Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 15, 2026
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Be Not Afraid

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one. ●

Reflect

When has fear kept me from doing right or refraining from doing wrong?

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Nov	14	6:15 pm	Manuel & Maria Reis++
Nov	15	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Nov	17	8:30 am	
Nov	18	8:30 am	
Nov	19	8:30 am	
Nov	20	8:30 am	
Nov	21	6:15 pm	ManuelMoura+
Nov	22	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Collection Counters, Parish Council members, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010
Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place them in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Bulletin – November 14 /November 15, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Oct 31/Nov 1	$ 1,258.00
Nov 7/Nov 8	$ 6,002.00
Barbecue Dinner:	**$ 1,500.00**

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, British or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry Nov 15: Annette and Gabby
Nov 22: Annette and Steve

Saturday November 14

Lector: Alice Astwood-Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Raynae Fleming
Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday Nobember 15

Lector: Vernaisi Lualala
Eucharistic Ministers: Annabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday November 21

Lector: Annette Boyle
Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Bicchieri
Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday November 22

Lector: Dapo Siyanbola
Eucharistic Ministers: Annabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Not only too little, but also too much sleep may accelerate the biological aging of the body. A new publication by researchers at Columbia University indicates that sleep duration is associated not only with brain aging, but also with the aging of other parts of the body.

The authors used data from approximately half a million people. Using twenty-three so-called biological aging clocks, they assessed the rate of aging of seventeen body systems and organs, including the brain, heart, lungs, and immune system. Biological aging clocks are computational models that, based on various types of data, estimate whether a particular organ is biologically younger or older than would be indicated by a person's chronological age.

Researchers found that the slowest rate of aging was observed among people who slept between 6.4 and 7.8 hours per day. Sleeping less than six hours or more than eight hours was associated with a higher frequency of illnesses, including type 2 diabetes, obesity, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and digestive-system disorders.

The researchers also observed some associations between sleep and depression occurring later in life. However, they emphasized that because the study was observational, it could not determine whether changes in sleep duration increase the risk of depression, or whether depression causes people to sleep for shorter or longer periods.

Have a well-slept weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

Confirmation Classes

Preparation classes for Confirmation have started since the beginning of November. There are two options:

Miss Maura Almeida will hold classes on Mondays from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 2nd of November.

Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 6:30pm also in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 4th of November.

Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 16th of May 2027, at 2:00pm in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. Please contact the Chancery Office to register for classes at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com if you have not already been contacted by them.

Barbecue Dinner

A big thank you to all who helped with the organization of the barbecue dinner on Saturday evening last week and to all who attended. It was a very successful event with a $1,500 collection by the end of the evening.

CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAR BOOT

The Annual Christmas Fair & Car Boot is on Saturday, November 28th, 9am-4pm. Please put this date in your diary & come out and support this Church Fundraiser! Any help before, during or after will be gratefully accepted!

PLEASE HELP!!!!!

- **CAN YOU BRING IN WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS?**
- **CAN YOU SIGN UP TO HELP ON THE DAY?**
- **CAN YOU DONATE BINGO PRIZES?**
- **CAN YOU DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES?**
- **CAN YOU OFFER TO BAKE FOR BAKE STALL?**

We are now accepting, with thanks, any raffle or Bingo prizes as well as names of helpers Thank you.

Please contact Trish 5050702 or Debbie 7370107

RCIA Programme

Please be informed that the schedule for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme has now been finalized. The programme will begin on Tuesday, 24 November, at either 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m in St. Theresa's hall. Once we have a complete list of those wishing to participate, we will determine which starting time is most convenient for the majority. The sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings and will last 90 minutes. The first part of the programme will be based on the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire. The programme is also open to those who are already Catholic but would like to deepen their faith or refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Church. To register, please contact the Chancery: 232-4414 or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com before 7 November 2026.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Food Voucher Programme – 2026

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: November 28, 2026

Many thanks and God bless.

SVdP Society Committee

Dear Padre,


JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?

During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See *GIRM* 88, 164.) "Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in *The Holy Eucharist*: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those who seek to alleviate the conditions of the poorest, I express my gratitude.... You know well that the question of the poor leads back to the essence of our faith, for they are the very flesh of Christ.... "Where the world sees threats, [the Church] sees children; where walls are built, [the Church] builds bridges."

HOMILY, ROME, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Monday
November 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday
November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday
November 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday
November 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday
November 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday
November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday
November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46

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