



[Jesus said to the crowd,]
“Strive to enter through
the narrow door, for many,
I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be
strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?



St. Anthony's Church

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St. Vincent de Paul No. 525-1191

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Aug 23	6:15 pm	Jose Francisco Linhares+ and Maria Connie Cabral+
Aug 24	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Aug 26	8:30 am	
Aug 27	8:30 am	
Aug 28	8:30 am	
Aug 29	8:30 am	
Aug 30	6:15 pm	Manuel & Ana Reis++ and Manuel & Maria Moura++
Aug 31	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.

Bulletin for August 23/August 24, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Aug 9/Aug 10	\$ 783.00
Aug 16/Aug 17	\$ 858.00

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 Gabby
Next week: Annette and Pat

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Nativity scenes (presepios) can be submitted for the next edition of the "100 Nativity Scenes in the Vatican" exhibition until September 30th. To do so, please visit www.100presepi.va where you'll find the regulations and an online application form. Confirmation of receipt by the exhibition office will be sent automatically by email. Registration is free and open to everyone.

This is the 8th edition of this international exhibition "100 Nativity Scenes in the Vatican," which takes place annually for approximately a month under Bernini's Colonnade in St. Peter's Square. It is organized by the Dicastery for Evangelization. It is part of a series of cultural initiatives within the "Jubilee is Culture" series, which accompanied both the preparations and various initiatives for the Holy Year 2025. After the submission period, the Commission of the Dicastery for Evangelization will evaluate and select the works to be presented in the exhibition. After the submission deadline, all those who submitted a nativity scene will receive an email informing them of the results of the evaluation.

The exhibition aims to evangelise through the symbol of the Nativity Scene, which carries a message of hope and peace

to the world. It also echoes Pope Francis' message in his apostolic letter "Admirabile Signum" about the meaning and value of the nativity scene. The seventh edition of the Nativity Scene Exhibition, organized by the Dicastery for Evangelization in 2024 in collaboration with embassies to the Holy See, brought together 125 nativity scenes from 21 countries.

May your weekend be calm and your week be blessed!
Bishop Wes

Masses at St. Theresa's

During the summer months there will be no 9:00 am Portuguese Mass followed by adoration on Saturdays at St. Theresa's. There will be no 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's and finally, there will be no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. Masses will resume in September.

Christmas Fair 2025

The date for the Christmas Fair at St. Anthony's has been set for Saturday November 15th. Please mark your calendars and check the bulletin for updates as we get closer to the date.

Associates Prayer Group – "Let Us Pray":

If you need a prayer to be said for you, a friend, a family member or for a special need, please send an email to: letuspraybda@gmail.com

The email address is reviewed daily by the Associate members of the Sisters of Charity in Bermuda, and your prayer will be acted on once received.

You don't have to give a reason, the name or the sender's name, just that a prayer is required.

Remember: A prayer is sometimes all that's needed! Give it a try!

St Vincent de Paul Society:

Please consider a direct deposit or cash to the SVDP society:

Direct deposit: BDA Bermuda #2000 6060 4767 11100 or Cash, which can be placed in the Poor Box located at the entrance to the main Church doors.

Coffee Socials

Please join us for our Coffee Socials in the Church Hall; every Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass. Come and enjoy a hot beverage and delicious goodies and meet the St. Anthony's community.

Thanksgiving Prayer after a Storm

God of stillness, the voice of calm in the tempest that surrounds us, be with your people now as they emerge from this storm. Walk alongside them in each one of us as we seek to bring comfort to the distressed, shelter to the homeless, and share the strength to carry on. In the face of chaos and destruction, guide us to act with compassion and let us never lose heart, for your hope lasts forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Please Note

St. Anthony's Church is closed on Mondays and also after each Mass.

Church Masses are:

Weekdays – 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays to Fridays

Weekend – Saturday: 6:15 p.m. and Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

Maintenance Work

Kindly be advised that maintenance work on the altar floor will begin on Monday August 25. This work should not interfere with the weekday or weekend masses which will be held at the regularly scheduled times. Thank you.

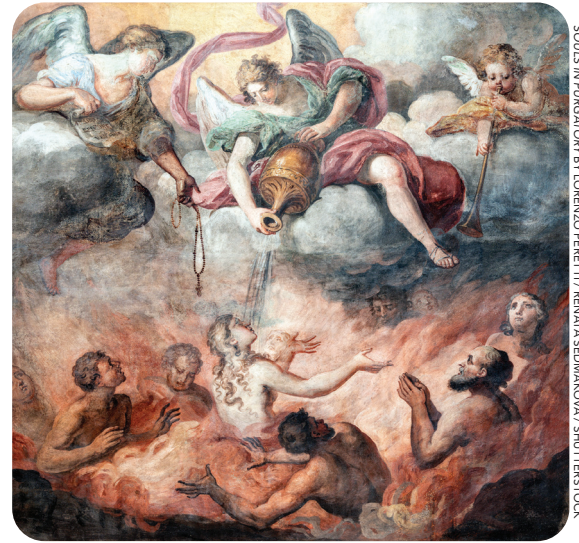
Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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



SOULS IN PURGATORY BY LORENZO PERETTI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



LOSSERVATORE ROMANO / CNA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

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Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14