## Our Parish community

June 8, 2025 **Pentecost (C)** Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Romans 8:8–17 / John 20:19–23 or John 14:15–16, 23b–26





# **Spirited Life**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**e are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger,** much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward? Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To "live in the flesh" is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not "fall back into fear," something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. •

### Reflect

What situations or "triggers" cause me to act out of my baser instincts?



### St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th 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 Weddings	By appointment: one month in advance By date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Filipino Mass – Kids & Youth Ministry- 8 <sup>th</sup> June Children's Mass <b>Pastoral &amp; Finance Council</b> Monthly Coffee Social Second Collection	By appointment TBA Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. TBA TBA Second Weekend of the Month

### **DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA** Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiewak www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

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Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral	Mrs. Annette Barclay		
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	Society Representative		

Walette Cross Stewardship Representative

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**Religious Education** Kids & Youth Ministry Mrs. Jane Farge Music Ministrv

Natalia Walker

Today's Hymns

Entrance:	By The Waking of Our Hearts	#439
Offertory:	Send us Your Spirit O Lord	#433
Communion:	Spirit and Grace	#798
Recessional:	Come, O Holy Spirit	#434

### 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

Jane Bermingham Elizabeth Card **Annette Barclay** Joanne Smith

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:

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June \*Eugene DeSilva \*Sheilah and Louie Hassell

### **ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION**

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Weekend of 31 <sup>st</sup> May/1 <sup>st</sup> June		\$379

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Grace Smith	12 <sup>th</sup> June
ANNIVERSARY	
Annette & Bill Barclay (60 <sup>th</sup> )	12 <sup>th</sup> June

May God, our loving heavenly father bless you with many more "special' days

"Kids & Youth Ministry" – Today, 8<sup>th</sup> June – 9:45 a.m.



This weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June, is the second weekend of the month, therefore, there will be a second collection designated for maintenance.

### **CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS**

Sunday, 15<sup>th,</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June -- 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's **Church** – The performance to be presented will be the same on both evenings and will feature:

> Steve Crawford (Guitar) Jane Farge (Classical Contralto Opera Singer) Johanna Pino Gonzales (Viola & Violin) Andrea Hodson Patton (Piano)

Tickets: \$25 Adults - \$10 Seniors & Children (5-18), and are available from Liz Card 234-0872

(lizatstjosephs@gmail.com) or from Jane Farge 747-4060

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June - Informal afternoon of music, singing, dancing, and just maybe a "little magic" - at St. Joseph's - 2:30 p.m. This will be similar in format to our fun Christmas afternoon. Admittance by donation, and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

### ST. MICHAEL'S & ST. ANTHONY'S EVENTS

FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT: COME JOIN US for fun for the whole family!! At St. Michael's Hall on Saturday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets Include (1) Bingo Card Adults: \$20 Children: \$15 (10 &under). Door Prize and Great Raffles will be on sale for \$1.00 each. Refreshments will be available.

ST. ANTHONY'S BINGO FOR SENIORS will take place on Saturday June 28, in the church hall from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Everyone attending is asked to bring either sandwiches or a dessert. Bingo cards will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Blackout cards will be \$5 each. Come

"Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life --especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life" **BISHOP's CORNER** Dear Fellow-Catholics, In popular Catholic piety, each month of the year has become associated with a corresponding spiritual theme that focuses on various aspects of the Christian faith. June has become known in the last century as the Month of the Sacred Heart, due to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during it. This year this feast falls on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June. This was not always the case, as the feast was not recognized until the 19th century. It all started when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received private revelations from Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke to her and asked her specifically to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. "I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honour my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honour it and cause it to be honoured." The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person spreads devotion to the Sacred Heart, it is natural for him or her to be closer to God. Perhaps it would not harm us to add to our prayers in June a little invocation: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on me and hold me close in your heart. Pope Leo makes a reference to this Catholic tradition in his first "The Pope Video" for June 2025: https://tinyurl.com/2p9zivte May your weekend be restful and your week blessed! **Bishop Wes** 

and enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter. PASTORS POINT Dear Parishioners. SECTION V THE TEACHING OF THE MAGISTERIUM For this reason, it is gravely unjust to enact laws that legalize euthanasia or justify or support suicide. The existence of such laws deeply wound human relations and justice, threatening the mutual trust among human beings. They also strike at the foundation of the legal order, as the right to life sustains all other rights. Pope Francis recalls that our awareness of what makes human life precious is gradually eroding as human life "is increasingly valued on the basis of its efficiency and utility, to the point of considering as 'discarded lives' or 'unworthy lives' those who do not meet this criterion."14 In some countries, tens of thousands have already died by euthanasia. Physicians themselves report that abuses frequently occur when the lives of persons who would never have desired euthanasia are terminated. Likewise, the request for death is in many cases a *symptom* of disease, aggravated by isolation and discomfort. Rather than condemning those looking to hasten death, the Christian must offer to the sick the help they need to shake off their despair. Earthly life is not the supreme value; ultimate happiness is in heaven. The Christian must help the dying to place their hope in God. From a clinical perspective, the factors that largely determine requests for euthanasia are unmanaged pain and loss of hope, often provoked by inadequate psychological and spiritual human assistance. Requests for death should not be understood as "a true desire for euthanasia; in fact, it is almost always a case of an anguished plea for help and love."15 The "end of life," inevitably accompanied by pain and suffering, can be faced with dignity only by seeing in the event of death the horizon of eternal life and affirming the transcendent destiny of each person. Those who assist persons with chronic illnesses or in the terminal stages of life must know how to keep vigil with those suffering, to console them and instill hope. "Weep with those who weep" (*Rm* 12:15). Love is made possible and suffering given meaning in relationships

where persons share in solidarity the human condition

and the journey to God. When physicians and patients are united in the recognition of the value of life and the mystical meaning of suffering, good medical care can be valued, while today's utilitarian and individualistic outlook is dispelled.

