

First Reading Isaiah 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start
proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

The word of the Lord

Psalm: 114(116):1-6,8-9

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he
has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the
brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes
and has not enough food to live on, and one of
you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself
warm and eat plenty', without giving them these
bare necessities of life, then what good is that?
Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it
is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I
will prove to you that I have faith by showing you
my good deeds – now you prove to me that you
have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And
they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others
Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But
you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he
gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about
him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests and
the scribes, and to be put to death, and after
three days to rise again; and he said all this quite
openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get
behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him
and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of
mine, let him renounce himself and take up his
cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his
life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

***"If anyone wants to be my follower let them
disown themselves, take up their own cross and
follow me"***



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***"Courage and faith have to go together, just as courage and love go together. We need
the courage to go beyond just saying 'I'll pray for you' and say, 'How about
we pray about this now?'"***

With Hearts Burning - Module 6

<https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/download-modules>



MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES ...

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau - Kia Kaha te Reo Māori

"A great gift within the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' mandated RE Curriculum, is the awareness and inclusion of Te Reo and many Māori concepts throughout the programme. The understandings of great gift - Taonga, learning together - Ako, and family - Whanau must always be present in the teaching of Religious Education. As a school we have, with the help of the Maori community consultation, been developing our Māori kaupapa through our Religious Education programme, the reo, kapa haka and waiata.

I would like to acknowledge our kaiako Matua Amai and on behalf of our student and staff thank him for his whakaako (teaching) and support of te reo in our kura. Broader expressions of Matua Amai's mahi with our students has been seen in school gatherings, welcomes, liturgies, music and ritual. Thank you Amai. This week each room has been charged with learning a waiata that will be presented next week to the whole school. Seniors have been going around the classrooms modelling how to greet each other in te reo and expecting the students to use this example in the playground - and it has been happening! Thank you Mrs Tui Samoa, Mrs Needham and the senior students for this initiative. <https://tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/>

Grandparents Day:

Our Grandparents day last Friday was a very special day for so many of our koro, kuia and kaumatua. Our Junior students again excelled with their presentations which included such beautiful stories of their own grandparents. Mrs Boroevich likes to change things up each year. This year the powerpoint included some grandparent drawings from our now Year 7/8 students when they were five. What a surprise they had!

With our seniors acting out "When I'm 64", Room 5 presenting acrostic poems, Room 4's stories and Room 1's play, the contribution across the school was a fresh change also. I'd like to thank all the teachers for the way they help the children to respect and honour their grandparents. Thank you also to Father Matt for supporting the Grandparents Liturgy and welcoming the grandparents so warmly to St George's Church - we enjoyed the funny story very much! Lastly, Thank you to you our parents, for the fantastic food that you all supplied. I always think of the loaves and fishes story from the Bible on grandparents day! There definitely was plenty of very healthy food for all to enjoy. Thank You!

Catholic Principals

Today the Catholic Principals from the Hamilton Diocese have been hosted in Te Kuiti for their termly meeting. Thank you to St Luke's for the venue.

Technology Day: Friday we have a team attending the Technology Challenge day organised by Pukenui Primary. All the best to the team and thanks to Pukenui for hosting this event.

Global Games: The Rugby Global games begins in Taupo on 20 and 21 September. All the best to our students who are part of the team representing the King Country.....

Bishop Steve

Bishop Steve has put out a new Video Series called THE MASS. It launched on Wednesday 5th September. Visit [The Mass Video Series](https://goo.gl/AxcyPU) <https://goo.gl/AxcyPU>.

PLEASE take the time to watch them and share them with others too.

Ma te Atua e Manaaki

Suzanne.



PARISH NEWS AND DIOCESE SNIPPETS

REMINDER: HILLVIEW SERVICES

To our loyal group of singers, our month for Hillview is September. The service will be at 4.30pm on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

To our wonderful group of school children and our teachers for joining us at Hillview last Thursday to sing with us - it was awesome! Wonderful children, wonderful teachers. Noelene Dempsey.



The Mass - Video Series LAUNCHED on 5 september 2018

The Pastoral Services Team is excited to announce a new video series 'The Mass' hosted by [Bishop Steve Lowe](#)! Season One kicks off with a three part intro 5th-7th September, followed by weekly episodes every Friday at 7pm.

Download the episodes here: <https://goo.gl/AxcyPU>

Watch the series on the various platforms below...

