



“It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.”

MATTHEW 25:14



The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ●

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's – Saturday at 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. “ “

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 19th November 10:00 a.m.

Children's Mass – Sunday, 26th November

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Monthly Coffee Social – 26th November - Host: Team 1

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral
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Religious Education
Coordinator

Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish
Administrator & Finance
Committee Team Leader

Mr. Tony Bari
Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance: For the Beauty of the Earth #609

Offertory: Be Still and Know that I am God #694

Communion: One Bread, One Body #793

Recessional: City of God #813

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



*We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and hope that
your stay will be a pleasant one.*



Sunday – 26th November 2023

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of Church
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Servers
Music

Gionni Araujo
Elizabeth Card
Justin Tavares
Kathie Ausenda
Liam Stones
Tony Bari

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Elena Domondon and Evelyn Pinlac, and for Petra Caesar who is still in the hospital. Grace asks that you please keep her brother-in-law, Rudy Smith, in your prayers as he is very ill.

MASS INTENTION

For the people of St. Joseph's

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

	Attendance	Collection
11 th November (Regular)	7	29.00
(Maintenance)		83.00
12 th November (Regular)	39	270.00
(Maintenance)		84.00
		\$466 .00

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated.

Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number:

20006060757062100 – Bank of NT Butterfield

Our Religious Education class will be held after Mass this morning. This is for the children and any parents who would like to join us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Christmas Food Voucher Programme – 2023

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing Christmas Food Vouchers again this year 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 SDVP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin. Deadline to receive names is 1st December 2023. Distribution takes place on Saturday, 9th December.

Many thanks and God bless, SDVP Society Committee.

Filipino Mass – St. Joseph's

On Saturday, 25th November at 11:00 a.m., Fr. Dandy will celebrate Mass for our Filipino families. All are welcome to attend. Commencing January 2024, this Mass will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.



Our next monthly **Coffee Social** will be held after the Mass next Sunday, 26th November, and will be hosted by Liz's Team 1.

On Friday, 8th December Fr. Attilio will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's at 6:00 p.m. to commemorate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be just prior to our scheduled Christmas Bingo.



Friday, 8th December –Annual Christmas Bingo – Menu: Sandwiches, assorted hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets: \$25 Adults - \$10 children + 2 bingo cards. Time: 7:15 p.m.



Decorating the Christmas tree and Church will take place on Sunday, 10th December after Mass; please come out to help beautify your little church for Christmas. *You know the old adage "Many hands, make light work."*



Our Christmas get-together will be held on Sunday, 17th December at 2:15 p.m., in the Church (carols, songs, music). This is an “informal” celebration; therefore, let us have fun and enjoy it as a Parish Family in the Spirit of the Season!! We will have a social afterwards in the Parish Centre. If the children want to play an instrument, sing, or recite a poem; now is the time to get them to start practicing.



Christmas Flower Envelopes are now at the back of the church. Please ensure that the names of your deceased loved ones are on the outside of the Envelope.

Don't forget that St. Anthony's Christmas Fair, Raffle and Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday, 2nd December from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PASTOR's NOTE:

Dear friends,

The second reading tells us “When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them (1 Thes 1:3)” The wisdom of the Word of God tells us that if we look for peace and security in the circumstances outside of us, then security is an illusion. True wisdom is the root of our peace and our security

into our inner life, the spiritual dimension. In the end, the foundation of peace and security is a presence, the divine who became human and can dwell within us. Then, no matter what the circumstances, we find our peace and security, even int time of war and scarcity, in time of sickness and of pain. The Lord gives us gifts, “talents”: his word, his teaching, his Son Jesus Christ, the Church, the Sacraments, the possibility to pray. Trading with these talents makes them multiply because it helps us to be at peace in any circumstance of life and makes us credible witnesses of faith before the people who live around us.

God bless you all.

Fr. Attilio

“This Is My Body”

Rediscovering the Eucharist, reading together the book of Bishop Robert Barron with Fr. Attilio Morelli

Next meeting:

Tuesday: **28th** November

From 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

#26 Middle Road, Warwick, WK 06

BISHOP's CORNER:

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I just realized that I owe you information regarding the special collection that was arranged in September 2023, in order to support the construction of the new church in Bangladesh. The amount collected was \$19,572.00. Impressive!

Let me quote the email that was sent to our Chancery:

“On behalf of our Archbishop of Dhaka, Most Rev. Bejoy N. DeCruze, O.M.I., on behalf of my parish community of St. John's, and myself, I express our gratitude to all the parish communities of the Diocese of Hamilton, for your most generous contribution/donation for the construction of the new church that is under my parish and Dhaka Catholic Archdiocese. I assure you all of our prayerful remembrance and best regards to you all. Seeking for prayers, sincerely yours, Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes.”

I can only say: Good job my Dear and Generous People! Thank you!

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Let us also take a moment on Thursday to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with.

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: “Use what God has given you and look at the poor.” At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



MONDAY

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

TUESDAY

November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18–31
Lk 19:1–10

WEDNESDAY

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31
Lk 19:11–28

THURSDAY

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29
Lk 19:41–44
Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

FRIDAY

November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59
Lk 19:45–48

SATURDAY

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13
Lk 20:27–40

SUNDAY

November 26

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46