**SOURCE:** Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of he Faith, Samaritanus bonus on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life: Compendium by the USCCB Secretariat of

Pro-Life Activities on Pages 8 & 9, 2020.

God bless. Fr. Joe Morley, Acting Pastor /Vicar General

### WORDS OF LIFE - June 8th

## Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder,



albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
The Blessed	Weekday	St. Barnabas,	Weekday	St. Anthony of	Weekday	The Most Holy
Virgin Mary,	2 Cor 1:18–22	Apostle	2 Cor 3:15–	Padua, Priest	2 Cor 5:14-21	Trinity
Mother of the	Mt 5:13–16	Acts 11:21b-26;	4:1, 3-6	and Doctor of	Mt 5:33–37	Prv 8:22–31
Church		13:1-3	Mt 5:20–26	the Church		Rom 5:1–5
Gn 3:9–15, 20		Mt 5:17–19		2 Cor 4:7–15		Jn 16:12–15
or Acts 1:12–14				Mt 5:27–32		
Jn 19:25–34						

### Do you have a question for the Padre?



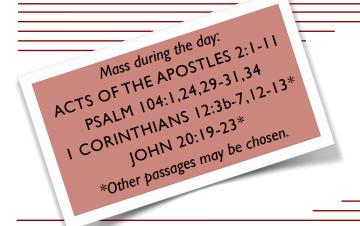
### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

### **REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022**

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# Our Sunday Readings



# Sending the Spirit

### JOHN 20:19-23

### **Reading closely**

- 1. What might be the significance of when Jesus appears?
- 2. Why are the doors locked?
- 3. What are all the ways the disciples might have reacted to Jesus' appearance?
- 4. Why does Jesus show them his hands and side?
- 5. What does Jesus do for his disciples?
- 6. Do you think the disciples could tell that Jesus had bestowed the Spirit on them? If so, how?

### Living the word

- 7. What do you offer others?
- 8. What do you need from others?
- 9. How can you be a better bearer of peace?

### THE GOSPEL READING

### Peace

Peace be with you was a familiar greeting among Jews. Peace was the great hope God's people had for the world.

Jesus' gift of peace also frees the disciples from fear, and the disciples desperately need this

freedom. As they go forth from their locked room to proclaim the gospel, they will meet resistance, hostility, and outright rejection.

### For testimony

Before he was killed, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit (14:15-18). Now the risen Jesus sends his followers to continue his ministry of loving people even to death (15:12-13). They don't go alone: the Spirit makes them inseparable from Jesus. The Spirit is also the one who will speak through them, giving testimony to the truth (15:26-27).

### **New creations**

Jesus breathes on his disciples just as God once breathed life into the first human being (Genesis 2:7). Now that these disciples share in the life that comes from the risen Jesus, they share his power to bring others into union with God. However, they will also hold people accountable for refusing to accept that Jesus brings salvation to all (v.23).

### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

### **Reading closely**

- I. Who all has gathered?
- 2. Why have so many people gathered?
- 3. How do you imagine Jesus' followers reacting to the wind and fire?
- 4. What all might they think is happening?
- 5. What gift does the Spirit give? Why?
- 6. How might Jesus' followers feel about this gift?
- 7. What might each of Jesus' followers be saying?
- 8. If you were in the crowd, how would you respond?

### Living the word

- 9. How can you tell when you're cooperating with the Holy Spirit?
- 10. Have there been times you think someone falsely claimed the presence of the Spirit?
- II. Have you ever been amazed by the work of the Spirit?

### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11 Fulfilling his promise

In his Gospel (Book One) Luke emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is with Jesus. At the end of Luke's Gospel, Jesus promised to share the Spirit with his disciples. Today's passage from Book Two shows the fulfillment of that promise.

### **Claiming Pentecost**

Pentecost was the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). It was originally a harvest festival celebrated about fifty days after Passover. The feast evolved into a commemoration of God's giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai, where **fire** was a sign of God's presence (Exodus 19:18).

The Hebrew word *ruah* means **wind**, breath or spirit. In this passage all three meanings are implied. God breathes his Spirit into those who believe in the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Jewish feast of Pentecost has thus come to assume new meaning for Christians.

### A summary story

Right before his Ascension Jesus told his disciples that they would be his witnesses throughout the

world (Acts 1:8). Acts of the Apostles is the story of how the holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers to preach and build up God's church. Today's passage sums up the first part of the book: Jews from all over the world hear what God has accomplished through Jesus' death and resurrection.

### I CORINTHIANS 12:3b-7,12-13

### All kinds of people

The Christians at Corinth included people of different ethnicities, religious backgrounds, education, and income levels, which led to internal division and snobbery. Some people thought they were better than others because they had better spiritual gifts.

### All kinds of gifts

Paul makes it clear that every person who believes in Jesus has the holy Spirit within them and that every gift comes from the Spirit. Therefore, no one should presume to think they're better than anyone else. Moreover, the gifts of the Spirit aren't given to make people feel special but to strengthen God's church.

The Spirit's presence within individuals draws them into a community. The Spirit bestows gifts that makes the community diverse but also interdependent. The community will be unhealthy and ineffective if its members don't value each other and work together.

### PRAYER

adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Pentecost (Roman Missal, 1985)

Father of light,

you have enlightened the minds of your disciples through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Bless us and give us the gifts of your Spirit forever.

May that fire that hovered over the disciples as tongues of flame burn out all evil from our hearts and make us glow with pure light.

May the voice of the Spirit strengthen our faith and inspire others who need love, guidance, and hope.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.