- On Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseofHamilton/>
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- On Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqgfwCqh8NbWENaNQHQGQbA>
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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MISSION! WITH HEARTS BURNING - MODULE 6

"We need the courage to go beyond just saying "I'll pray for you" and say, "How about we pray about this now?"

Bishop Steve's last With Hearts Burning module is available, please pick up your copy in the foyer, join the discussion group, and post your reflections on the website whb.cdh.nz.



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28-30 September 2018, Kings College, Auckland.

Great lineup of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed.

Places still available but registration closing soon. Don't miss out

Details and registration online at www.max18nz.info



FROM FATHER MATT ...

There are only saints in Heaven and God calls us to Heaven. With this in mind I read a very good, simple piece about practical sanctity by Fr. Wade Menezes. Here is the first half of it (edited for publication). All going well the second half will come next week.

Blessings

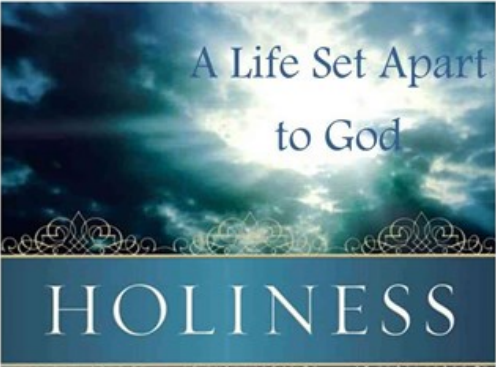
Fr. Matt

Some Practical Steps to a Sanctified Life

Show me a room with seven different Christians who are committed to a strong daily spiritual life, and I'll show you seven different regimens of prayers and other devotions. Quite simply, we're all different. St. Francis de Sales tells us that our spiritual lives should "be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular." Even so, there are some staples that everyone should acquire and practice over time.

1. Monthly (at least) Confession

It will suffice to say that the beautiful Tribunal of Mercy that is this Sacrament is an irreplaceable fountain of healing grace for our souls. And let us not be afraid to call on Our Lady of Mercy to assist us in making a sound confession.



2. Weekly Eucharist

This, of course, includes your Sunday Mass obligation — which is an obligation not because we fear God but precisely because we love Him. Try, though, to attend one or two weekday Masses if your schedule permits. After all, the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." You should also try to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament regularly. Whether it is a fifteen-minute visit or a Holy Hour, time spent in our Lord's Eucharistic presence is invaluable.

3. Morning Offering

This is a simple practice every Christian can integrate into his or her daily life. After all, how do you know that today isn't the day you're going to die? How do you know you won't be tempted to commit mortal sin? The Morning Offering can also be a great way to renew your consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

4. Daily Rosary

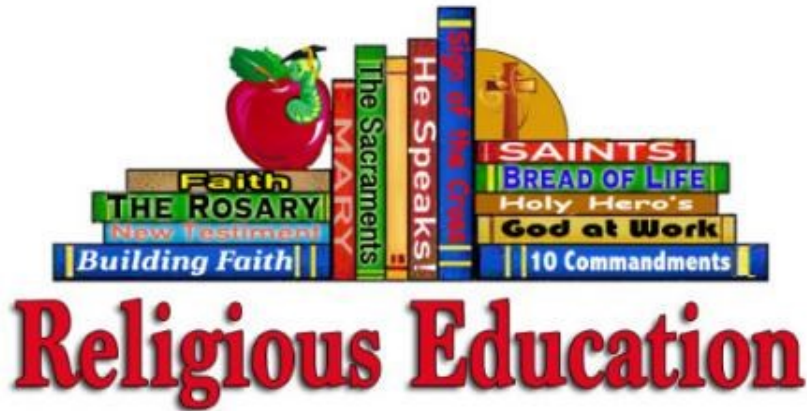
Try to pray it every day. You can even incorporate the Rosary into your daily commute or walk — be creative. In family settings you can pray it with your spouse and children. You can give children a chance to participate by letting them take turns in announcing the mysteries of the Rosary and leading the decades of prayer.

5. Daily Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

This simple devotion reminds us of our sinfulness, but also of the beautiful fact that God is always waiting to embrace us with open arms — provided we honestly repent. If you don't have time for the entire chaplet, just remember this simple prayer brought to us by St. Faustina that you can say throughout the day: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

6. Fasting

Fast according to the mind of the Church at least one day per week, preferably on Fridays. Fasting regularly can be a powerful tool to overcome habitual sin. As our Lord says in the Gospel, some demons can be cast out only by "prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).



