



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
 Rosary: 5.30pm
 Ph: 572 9067 or 5782507 for venue

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass

Except 1st Thurs:
 Bethsaida **10.45am**

Fri: 11am Adoration
 11.30 Reconciliation
 12.05pm Mass

Sat: 9.30am Mass
 Reconciliation to follow

Sat: 5.00pm Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass
 (2nd & 5th Sunday
 Word & Communion)

Havelock

Sunday: 11am

(4th Sunday
 Word & Communion)

Kaikoura

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: 9.30am

Wed: 7pm Rosary

Thurs: 5.15pm

Fri: 9.30am

Sun: 9.30am

(1st & 3rd Sunday
 Word & Communion)

Picton

Mon: Adoration 4-5pm

Wed: 9.00am Mass
 Adoration & Reconciliation:
 9.30-10.30am

Fri: 7.30pm Rosary -
 24 York Street

Sun: 9.00am Mass

(4th Sunday:
 Word & Communion)

Renwick

3rd Sunday 5pm Mass

Seddon

Sun: 8am Mass

(2nd & 5th Sunday
 Word & Communion)

Ward

4th Sunday 4pm Mass

Baptisms

Celebrated during week-end Mass or other times.

Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.

Open Church

Our Churches at St Mary's & Sacred Heart Kaikoura are open every day if you want a quiet place for prayer.

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A Dinner Invitation

'Come to the Water, You who are thirsty,
 Though you have nothing, I bid you come !'

These words of a popular hymn, rephrase the words of our First Reading today – from the Book of the prophet Isaiah (Chap 55).

They are the invitation of our God to his People who are in exile. . . to come to Him to be comforted to revive their spirits at the Source of Life their God. They are a People who have lost their homeland and have lost everything, but God offers them the fullness of Life.

In our days, we are a people who experience our need – we are worried, perhaps by the havoc caused by Covid-19, by loss of a job, or by the disruption the coronavirus continues to cause to our world.

In the Gospel (Matt. 14:13 – 21), we see Jesus going away to be alone with his disciples, and great crowds flock to him.

'When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.'

When evening came, the disciples asked Jesus to send them away so they could find food at the nearby villages. But Jesus says to them:

"They have no need to go away; you give them something to eat."

They reply showing their emptiness. "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fishes." But they overlook the fact that Jesus is right there among them.

Jesus says: "Bring them to me." And then Jesus involves his disciples in giving a great feast of loaves and fishes to more than 5000 people.

This miracle (or sign) is a prelude to the Eucharist where Jesus invites us to have a feast in the wilderness. And it is a sign of the Kingdom to come when God will give a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines on his holy mountain – where he will fill his People with gladness and destroy Death forever. (Isaiah 25: 6ff)

Every time we come to the Eucharist, Jesus invites us to be filled as his People with the gift of his Body and Blood. With this Love shown so clearly to us at every celebration of the Eucharist, then we can exclaim with St Paul :

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ?For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor Angels, nor rulers . . . nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God made visible to us in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Romans 8:31 – 39)

We are truly blessed in the Eucharist !

Fr Pat CP

Readings for Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 2nd Aug: Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14: 13-21

Psalm Resp: The hand of the lord feeds us, He answers all our needs.

Mon 3rd: Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:13-21 **St Dominic**

Tues 4th: Jere 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Matt 14: 22-36 **St John Vianney**

Wed 5th: Jere 31:1-7 Matt 15: 21-28 **Dedication of St Mary Major**

Thurs 6th: **Transfiguration of the Lord**

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Peter 1: 16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

Fri 7th: Nahum 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 Matthew 16:24-28

Sat 8th: Col 3: 12-17 Matthew 6:25-34 **St Mary of the Cross (McKillop)**

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 9th Aug: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14: 22-33

Hard work, prayer can lead church to overcome racism, Bishop Fabre says



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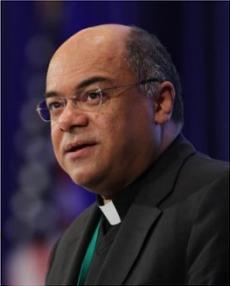
In this 2011 file photo, Black Catholics sing during Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Alexandria, Va. (Credit: Nancy Phelan Wiechec/CNS.)

