



A Call from the Wild

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Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee....From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life. ✱

Reflect

Have you ever felt called to go where you did not want to go?

How did faith help you decide what to do?



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:21B–22



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today

MINISTRIES...

JANUARY 21/22ND - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Willie Forbes
10:00AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: LaVerne Lau
 Collection: Karen Marsh

JANUARY 28/29TH - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Canonair EM: Karen Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Medalena Almeida
 Collection: The Almeidas

MASS INTENTIONS...

JANUARY 21/22ND - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Jennifer Coelho (Living)
 Jackie Barton (Living)
10:00PM Christine DaCosta (Living)

JANUARY 28/29TH - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Mary & Benjamin Botelho++
 Adelina & José DeFrias++
10:00PM The People of St. Michael's Parish

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at

St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.-Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.-Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00AM Mon.-Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page

Stewardship talent planning
 commitment growing vision support
 blessing sharing vision LOVE treasure PLEDGE giving time
 faith caring community

Collection: \$521.00 Votives: \$28.00 Poor Box (SVDP): \$100.00

THIS WEEKEND WE HAVE THE COLLECTION FOR POPE FRANCIS' HOLY SEE. ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

\$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection is needed to break even each month.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE to St. Michael's Church's **BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.** YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction are appreciated.

When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction."

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.

Bishop's Corner...



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing this week on the same dates from the 18th to 25th of January, Christians want to move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

"Do good; seek justice" (Is 1:17) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023. It was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for Christian communities to contemplate the ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

Have a peaceful weekend and a fruitful week!

+ Wes Jurek
 Bishop Wes

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25

So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.
 John 17:21

Special Collection This Weekend



As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection.

In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 21 and 22.

Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or make a contribution online **BNTB Account #2000 6060 081824 100.**

Be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field.
Thank you for your stewardship.

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23–9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 / Matthew 4:12–23

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 8:23–9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? **(R)**

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. **(R)**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are

rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. Cf. Mt 4:23

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GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness
have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land
overshadowed by death light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

Dear Padre,

**Could you explain "lead us not into temptation" from the Lord's Prayer?
That doesn't seem like something God would do.**

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, "No one experiencing temptation should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one" (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord's Prayer from "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord's Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). *



Around the Diocese . . .

- **ST. PATRICK'S** welcomes everyone each Wednesday morning at 10:00am to recite the Holy Rosary.
- HOLY ROSARY** Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Please join us for the Holy Rosary, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** takes place every Monday evening at 7pm via zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- **12:10PM MASS** at the Cathedral each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, celebrated by Fr. Dandy.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP** OPEN: SATURDAYS from 10 am to 2 pm until our full reopening on 7 February 2023.

Espirito Santo DINNER BINGO

Saturday, January 28th in the MSA Auditorium at 7:30pm

Adults \$40.00 Children (under 12) \$25.00

Tickets are available from any committee member.

You can reach out to Susanna Almeida on 535-3195

or Eugene Lima on 705-3215 if unable to reach other members.

Thank you!!!

*For all your love, support
and prayers during
this time.*

*It has been simply
overwhelming.*

*Both Karen and I can't thank you enough,
Peter*



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work]

to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 2013



Please email me at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you wish to reserve a Mass(es) for the intentions or in memory of your loved ones, or special occasion/birthdays, anniversaries etc. It can be either for the 5pm Mass or the 10am Mass.

Please advise of any specific dates you may wish. The Stipend may be paid directly to Fr. Joe on the day of the Mass or via a direct deposit to the **St. Michael's BNTB Bank account.**

Please be sure to memo the payment for whom the Mass is to be celebrated and the date and include that in an email to me as well.



- **THE INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** will take place on Sunday, January 29th starting at 11:15 in the Main Church.
- CLASSES** will start the following Sunday, February, 5th at 11:15am for approximately 40-45 minutes..

Important dates:

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION**
Saturday, June 3rd (time to be confirmed)
- **FIRST COMMUNION**
will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11th at 12:00pm and, depending on the number of Communicants a second Mass at 2pm will be held as needed.

Subject to change depending, we'll be keeping you all informed of any changes.

BIBLE STUDIES EACH TUESDAY



- RCIA at 10:30am
 - Emmaus Bible Study at 4:00pm
- All to take place in the Pastor's office area.

Email Fr. Joe at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you are interested in attending any of these classes. **All are welcome.**