This week is Social Justice Week . The focus is on disability and inclusion. Over the next couple of weeks students will be learning more about Social Justice Week through our RE programme. We have been using the prayer videos from the Caritas Website. If you would like to have a look at the resources or prayers please visit <https://caritas.org.nz/social-justice-schools>.

- Some key messages:
- Those of us with disabilities are people first, and gifts in ourselves, having something to offer others in terms of insights, experience and understanding of God and life.
 - As followers of Christ, we are called to engage with people with and without disabilities, to ensure inclusive attitudes and practices and full participation. This provides a foundation for true belonging.
 - The disability community is diverse – there are many voices and considerations. No one person or group can speak for people with disabilities.
 - Many disabilities are hidden and as a result we need to be aware of what people are going through beyond what we can actually see.
 - When disabled people are left out, society disables them.
 - Disability doesn't mean inability. Often people living with disabilities develop significant strengths or abilities in order to manage more effectively with particular impairments.
 - When people come together and include each other, all can lead full and happy lives and contribute to society.
 - People with disabilities need to be actively involved in activities and decisions relating to them.

Sacramental Programme continues tonight at 5.30pm in the Basement!

Remember to bring a gold coin donation and your scrapbooks.

How do you answer this question?



A prayer to pray at home from the Caritas Resources:

E te Atua, kaha rawa, Creator God, Thank you for making each of us unique, created in your image. Thank you that we can learn from each other, as we are all so different and have lots to share. Help us see the special gifts in those around us, especially when they may be different to our own. Thank you for your love, and for those in our lives who love us for who we are. Amen.

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS / MINIBALL UNIFORM:

Our sports uniform is the black and white cooldry shirt with our school name on the back and **PLAIN** black shorts. **Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform to play their Miniball games in.** Sports shoes must be worn on court. The senior grade play in official basketball tops with numbers printed on both the front and back. These are provided by our school.



MINIBALL:

To see the draw please go to <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/mini> or see St Joseph's Facebook page

TOUCH RUGBY

Notices have been sent home with the players. If you completed a permission slip for Touch Rugby, please ask your child for the notice.

Draw: The draw for touch rugby will be emailed to the school, we will advise the students of times when this is finalised. Last year, the teams played at the same time each week.

Playing Night: Mondays-for all teams at Te Kuiti High School.

Commitment: If your child is unwell and can't play, make sure you let your child's coach know. The teams need all of their players each week!

Training: Trainings are to be confirmed by your coach. Coaches, please ring the school to let us know the time and day of your trainings and of any changes to trainings. The touch rugby balls will be kept in the computer room upstairs to use for your trainings. Please return these when you have finished (or to the basement).

Uniform:Sports uniform - black sports top, black shorts, socks and sports shoes.

NO UNIFORM=NO PLAY, coaches please reinforce this rule.

Coaches: Thank you to all of the coaches and managers who have offered their time this year. We appreciate your dedication to children's sport.

Other Notes:

Teams will play rain, hail or shine.

* Teams play 6 a side

Maximum of 10 players per team

* 2x girls on the field at all times



AGRICULTURAL DAY

ST JOSEPH'S AGRICULTURAL DAY 2018

St Joseph's Agricultural Day will be held on **Thursday, 18th October 2018** (week 1 of Term 4).

Come pick up your entry form from the office if you did not get one last week!

REMINDER: The Pet Demo Day will be held on Thursday 27th September from 1.30pm at St Joseph's.

The completed entry forms need to be handed in to the office by Friday, 28th September 2018.



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Thank you to...

our Quiz Master Karen O'Leary for running our quiz, for your humorous jokes and for coming up from wellington to be with us, we appreciate your time and energy!
our Auctioneer John Grainger for helping to collect more than \$5700 on the Auction lots, we appreciate your time and your attention grabbing voice!
The 27 teams who entered the quiz, we live in an awesome community! we trust you all had heaps of fun. Thank you for the efforts you all put into the costumes and for helping to create a fun filled atmosphere.
our sponsors who donated prizes for our auction lots, we appreciate your generosity and support. Congratulations to all of our Auction winners.
our PSG and parents who volunteered to help on the night, we pulled off an amazing event, it was a terrific team effort. Thank you all!
Tina and warren from Signs Alone who helped spread the word about our event by designing and printing all the advertising. Thank you both so much for your work.
• King Street Kitchen and Te Kuiti Bakery for donating the sweets for the supper. They are were delicious!