



## Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became “impure,” and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

### Reflect

*Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?*

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”

MARK 1:40





## St. Joseph's Church

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

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**Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli**



### Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT 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.)

FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February - 11:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Sunday, 10.00 a.m.

Children's Mass – 25<sup>th</sup> February

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February

Monthly Coffee Social – 25<sup>th</sup> February – Grace's Team

### DIocese HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak

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### Parish Team Leaders

**Mrs. Elizabeth Card** – Pastoral  
Council Chairperson  
Society Representative

**Mrs. Annette Barclay**  
St. Vincent de Paul

**Walette Cross**  
Stewardship Representative  
Coordinator

**Mrs. Sue Moench**  
Religious Education

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

**Mr. Tony Bari**  
Music Ministry

### Today's Hymns

**Entrance: Blest Be the Lord #677**

**Offertory: Amazing Grace #680**

**Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat #791**

**Recessional: Sent Forth by God's Blessing #740**

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones



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



**Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

**Jane Bermingham**  
**Elizabeth Card**  
**Annette Barclay**  
**Joanne Smith**  
**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. Also, continue to keep Carol and Tony, in your prayers; hopefully, both are on the road to a speedy recovery.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**This weekend - For the people of St. Joseph's**

### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

	Attendance	Collection
4 <sup>th</sup> February (Regular)	36	\$277.50
(Holy See)		\$194.00
		\$471.50

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

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

*20006060757062100 – Bank NT Butterfield*

### BIRTHDAYS

**Kate Robinson**

**Danielle Araujo and Antonia Walker**

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Andrew & Ailyn Harris**

*May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you with*

*many more special days*

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Please join us in the Parish Centre after the Mass this morning for pancakes, and of course, there will be coffee!

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the Special Collection for the Holy See. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Lenten Schedule

**Ash Wednesday**

St. Anthony's 8:15 a.m., and 7:15 p.m.

St. Joseph's 5:45 p.m.

**Stations of the cross:**

St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Fridays 7:00 p.m.

**Catechesis For Adults** (Lenten Mission-Neocatechumenal Way) St. Anthony's Hall Sunday 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 p.m.



As we just had the Holy See, our next Maintenance Collection will be held over until next Sunday.

Dear friends,

I am back, finally, and ready to enter the fight. We are at the doors of Lent. This coming Wednesday is already Ash Wednesday. We start with an intense time of mission, of evangelization, even tougher than other years: three times a week. It looks like a lot of time, but don't we watch TV or follow social media Every Day? We never say that it is too much! So, I tell you: Be bold get into it. Apart from all this, we have been doing this Catechesis for a few years, and I am sure that there is a lot of gossip going around it. Most of the things that are said are true. In fact, one of the powers of Gossip is to present the reality in a way that it makes it look bad. Sometimes it is just matter of the tone of the voice or a kind of glance. However, what is the most important thing is essentially one: IT WORKS! If you need something in your life that makes you experience the encounter with the Resurrection with Jesus Christ that can really make the difference in your life, in your family relationship, in the life of the youth, this is your opportunity, don't miss it. Remember: your life is yours, and you have a chance now, our Church has a chance now. People have the right to their opinion, so if they make negative comments or make faces, they are entitled to, and that is OK. Just do not let this condition your life and your choices. I have been personally witnessing in my life and in the life of many people of how this way of evangelization has brought many people to Jesus Christ and affected the life of so many people and church communities. It has been studied and received and approved by the Church and five popes have supported and encouraged it. I think these counts more than anything else. The last event was the past January 27, when Pope Francis met the Team of initiators of this way and appreciated the work of evangelization done in 136 countries and the 120 seminaries that gather the vocations to the priesthood arising from this itinerary and encouraged them go forward boldly evangelizing. And this is what we are doing. We will start this Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and continue on Tuesday, and Thursday at 8:00 p.m., in the Church Hall and continue in the next few weeks. Meetings will last one hour, and babysitting will be available if needed.

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

### St. Theresa's and St. Patricks information:

During the season of Lent the 12:10 p.m. Masses at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from Monday to Friday. On Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:40 a.m., followed by Mass.

There will be NO Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's on Wednesday the 14th and 21st of February. The Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's will resume on Tuesday, 27th of February, with Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass. In March the Masses will be celebrated on Wednesdays.

There will be NO Portuguese Mass and Adoration at St. Theresa's on Saturday, 17th of February.

### BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his opening message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis said, "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom." Recalling the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt, the Holy Father explains that our journey through the desert can be a season of grace, not an abstract journey, but a concrete path that involves seeing the world as it is and hearing the cries of our oppressed brothers and sisters.

The Pope reminds us that it is God who takes the initiative. He said, "Too often there remains within us an inexplicable longing for slavery, a desire to cling to idols that paralyze us, as Israel was paralyzed in the desert. Lent, however, is a season of grace, a time of conversion, where the desert can become a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery, where we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken."

He added that, "The Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time for action, but also a time to pause in prayer and to pause in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love." Pope Francis continued, explaining that "The contemplative dimension of Lent can help us release new energies to be more sensitive to one another; in the place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers." Pope Francis concluded his Lenten message on a hopeful note: "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope." Calling on the faithful to "be ready to take risks," he invited them "to find the courage to see our world, not as in its death throes, but in a process of giving birth; not at the end, but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history." The Pope said, "Faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward."

Full official text of the message can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3pmmra3y>

Have a restful weekend and a blessed season of Lent!

Bishop Wes

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donations received by the SVDP Society in 2023. We are humbled by and grateful for your generosity of spirit. Your trust and support enabled the SVDP Society to provide several thousand meals to individuals and to assist many families through crisis situations at Christmas and throughout the year allowing us to play a small part in improving their quality of life.

Thank you and God bless you.

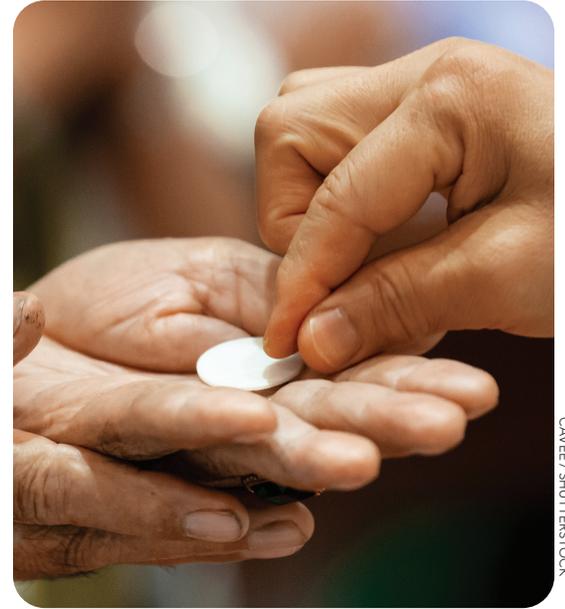
# Dear Padre,

***I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?***

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●



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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after	Friday after	Saturday after	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	1 Pt 3:18-22
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Mk 1:12-15



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....***

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