



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

MATTHEW 2:1B–2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, “When you die, do you think you’re going to see God?” Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, “Well, you won’t, because God doesn’t have a body. There isn’t something to see.”

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn’t sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Jan 4	6:15 pm	John Boyle+
Jan 5	11:30 am	John Boyle & Joseph De Salvo++
Jan 7	8:30 am	
Jan 8	11:30 am	
Jan 9	8:30 am	
Jan 10	8:30 am	
Jan 11	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Jan 12	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. if you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for the Christmas and New Year's masses.

Mass Schedule for St. Anthony's

Weekday masses will be held at 8:30 am going forward.

Please be aware that St. Anthony's Church will be open prior and closed after each Mass.

Word of Life Jan 5th

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

Bulletin for January 4/January 5, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

December 24/Dec 25 \$ 2,643.00

December 28/Dec 29 \$ 3,110.00

**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 in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

This week: Annette and Jackie

Next week: Annette and Steve

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the fact that this bulletin has the usual "Our Sunday Readings" with the emphasis upon Sacred Scripture, I have decided to focus upon the JUBILEE YEAR 2025 with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" which we will have a banner placed in all of our churches as a reminder of this celebration in the life of our Church.

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released the Bull of Indiction *Spes non confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint" - based upon Romans 5:5) announcing the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. The Jubilee began in Rome on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity, December 24, 2024. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday, December 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2026. The text of the Bull is available on the Vatican website or you may want to refer to the USCCB website and type into you device JUBILEE 2025. The description of the logo follows:



The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity

which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

God bless & remember "Hope Does not Disappoint" (Romans 5:5),

Fr. Joe (acting Pastor) & Vicar General (DOHB)

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For the World Day of Peace, which falls on the 1st of January every year, Pope Francis addressed a Message of good wishes and hope to Heads of State and Government, Heads of International Organisations, Leaders of different religions and every person of good will. Its title is 'Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace'.

Hope, which also characterises the Jubilee Year, is the preponderant theme of this Message. Pope Francis invites us to look at the many challenges that severely endanger the survival of humanity and creation with a heart full of hope. To do this, it is necessary to rely on God's mercy. By his forgiving our debts, we will rediscover ourselves all children of the Father, and therefore all sisters and brothers, united on the path of peace.

More concretely, then, Pope Francis recommends three actions that can truly mark a path of peace:

1. The forgiveness of the international debt;
2. The abolition of the death penalty;
3. The establishment of a World Fund that will definitively eliminate hunger.

For the full official text of the Message go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/yhp2tf3j>

Have a restful weekend and a peaceful week!

Bishop Wes

Jubilee Prayer for 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Apartment Needed

A parishioner requires an apartment (1 or 2 bedrooms) preferably furnished. Call Chris on 519-7322.

Dinner Bingo

There will be a Pizza, Salad and Ice-cream Dinner Bingo, served by Bella Vista Restaurant in St. Theresa's Hall on Friday, 10th of January 2025, at 6:00pm. Tickets will be available from the 1st of January in the Parish Office and in the sacristy; \$25 Adults, \$15 Children under 12.

Special Collection for the Holy See – January 18th/19th

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 18th and 19th. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online to ([insert your church and banking info](#)), and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

REMINDER – Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive

This weekend Jan 4/5, 2025 is the last time that completed boxes can be delivered to your church hall when attending Mass. All food collected will be donated to The Eliza DoLittle Society Food Bank. Any questions can be directed to Elaine Kelly at 236-4613 or ekelly@ibl.bm

Dear Padre,

I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

January 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22