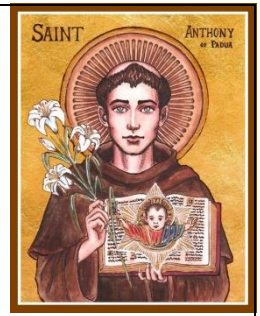




# CORIO & LARA CATHOLIC PARISH

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, CORIO | ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, LARA



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Usual Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.15am (Corio) | Wednesday & Friday: 9.15 (Lara)  
Saturday 7pm Vigil (Corio) | Sunday 9am (Lara) 11am (Corio)  
Holy Hour & Confessions: Tuesday 6pm (Corio)

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

A reminder that there will be no weekday masses or liturgies this coming week. The Parish Office will also be closed this week. The Office will reopen on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. From that week (1<sup>st</sup> Feb), Tuesday morning mass and the evening Holy Hour and Benediction will also return. Our weekend masses will continue as normal.

### **A reflection on the Gift of Sacred Scripture**

What is your approach to the Bible? How often do you read it?

Sacred Scripture is a gift beyond our imagination. It's a gift from God through which He reveals His perfect love and His perfect plan for us. We should know the Scriptures well, read them often, pray over the verses and allow all that is revealed within those pages to become the foundation of our lives...

The Bible is 100% the work of God and 100% the work of the human author. It is 100/100 so to speak. This means that the human author completely cooperated with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in writing each book and letter. And God, for His part, guaranteed that all that was written came from His heart and inspiration. Therefore, this joint effort reveals that God used the human author for a divine purpose.

[It reveals to us that God] desire's to use us for divine purposes. He desires to consume our unique human personality and use us to shine forth the beauty and splendour of His divinity. He wants a 100/100 cooperation with us, also, so as to shine through us in a radiant way... Be open to that gift so that you may become a living gift of the Word of God to the world.

*Lord, I thank You for the wonderful gift of Sacred Scripture. Thank You for all that You have revealed through this gift and for the way that You used the human author for the transmission of Your life. Help me to always be open to Your divine Word and to always be open to becoming a living presence of that Word in our world. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*Adapted from My Catholic Life Sunday Gospel/Divine Mercy Reflections*

## PRAYER LIST

**The Sick:** Jessica De Grandis, Vince Marshall, John Thomas, Peter Franchina, Nicholas Francis, Bonnie Gilson, Ibi Bolyos, Dee Tetzloff, Michael Watson, Rachael Ash, Katareena Cabretti, Bridgett Bradley, Kate Connors, Mark Tetzloff and Eva Watson, Michael Cabretti, Nick Vasilavis.

**Anniversary:** Thomas Moloney & Tom Meade

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Nehemiah* (8: 2-6, 8-10)

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning to noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, “Amen! Amen!”; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, “This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.” For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, “Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps: 18* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

### **SECOND READING** *A reading from first letter of St Paul to Corinthians (12: 12-14,27)*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1: 1-4, 4:14-21)*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.

*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*