



Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?***



## St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1928.  
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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### Tentative Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	By date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	By appointment
Filipino Mass –	TBA
Kids & Youth Ministry- 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Children's Mass	TBA
<b>Pastoral &amp; Finance Council</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Monthly Coffee Social	TBA
Second Collection	Second Weekend of the Month

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<b>Mrs. Elizabeth Card</b> – Pastoral Council Chairperson	<b>Mrs. Annette Barclay</b> St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
<b>Walette Cross</b> Stewardship Representative	<b>Natalia Walker</b> Religious Education Kids & Youth Ministry
<b>Mrs. Mary Harvey</b> - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	<b>Mrs. Jane Farge</b> Music Ministry



#### Today's Hymns

<b>Entrance:</b>	<b>Alleluia! Alleluia, Let the holy Anthem Rise</b>	<b>#411</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>Immaculate Mary</b>	<b>#512</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>In The Breaking of the Bread</b>	<b>#779</b>
<b>Recessional:</b>	<b>Go Make a Difference</b>	<b>#430</b>

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



*The St. Joseph's Parish family takes this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May the loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.*



Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

**Elizabeth Card**  
**Kathie Ausenda**  
**Joanne Smith**  
**Annette Barclay**  
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**Jane Farge**

**Prayers:** Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Evelyn Pinlac, and Mary Maybury.

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** Louise, John, and Richard Card  
**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** Lucy & John Moffat

#### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 4:00 p.m.	26	86
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April - 8:45 a.m.	46	394
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$480</b>

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated. Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number: 20006060757062100 – Bank NT Butterfield*

#### BIRTHDAYS

**Chloe Card** 5<sup>th</sup> May  
**Malyn Amul** 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**Nicolas DiMaggio** 10<sup>th</sup> May

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Natalia & Richard Walker** 4<sup>th</sup> May

May God, our loving heavenly Father, grant you many more special days.

**"Kids & Youth Ministry"** - today at 9:45 a.m.



**Garage Cleanup - Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May: 10:00 a.m.**, so if you can give us a little time to help it would be appreciated. Hopefully, we can finish before noon. "Many hands, make light work". This area really needs to be cleaned out, and utilized for storage; as it is now, we can't put anything there, and the kitchen is getting cluttered up.

#### Coming Events:

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May** **Afternoon Heritage Tea** - 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall.  
**(6 tickets available)**

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June** **Classical Music Concert** – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** **Classical Music Concert** – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

(Duplicate programme - if you are unable to attend one you can attend the other)

**Featuring: Steve Crawford** (Guitar)  
**Jane Farge** (Classical Contralto Opera Singer)  
**Johanna Pino Gonzales** (Viola & Violin)  
**Andrea Hodgson Patton** (Piano)

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June - Informal afternoon of music, and just maybe a "little magic" – St. Joseph's Church at 2:00 p.m.**

More information to follow re music events.

#### A Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of your servant Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him now into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory.

Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love. May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### WORDS OF LIFE:

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

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**May is a Marian month**, therefore, in honour of our Blessed Mother, let us try to pray the rosary every day, or, at least, just one decade. There are some nice sites on YouTube that you can follow along with.

#### BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I read a little detail after Pope Francis' funeral that touched my heart. It seems that it binds our Diocese to the late Pope with a very special bond.

A white rose was placed on Pope Francis' tomb right after his burial on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> of April and it is more than just a beautiful touch. According to *Vatican News*, the rose is a symbol of the bond between Francis and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for whom the Argentine Pontiff had a particular devotion.

The Holy See's official media outlet reports that, a few days after his discharge from Gemelli Hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, the Pope received a white rose from Lisieux. It reads that "He kept it on a nightstand next to his bed." It's a tradition that St. Thérèse shows her favour with roses. This is rooted in something that the young saint promised: "I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens; I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth."

St. Thérèse might have spoken of "roses" as a metaphor for the graces she would intercede for, however, many of the faithful attest that actual roses seem to come in response to their prayers to the saint. In fact, Pope Francis himself had this experience, as [he described to journalists](#) on his way to Manila in 2015: "I have the habit, when I do not know how things are going, of asking St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus that if she takes care of some problem, anything at all, to send me a rose. At times she does, but in odd ways. In the same way, I asked her watch over this journey and to send me a rose."

May St. Thérèse, our Patroness, send us many roses...

Have a serene weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Stewards Love

*"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)*

How often in Stewardship do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were all made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

# Dear Padre,

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” ●

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



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 13:14, 43–52
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	Rv 7:9, 14b–17 Jn 10:27–30



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022

# Our Sunday Readings

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  
5:27-32, 40b-41  
PSALM 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
REVELATION 5:11-14  
JOHN 21:1-19 (or 21:1-14)

## Lambs of God

### REVELATION 5:11-14

#### Entering the word

1. Imagine that you're John.
  - a. What do you see?
  - b. What do you hear?
  - c. What do you smell?
  - d. What do you do?

