



Dismantled and Reassembled

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is the time of year when seasons turn and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

Have I known the experience of life being dismantled and reassembled into something new?



[Jesus said,] “All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

LUKE 21:6



St. Anthony's Church

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Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance

Weddings: By Appointment –A year in advance

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St. Anthony's Club (CCD): Fridays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Coordinator: Anna Daniel 441-236-2438

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St. Vincent de Paul Rep: Pat Rodrigues

St. Vincent de Paul No. 525-1191

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Nov	15	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Nov	16	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+
Nov	18	8:30 am	
Nov	19	8:30 am	
Nov	20	8:30 am	
Nov	21	8:30 am	
Nov	22	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Nov	23	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado & Herminio Soares Furtado++

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist, kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

Hospital Visits by Father Jacob

If you have any relative or friend in the hospital who would like Father Jacob to visit with/without the Sacrament of the Sick, kindly inform Father of their names and room numbers.

Bulletin for November 15/November 16, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Nov 1/Nov 2 \$ 1,803.00

Nov 8/Nov 9 \$ 1,021.00

Nov 8/Nov 9 Maintenance Collection -- \$ 543.00

**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 online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when 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 Jackie

Next week: Annette and Gabbie

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In a recent essay published by the *Centre for Early Childhood*, Catherine, Princess of Wales, reflected on what she calls the most precious yet hardest gift to give: our undivided attention.

It sounds simple, even ordinary but as the Princess points out, in a world that never stops scrolling, being truly present has become a rare act of love. It's a reflection that many parents struggle with today. In fact, while many end up feeling dissatisfied and full of guilt, they can't help but succumb to the lure of the screen. Interestingly, the British royal observes a modern paradox: We've never been more "connected," yet so often feel alone. She notes that even when we're with the people we love, our minds are elsewhere lost in a screen, a worry, or a to-do list.

She draws on research from the long-running *Harvard Study of Adult Development*, which found that the greatest predictor of happiness and health isn't wealth or success, but the quality of our relationships. Yet genuine

relationships require attention and attention takes practice. "We are all guilty of being half-present," she admits, "and yet it is through genuine connection that children and adults alike flourish."

The Princess' essay ends with a gentle challenge, one that feels especially timely: If we want a more compassionate world, we can start by giving our full attention to the person right in front of us.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!
Bishop Wes

St. Anthony's Christmas Fair & Car Boot Sale

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make our Christmas Fair a big success. A special thank you to Debie and Trish who devote many hours of their time in organizing this fair.

Christmas Flowers Offering

In preparation for Christmas kindly submit the names of your loved ones on the Christmas flower form available at the back of the church. The deadline for submissions is Saturday December 20.

St. Vincent de Paul Society **Christmas Food Voucher Programme – 2025**



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing Christmas Food Vouchers again this year for those less fortunate and would like your help in registering people of your parish needing assistance. Please provide the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in case we need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail or speak to your SVdP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin.

Deadline to receive names is 1st Dec 2025.

Many thanks and God bless. **SVdP Society Committee**

DIOCESAN EVENT **Diocesan Spiritual Retreat**

Monday, 17th - Wednesday, 19th November 2025
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm -- Identical 1.5 hour sessions
Each day covers a different part of the main topic.
St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall, Pembroke

**Topic: Conversation in the Spirit and
Communal Discernment**

Retreat Facilitator - Fr. Peter McIsaac, SJ
All are welcome.

Christmas Children's Mass

The Christmas Children's Mass on 24 December, 2025 is to be held at 7:00 pm. at St Anthony's. More details to follow.

Jamaica Relief

On the weekend of **November 29/30**, there will be a Special Collection for Jamaica in all of our parish churches, in accordance with the recommendations of the AEC (Antilles Episcopal Conference).

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10	November 19 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28	November 20 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	November 21 <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	November 22 <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40	November 23 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> 2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.

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