CLEVELAND — The response of Catholics to racism and racial injustice can lead to a watershed moment “if we put in the work we can do and put in the effort that needs to be undertaken,” said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, admitted the work of “dismantling personal racism and institutional racism” will be difficult.

But, he explained, through “prayer and action” and following the nonviolent example of Jesus’ life, the beloved community that God envisions for all people can be realized.

“We know that by the work of our hand and by the grace of almighty God we can be a part of advancing the discussion and moving hearts and moving people and moving society to root out racism and intolerance,” he told *Catholic News Service* July 23.



Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, La., chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, speaks Nov. 13, 2019, during the USCCB’s fall general assembly in Baltimore. (Credit: Bob Roller/CNS.)

“I fully believe an important part of that is our call for each and every person to examine their hearts and their experiences and to encounter those who are on the margins, who are not part of our ordinary circle of friends. When we do that, we can hear the pain and reality of racism,” the bishop said.

Addressing racial injustice means recognizing the human dignity of each person, a basic tenet of the Catholic faith, he said.

“I really believe these encounters with people, once we are able to put a face and a name on it, I think those encounters will lead people to be stronger advocates to work to dismantle racism and to pray and to do all of this as people of faith who are willing to accept the challenge that Jesus Christ calls us to embrace in loving one another.”

Fabre, who is one of 10 Black Catholic bishops in the U.S., also called on people of faith to study the history of the church as a diverse place where all people are welcome.

“Right now in the United States, the church has always been diverse and is becoming more and more racially diverse. Learning about the richness of that diversity and the many different cultures in the church can only strengthen who we are as a church and be the best disciples of Jesus Christ that we can be,” Fabre said.

He pointed to the resources gathered on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at www.usccb.org/racism as a place to begin. The site includes educational materials, prayers and study guides that allow parishioners to begin learning about racism.

Such resources, however, are only a start, he said, encouraging people to learn by reaching out to each other.

The bishop cited the example of two women, one white and one Black, who began talking about their teenage sons who were learning to drive. The white woman told him after Mass that “as mothers, they started talking about providing a car for their

children.”

She related to Fabre how the Black woman was “scared about what would happen when the police stop him.”

“And the other woman told me she had to stop and think,” he recalled. “She said, ‘I didn’t know what to say. Here I am ready to provide my son a car. My experience was not hers. I drew deep insight as a mother from what she said.’ You could just see, how she realized ‘OK, I understand now.’”

Such encounters can go a long way in beginning to overcome racism that is inherent in society, he said.

As chairman of the ad hoc committee, Fabre, 56, shepherded the U.S. bishops’ 2018 pastoral letter on racism to the finish line. The document, titled “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love — A Pastoral Letter Against Racism,” calls on Catholics to root out the sin of racism in their lives, educate themselves about racism and work to end systemic racism.

The church, it said, must be as outspoken about racism as it is about abortion, the death penalty and assisted suicide. Sections examine the history of mistreatment of Black Americans and the oppression of Latinos and Native Americans. The letter denounces rising anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim attitudes as well as xenophobia. Segments address police brutality, mass incarceration, and discrimination in education and housing opportunities.

It is the first pastoral letter on the topic since “Brothers and Sisters Unto Us” was adopted in 1979.

Fabre said parishes, dioceses and organizations have studied and implemented the pastoral in day-to-day life. In response to criticism the 2018 pastoral letter is too timid in its approach, he urged people to “take it and move it forward.”

“I think what the pastoral letter does say and some of the challenges that it issues are not fully appreciated,” he said. “It’s my hope that (people) can begin envisioning a future pastoral letter that will be different because we will have moved it forward.”

Fabre believes the document can serve as a guide in the church’s response to the unequal treatment of people of color by police and help people determine how they will respond to the rising nationwide movement to address the country’s racial

injustice.

Since the Memorial Day death of George Floyd, a Black man who died while pinned to the ground by a white Minneapolis police officer, Fabre has seen a “deeper desire” among Catholics and his fellow bishops to “assist in dismantling racism” wherever it exists.

“This is also a time,” he continued, “to understand how racism continues to affect us and in a particular way to come to understand how racism acutely affects the lives of Black people and how Black lives haven’t always been valued.”

