here for these sacraments nearing Christmas.

Let us be encouraged by the words of our Pope on last Wednesday to Cenacolo Community in Rome "Do not be afraid of reality, of the ruth of our miseries. Do not be afraid because Jesus likes the reality as it is, not made up. The Lord does not like people who make up their souls, but who make up their hearts". Let us prepare for Christmas with this message and let us have the courage to think that "He has shown us that there is a better way".

We had our new Parish Pastoral Council meeting last week. I congratulate Mr. Michael Stead and Jenny Gunstone who were selected respectively to be the Chairperson and Secretary to the PPC for the time. And I sincerely thank the outgoing Chairperson Mike Carter and the then councillors for their dedicated service to our parish.

I am happy that Posada is now in our parish going through the families of our First Holy Communion. I hope they enjoy the stay of our blessed Mother and St. Joseph in their families. And Mary and Joseph will be pleased to shower their abundant blessings on them for their splendid and reverential hospitality.

Reflection: "God indeed is my Saviour; I am confident and unafraid". (Is.12:3)

Life could be compared to with a doctor's waiting room where people tell one another about their ailments. It could be the emergency room of a hospital where a mother waits with her sick child. She shares her anxiety with others whom perhaps she does not even know. This is the instinctive need for concern. Everyone hopes that the doctor can help and take away fear and anxiety.

Life is a waiting room and Christians make themselves more aware of this during the time of Advent. All of us have our ailments, extra baggage, and anxieties., like the rich people (having two coats), the tax collectors and the soldiers of today's gospel. We wait for Christ's coming into our lives. Hope for salvation is an integral part of Christian lifestyle. And this hope is founded on our firm faith that Somebody is concerned! In Jesus Christ, God shows us His real face, namely that of a concerned father and friend. Let this 'concern for others' reflected in us and be a hallmark of our Advent life to prepare our hearts for the Lord!!! Stay safe and be blessed in this Season!!!

Fr Chacko

Parish Bank details

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERs RAFFLE -
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DAY	TIME AND CHURCH	Celebration or Feast Day
Sat 11 th	6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>St Damasus I</i> <i>Int: healing & recovery of Padre Enzo Fortunato</i>
Sun 12 th	9.30am Mass at CTK 11am Mass at St B's	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY
Mon 13 th	NO MASS -	Synodality meeting at CTK 7pm <i>St Lucy</i>
Tues 14 th	9.30am Mass at CTK	Weekday Mass <i>St John of the Cross</i>
Wed 15 th	NO MASS	
Thur 16 th	NO MASS	Synodality meeting at CTK 2pm
Fri 17 th	9.30am Mass @ CTK followed by chaplet of Divine Mercy & adoration	Weekday Mass of Advent
Sat 18 th	5.30pm Confessions at St B 6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Mass Int: Eileen Richardson RIP</i>
Sun 19 th	9.30am Mass at CTK 11am Mass at St B's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Expectant Mothers</i>

CHRISTMAS DETAILS

- Christmas Eve (Fri 24th)**
6.30pm Carols followed by
7.00pm Vigil Mass at CTK
- Christmas Day (Sat 25th)**
10.00am Mass CTK
- Boxing day (Sunday 26th)**
9.30am Mass - CTK and 11.00am Mass SB
- Monday 27th** 10.00 St Stephen's service
for the altar servers 10.00am CTK



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED from
22nd Dec to 4th Jan

Merry Christmas



Please remember
in your prayers...

- Lucy Rose
- Margaret Simpson
- Linda Dunsden
- Carole Hyde
- Marcia Russell
- Judd Barker
- Pauline Warburton
- Veronica Williamson
- Anna Browne
- Miriam Miller
- Sheila Perry
- Chelsea Waring
- Sheila Browning
- Elina O'Connor
- Frances Herbert
- Miriam Park
- Mary Neito
- Sheila Shelley
- Tony Bateman
- Mary Hogan
- Theresa Smith
- Imogen Garcia
- Naille Bala
- Michelle Waring
- Katrina Brookes
- Lee Langdown
- Neville Rogers
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As Mary & Joseph continue their journey around the Parish, let us keep our own journey to the nativity in our hearts and be the Innkeeper that lets them in ...

Lord we pray, May our synodal preparations inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.
We trust in your spirit who journeys with us.

HOLY FAMILY "WALKING TOGETHER"

Our Diocesan Synodal Journey "offers us the opportunity to become a Church of closeness, that does not stand aloof from life, but immerses herself in today's problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God."
Pope Francis

Two 'Listening Sessions' will take place this week on
Monday 13th Dec at 7pm & Thursday 16th Dec at pm in CTK Lounge.
Your input is important to our parish, to the diocese and to the global Church. Our contributions will be carried forward to the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023. All are welcome. This will be the beginning of a new way of being community here at Holy Family. This weekend we will focus on the theme of Celebration. You might like to consider:

- * How we feel about how our parish celebrates the presence of God in His Word and in the Sacraments.
- * How do we celebrate the key events in our faith journey?

Our banner makers have been busy at work this week. Please take a few minutes after Mass to take a look at their handiwork.

With every good wish from The Walking Together Team:
Glenn C, Jenny G, Mike M and Sr Michele

For all those recently
deceased or whose
anniversaries are at
this time.....

Lord,
hear our prayers

