



The Lord said to her...
“Martha, Martha, you
are anxious and worried
about many things. There
is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the
better part, and it will
not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a

little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

Reflect

How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?



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	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	By date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	By appointment
Filipino Mass – 28 th June 20205	TBA
Kids & Youth Ministry	5th October 2025
Children's Mass	TBA
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Monthly Coffee Social	TBA
Second Collection	Second Sunday of the Month

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Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
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Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Gather Us In	P
Offertory:	Centre of My Life	#665
Communion:	As We Gather at Your Table	#760
Recessional:	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	#692

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 – 27th July 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, 19th July for the people of St. Josephs
Sunday, 20th July *Jose Miguel Arruda

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 12 th July – 4:00 p.m. (Reg)	9	70.00
(Main)		30.00
Sunday, 13 th July - 8:45 a.m. (Reg)	54	411.00
(Main)		241.50
TOTAL:	63	752.50

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

BIRTHDAY

Simon Stones 21st July
Amy Robinson 26th July

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY

It is hoped to resume the Kids & Youth Ministry on Sunday, 5th October 2025.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If any of our children in the parish will attain the age of eight years old before the 7th of June 2026, and you wish to register them in the First Holy Communion class, which will start in October, please let Liz Card know.

TO OUR WONDERFUL TEAM OF MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We want to take a moment to thank you for your service at St. Joseph's. We know how much time, energy, and love that you put into the various ministries, and it is such a comfort knowing that we can rely on you. Thank you for the hours you spend assisting our church. Most importantly, thank you for helping to make St. Joseph's the vibrant, spiritual community that it is. We are aware that some also volunteer with other organizations, and that is why it means so much that you share a lot of your precious time with us. This note cannot repay you for what you do for our church, but we hope it will suffice as a token of our gratitude. We are grateful for your service, and we hope that you will all continue to be an integral part of our church family. We always look forward to being together at the Sunday/Saturday Mass, and at our various parish functions. **THANK YOU.**

PASTOR's POINT

The integral care of the child, in its various physiological, psychological, affective, and spiritual dimensions, must never cease. The suspension of disproportionate therapies *should not entail the withdrawal of basic care*, including pain relief, hydration, nutrition, thermoregulation, and so forth. The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care customized to the personal needs of the patient. Evaluation and management of the physical pain of the child shows the proper respect they deserve. Likewise, maintaining the emotional bond between the parents and the child is an integral part of the process of care. The prayer of the people close to the sick child has a supernatural value and must not be overlooked. Any cost-benefit calculations of care can in no way form the foundations for decisions to shorten life in order to prevent suffering if such decisions envision actions or omissions euthanistic in nature or intention.

Fr. Joe, A/Pastor & Vicar General

SOURCE: Letter of The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, SAMARITANUS BONUS, On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life. Compendium, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2021, page 11.

WORDS OF LIFE - 20th July

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Married Love and the Gift of Life”

FR. JOE - VACATION DATES

Fr. Joe will be going on vacation during the month of AUGUST. Visiting priests will be taking his place, and during part of this time, he will be on a pilgrimage to both Italy (4th time) and Germany (1st time) with a group from the USA who needed a priest to accompany them. This will be his first time doing this ministry with a group from the Neo-Catechumenal Way as their spiritual guide. He leaves on Wednesday 30th July and returns on Tuesday 12th August. Upon his return, for the rest of that month, he will be in Bermuda taking a break from church activities.

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

As artificial intelligence sweeps across every industry from banking to customer service and even the arts, Bill Gates predicted the only three jobs he believes will remain truly human, and not because AI can't do them, but because we won't want it to.

1. Teaching: Mr. Gates believes great teachers are irreplaceable. AI can deliver lessons, sure but the human connection, the way a teacher understands a child's fears, sparks curiosity, or comforts them after failure, is something no algorithm can replicate. Emotional guidance and human mentorship will remain the soul of education.
2. Healthcare: While AI will revolutionize diagnostics and surgical precision, Mr. Gates insists that people will still want human doctors and nurses. Empathy, trust, and bedside care can't be downloaded. The most powerful medicine, after all, is compassion and no machine has ever mastered that.
3. Construction and Repair: Despite tech breakthroughs, Mr. Gates believes trades like plumbing, electrical work, and building will thrive. Homes, roads, and cities still need hands-on, physical problem-solving especially when conditions are unpredictable. These roles require adaptability, creative fixes, and working in environments where AI may falter.

Bill Gates' point is simple. In a world of rising machines, humanity will become our greatest asset. These jobs survive not because they resist automation, but because they depend on emotional intelligence, trust, and touch. That's what makes us human. As millions worry about their place in an AI-driven future, it seems that Mr. Gates' list offers clarity and hope. It's not about fighting AI; it's about leaning into the roles where we are most irreplaceable. In the end, the smartest machines still can't care, connect, or build trust the way people can.

It seems that AI can help us to solve the problem of the lack of the priests 😊

Enjoy your weekend and have a good week!