Fabre welcomed the interest of Catholics to join grassroots movements. “People are desiring to do something,” he said.

He also cautioned that prudence be exercised.

“Catholics can work with organizations that embrace the moral and social teaching of the church,” he said without specifically mentioning the Black Lives Matter movement, which has been the most visible organization leading demonstrations for racial justice. “When organizations take a clear departure from the Gospel vision of the church ... then involvement becomes problematic.”

It is important to demonstrate that the work of addressing racial injustice comes from the roots of the Catholic faith, the bishop added.

“One of the important things we bring to these discussions is our faith and what our faith calls us to be about. To these questions we bring our great respect for the dignity of human life,” Fabre.

Such work also can open clergy in particular to charges of being political or taking sides with a particular partisan point of view, the bishop acknowledged. But, he said, such work “is the right thing to do.”

“We enter into the realm of politics, which is part of our lives, not as politicians but as pastor and disciples of Jesus Christ to bring about just laws. There’s also the deeper reality of converting hearts so that people understand that we are called to more than just the law. We are called to become this beloved community. We are called to bring the community of God to the earth.”

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Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

18th Sunday of Ord (1)

Sat Aug 1

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Aug 2

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

19th Sunday of Ord (2)

Sat Aug 8

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Aug 9

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Sat Aug 15 Feast of The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary

Kaikoura-9.30am Mass/Fr Jacob

Blenheim-9.30am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

20th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sun Aug 16

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Tongan Mass- 2pm Mass/

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr Jacob

21st Sunday of Ord (4)

Sat Aug 22

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Aug 23

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass / Fr

22nd Sunday of Ord (5)

Sat Aug 29

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Aug 30

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

Parish News & Events

There are a couple of musical events coming up, one on 15th August. Please check your noticeboard.

Aug 4th- St Vincent de Paul:

Blenheim Conference, meeting at the Mercy Room After 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Wanted by the SVdP Shop:

Warm Jackets for men & Women, suitable for vineyard workers please.

Feast of the Assumption: 24 hours Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Life and Faith at St Joseph's

15/16 August 2020: Begins 8.45am Saturday (15 August) and finishes 8.45am Sunday morning just before 9am Mass. All parishioners are invited to make a "mini pilgrimage" to Picton for some quiet prayer and contemplation. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available 24 hours. A timetable for scheduled prayer during adoration will be provided nearer the time so watch this space.

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith

will be held this year on Saturday 15th Aug and there will be a time to pray the Rosary at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, BHM and St Joseph's, Picton. For more information, please go to

www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

Human Love in the Divine Plan

(Theology of the Body)-
First intake in Wellington!

Courses for Young Adults (ages 18-35 years) on September 5 & 6, and for Adults on September 19 & 20. Venue: Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville, Wellington. Early Registration: \$40.00 (closes: 29 August). General Registration: \$50.00. Contact 0220289737 or email in-fo@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

For information, visit:

www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

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Parish Calendar

August

Aug 1..Chrism Mass, Our Lady of Kapiti(10.30)

Aug 2..Sounds Stewardship (5)

Aug 4..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Aug 15..Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 18.. Finance & Property (7)

Aug 30.. Combined Church service, 6pm, hosted by St Joseph's Picton

September

Sep 1.. Care of Creation

Sep 1..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Sep 6.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Sep 6-12..Social Justice Week

Sep 8.. Feast of Our Lady, Star Of The Sea

Sep 13.. Good Friday Collection

Sep 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Sep 16-17..Commission of Inquiry Hearings

Sep 20..SVdP Festival Day

October

Oct 4.. Peter's Pence Collection

Oct 4.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Oct 6..Day of Celebration for

Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

Star of the Sea

Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need *rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, and other non-perishable foods*

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Peter Van Dyk, Margaret Laugesen (KK), Peter Kennedy (CHCH), Nanise Hoelt

Anniversaries: 10 July Hugh Byrne **12** John Sutherland
1st August William O'Leary

Other Intentions: Hope & Cheesman families

COLLECTIONS:

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish of Star Of The Sea.

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 1637.35
Envelopes:	\$ 769.17
Cash:	\$ 489.66
Easter Dues:	\$ 15.00
Holy places:	\$ 5.00
Vocation Sunday:	\$ 5.00

thank
you!