



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

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A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

***Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?***

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15





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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

June 14	6:15 pm	Jose Francisco Linhares & Maria Connie Cabral++
June 15	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+
June 17	8:30 am	
June 18	8:30 am	
June 19	8:30 am	
June 20	8:30 am	Alice Czyz+
June 21	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
June 22	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know.

WORDS OF LIFE - June 15^h

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux “[Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life](#)”

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence collection will take place on June 28 and 29. Envelopes will soon be made available. Please be as generous as possible.

Bulletin for June 14/June 15, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

May 31/ June 1	\$ 1,611.00
June 7/June 8	\$ 807.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –
BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and
US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly do not place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Denis
Next week: Annette and Pat

Pastoral Point

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

#2 - The moral obligation to exclude aggressive medical treatment

The Church affirms that when one approaches the end of earthly existence, the dignity of the human person entails the right to die with the greatest possible serenity. To hasten death or delay it through “aggressive medical treatments” deprives death of its due dignity. Medicine today can artificially delay death, often without real benefit to the patient. When death is imminent, it is lawful to forego treatments that provide only a precarious or painful extension of life. It is not lawful to suspend treatments that are required to maintain essential physiological functions, as long as the body can benefit from them (such as hydration, nutrition, and thermoregulation). The suspension of futile treatments *must not involve the withdrawal of therapeutic care*.

The renunciation of extraordinary and/or disproportionate means of care “is not the equivalent of suicide or euthanasia; it rather expresses acceptance of the human condition in the face of death.”¹⁶ The principle of proportionality refers to the overall well-being of the sick person. Every medical action must always have as its object the promotion of life and never the pursuit of death.

#3 - Basic care: the requirement of nutrition and hydration

A fundamental and inescapable principle of the assistance of the critically or terminally ill person is the *continuity of care* for the essential physiological functions. In particular, required basic care for each person includes the administration of the nourishment and fluids needed to maintain bodily homeostasis.

When the provision of nutrition and hydration no longer benefits the patient, because the patient's organism either cannot absorb them or cannot metabolize them, their administration should be suspended. In this way, one does not unlawfully hasten death through deprivation, but nonetheless respects the natural course of the illness. The withdrawal of sustenance is an unjust action that can cause great suffering to the one who has to endure it. Nutrition and hydration do not constitute medical therapy, but are instead forms of obligatory care. These can at times be administered artificially, provided that it does not cause harm or intolerable suffering to the patient.

God bless,

Fr .Joe Morley, Vicar General

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Father's Day makes me poetic (as does Mother's Day as well). So, I would like to share with you a poem "Father's Song" by Gregory Orr, considered by many to be a master of short, lyric free verses.

*Yesterday, against admonishment,
my daughter balanced on the couch back,
fell and cut her mouth.
Because I saw it happen I knew
she was not hurt, and yet
a child's blood so red
it stops a father's heart.
My daughter cried her tears;
I held some ice
against her lip.
That was the end of it.
Round and round: bow and kiss.
I try to teach her caution;
she tries to teach me risk.*

Happy Father's Day to all fathers physical and spiritual!
A restful weekend and a blessed week to all!
Bishop Wes

Chancery Office – Change of Email Address

The Chancery Office will be migrating to a new Email address. The new address is orcc.bermuda@gmail.com

Bingo for Seniors

Bingo for Seniors: On **Saturday June 28th** bingo for seniors (50+) will resume **from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** in the church hall. Bingo cards will sell for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. A list of possible prize donations for the bingo is located at the back of the church. **The last day for donations is June 22.** Kindly place your donations in the box on the floor in the back of the church. All those who attend are asked to bring a tray of sandwiches or a dessert. If you have any questions, contact **Annette Boyle at 236-7759.** Kindly let her know if you will attend as this will help with the setting up of tables.

Classical Music Concert

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will present (in the church) a **Classical Music Concert** on **Sunday 22nd June at 5:00 p.m.** The performance presented will feature Steve Crawford (Guitar); Jane Farge (Classical Contralto Opera Singer); Johanna Pino Gonzales (Viola & Violin) and Andrea Hodson Patton (Piano).

Tickets: Adults: \$25: Seniors & Children/students (5-18) \$10. Proceeds will be shared by PALS and St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will host an **Informal Afternoon of Music** on **Sunday, 29th June at 2:30 p.m.** This is meant to be a "fun" programme featuring children and adults. Admission by donation. All are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

For further information contact Liz Card (234-0872 or lizatstjosephs@gmail.com) or Jane Farge (747-40

Happy St. Anthony's Feast Day

Kindly join us in celebrating the feast of St. Anthony in the church hall after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday June 15th.

Request from Louise Vizien (St. Anthony's Parish):

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, Spain

Louise is looking for a female walking partner to join her on a beautiful scenic and fun walk across northern Spain in September/October of this year. Age does not matter if you are fit enough to walk the distance. She would like to do part of the Camino Frances, leading up to Santiago, over approximately three weeks, with days off along the way. She would also like to work with her walking partner to decide on all the particulars leading up to the walk. If you would like to join her, please contact her for further information at: louisevizien@hotmail.com

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: “How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?”

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1–10
Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1–9
Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6–11
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1–11
Mt 6:7–15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21–30
Mt 6:19–23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1–10
Mt 6:24–34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18–20
1 Cor 11:23–26
Lk 9:11b–17