#### Living the word

2. Do you ever simply praise God?
3. What all do people worship today?
4. Write your own description of all creation praising God.
  - a. What elements have you included?
  - b. What all are people saying and doing?
  - c. Where are you?

### THE SECOND READING

#### John's vision

One reason the Book of Revelation is hard to understand is the author draws on imagery from the Old Testament and other writings that are unfamiliar to us. He also adapts that imagery for his own purposes. Although this book often leaves us perplexed, it still inspires a sense of awe and solemnity — and sometimes a sense of urgency.

#### The heavenly liturgy

As John's vision continues, he sees God's vast throne room. In the middle is the risen Jesus, whom John most often calls *the Lamb*. Because Jesus gave his life for the world's salvation, he (with God) is now the focal point of all worship.

The **four living creatures** represent the best of living beings from across the known world. The **elders** may be a heavenly council that mirrors the church on earth. These beings join the angels and all creation in praising God (*the one who sits on the throne*) and the Lamb.

#### Participating on earth

At the time this was written, Roman officials may have been trying to force Christians to participate in pagan rituals. John's bold imagery reminds Christians to worship only God and Christ. Those who withstand persecution and false worship join the heavenly liturgy.

The realms of heaven and earth intersect through liturgy. The Lamb becomes real on our altar, and we, too, sing **Amen** and bow down in worship. *Amen*, or *so be it* expresses both our faith in and our commitment to the Lamb.

*A reminder that these questions invite reflection.  
They don't have a definite answer.*

**JOHN 21:1-14**

1. Why do Peter and the others go fishing?
2. Why don't they recognize Jesus?
3. How willingly do they cast their nets again?
4. How does *the disciple whom Jesus loved* recognize Jesus?
5. Why does Peter jump into the water?
6. What all are the other disciples thinking and feeling?
7. What does everyone say and do as they eat?
8. What in this story connects with you?

**JOHN 21:15-19**

9. Do the others hear Jesus question Peter?
10. What all does Peter feel for Jesus?
11. What exactly is Jesus asking Peter to do?
12. When were you especially aware of your failings? Did you experience forgiveness for these failings?
13. What is God asking of you?

**JOHN 21:1-14**

**The epilogue**

John 21 was added to this Gospel, which explains inconsistencies like why the disciples are back in Galilee, why they've resumed their former lives, and why they don't recognize Jesus.

However, this chapter addresses important themes such as the mission of the early church, the importance of the Eucharist, the restoration of Peter, and Peter's responsibility for the community.

**Cast your nets**

The number **seven** represents wholeness or completion. These seven disciples thus represent all of Jesus' followers. They can't accomplish anything without him, however. Only by the power of his word are they successful.

These verses echo Luke 5:1-11, where a huge catch of fish represents the mission of the disciples. Now, having received the Holy Spirit (John 20), they must continue to draw others to Jesus. (Scholars aren't certain what the number **153** signifies.)

**Bread of life**

Just as Jesus fed the people in John 6, he now feeds the disciples. He not only sends them on mission, but nourishes them for the work ahead. Our celebration of the Eucharist also strengthens us to go forth and draw others to Christ.

**JOHN 21:15-19**

**Forgiving and commissioning Peter**

Three times during Jesus' trial, while standing around a charcoal fire (18:18), Peter denied knowing Jesus. Now Jesus formally restores Peter to good-standing. Three times Jesus asks **Simon**, (Peter's old name), to formally declare his love.

In John 10 Jesus spoke of himself as *the good shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep*. In John 13 Jesus commanded his disciples to *love one another as I have loved you*. Jesus tells Peter to lead the church with this same self-sacrificing love.

**Peter's future**

Jesus contrasts the freedom Peter has enjoyed up to now with the demands of leadership. Peter was free to bind up his garment and jump from the boat into the water (v.7), but eventually he'll be bound by others and led to his death.

In John 13:36-38 Peter expressed his desire to follow and give his life for Jesus. Now that he's been forgiven and commissioned by the risen Lord, it's time to follow through on his profession of love. This love will lead to martyrdom.

**PRAYER**

*adapted from Prayers for the Pope (Roman Missal, 1985)*

God our Father,  
source of eternal life and truth,  
give to your shepherd Pope Francis  
a spirit of courage and right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing faithfully those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to Peter,  
build your Church into a sacrament  
of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.