



[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your
people and to distinguish
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

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Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



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Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

July 25	6:15 pm	John & Jacinta Reis++
July 26	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
July 28	8:30 am	
July 29	8:30 am	
July 30	8:30 am	No Mass
July 31	8:30 am	No Mass
Aug 1	6:15 pm	John & Jacinta Reis++
Aug 2	11:30 am	Portiuncula Indulgence Mass

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, 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.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin – July 25/July 26, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

July 11/12 \$ 1,325.00

July 18/19 \$ 1,940.00

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

Maintenance Collection –next weekend

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry July 26: Annette and Steve

Aug 2: Annette and Pat

Saturday July 25

Lector: Annette Boyle

Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Bicheri & Raynae Fleming

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday July 26

Lector: Felicity Davidson

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizen

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday August 1

Lector: Annette Boyle

Eucharistic Minister: Raynae Fleming

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday August 2

Lector: Denis Thornhill

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizen

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Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

"Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child." This comforting reminder is offered at the beginning of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on the 26th of July, with the theme "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)."

Pope Leo says that the prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole, saying that even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us. The Pope acknowledges that quite a few elderly people share the painful feeling of being forgotten, especially as they experience loneliness or sometimes being reduced to a bed number or illness. He also invites everyone, especially the young, "to revive the beautiful custom" of visiting their grandparents, elderly relatives, and even those who have no one to visit them. "Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope," he said, as he called on loved ones to offer their grandparents and their elderly loved ones a tender and affectionate encounter.

Finally, the Pontiff thanks all elderly people for supporting him every day with their prayers, especially when they recite the Holy Rosary. "I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart," he said, while noting he leaves them with this prayer: "May the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!"

Full official text of the Pope's message:

<https://tinyurl.com/56heyep2>

Have a restful weekend and a Happy Cup Match week!

Bishop Wes

Reminder

There will be **no morning masses** during the Cup Match holiday on July 30 and July 31.

Second Celebration – St. Francis Jubilee

Sunday, 2nd of August, marks the Portiuncula Indulgence strongly rooted in St. Francis' spirituality. A second solemn celebration within St. Francis Jubilee Year will take place in our Diocese. Bishop Wes will officiate the **11:30am Mass** at St. Anthony's Church with communal recitation of prayers for indulgence. The conditions for obtaining indulgence for offer for salvation of oneself or the souls of the deceased are the ordinary ones: Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, Prayer according to the Intentions of the Holy Father.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

There will be no 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's. The last 12:10 pm Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 26th. There will be no 9:00 am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's. The last Saturday morning Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 4th. Finally, there will be no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. The last Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:00 pm. Masses will resume in September.

Apartment Wanted

There is a parishioner in need of a studio apartment. This single man is hoping to rent for a maximum of \$1400 a month a studio or one bedroom, with washer and dryer, plus electricity included. The rent is paid directly into the landowner's account by financial assistance. He does not have any pets, is quiet and not a smoker or drinker. Would prefer any area, hopefully not on a hill and that this place is safe. Hoping to move at the end of August. If you have such a place, please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



Summer Lunch & Movie Program

There will be no summer lunch and movie on Thursday July 30 due to Cup Match holiday. The program will resume on Thursday August 6th. The title of the next movie will be announced next week.

Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church.

It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
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Monday

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1–11
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1–3
Rom 8:35, 37–39
Mt 14:13–21