Bishop Wes

2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Grandparents and the Elderly: We wish to advise you that on Saturday, 26th of July there will be a 2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Grandparents and the Elderly in our Diocese. At 11:00 a.m. there will be Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church in Paget, followed by a light lunch in the hall. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Chancery Office at 232-4414 or by email to orcc.bermuda@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

“Lead us not into temptation...” God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord’s Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It’s a subjunctive verb. It’s used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God’s people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James,	Sts. Joachim and	Seventeenth
Ex 14:5–18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1–5, 9–15	Ex 19:1–2, 9–11,	Apostle	Anne, Parents	Sunday in
Mt 12:38–42	Sg 3:1–4b or	Mt 13:1–9	16–20b	2 Cor 4:7–15	of the Blessed	Ordinary Time
	2 Cor 5:14–17		Mt 13:10–17	Mt 20:20–28	Virgin Mary	Gn 18:20–32
	Jn 20:1–2, 11–18				Ex 24:3–8	Col 2:12–14
					Mt 13:24–30	Lk 11:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 17, 2022

Our Sunday Readings

GENESIS 18:1-10a
PSALM 15:2-5
COLOSSIANS 1:24-28
LUKE 10:38-42

Dining with the Lord

GENESIS 18:1-10a

Entering the word

Imagine you're one of the people in this story.

1. Describe your surroundings. What do you see? Smell? Hear? How hot is it?
2. What are you doing?
3. Describe those who are with you.
4. What are you thinking about?
5. Whom do you meet?
6. What do you expect from others?
7. How do people treat you?
8. What do you do as preparations are made for the meal?
9. Do you talk with anyone? What do you say?
10. What all do you feel?
11. Is there anything you want to say or do, but don't?
12. How do you reflect on the news of the pregnancy?

Living the word

13. What did your time of reflection leave you thinking about?
14. Did you encounter God in the story? If so, how did God seem?

THE FIRST READING

The promise

Although God promised Abraham and Sarah a child, Sarah hasn't yet conceived. In this story God once again assures Abraham that he and his wife will have a child of their own.

The perfect host

Abraham pitched his tent near the trees (*terebinth*) of Mamre, an ancient shrine about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. He's resting during the hottest part of the day when he notices the travelers. He greets them and offers them refreshment. Even today such hospitality is characteristic of nomadic Arabs (bedouin), but Abraham is remarkable in his humility and generosity.

Entertaining angels

Not until the men ask about Sarah would Abraham have realized that his guests weren't men but supernatural beings. One is God, and the other two are angels (19:1). The story may startle us in its presentation of God talking, eating, and drinking with his friends.

LUKE 10:38-42

Reading closely

1. Where is Jesus going?
2. How comfortable a journey do you imagine Jesus and his friends are having?
3. Why do you think Martha invites Jesus for a meal?
4. What does Mary do?
5. What all do you think Jesus is saying?
6. What do you think Mary is thinking and feeling?
7. What all do you imagine Martha doing?
8. What might the disciples think about the actions of the two sisters?
9. How do you think Martha sounds when she speaks to Jesus?
10. How do you think Mary reacts to her sister?
11. How do you think Martha reacts to Jesus' response?
12. What might Martha have done next?

Living the word

13. Does this story remind you of any situations you've been in?
14. What insights does this story offer you?
15. How does the story challenge you?

THE GOSPEL READING

Hospitality

Since at this point in the Gospel there weren't churches or the internet, people learned about God's kingdom from Jesus and the disciples (9:1f and 10:1f). In turn, these missionaries depended on those they visited for food, drink, and shelter (10:7). Villages did not have restaurants or hotels.

When hosts were receptive to the message of traveling preachers, they might permit their homes to become a house church. A house church served as a sort of home base within a particular village or town from where the missionaries could further spread God's word.

At first Martha does exactly what the head of a household should do for heralds of God's kingdom. She invites Jesus and his disciples into her home and prepares food and drink for them.

Priorities

Martha becomes so preoccupied in attending to the physical needs of her guests that she fails to listen to Jesus. As she busies herself with practical matters, she neglects the opportunity to receive the word of God.

Martha is so absorbed in her tasks that she puts Jesus in the awkward position of acting as an arbiter between herself and her sister. She even goes so far as to tell Jesus what to do!

Jesus' gentle rebuke is a reminder that even those who serve him well can get caught up in aspects of their faith tradition that aren't central to sharing the gospel. Sometimes Christ's followers must pause to check that they are not so focused on peripheral matters they're neglecting to receive and share God's love.

Among the male disciples

People would have expected Mary, a woman, to join her sister in the domestic work, but she surprises everyone by assuming the role of a disciple (v.39). It was customary for teachers of that era to offer formal instruction from a seated position. Disciples sat at the feet of their masters to learn.

Moreover, disciples were usually male. Thus, when Jesus defends Mary's actions, he defends her from her sister as well as from his own male disciples. Some of his disciples would have bristled at the presence of a woman seated among them.

PRAYER

*from the Book of Blessings,
"Blessing Before and After Meals," number 1069*

Blessed are you, almighty Father,
who gives us our daily bread.

Blessed is your only begotten Son,
who continually feeds us with the word of life.

Blessed is the Holy Spirit,
who brings us together at this table of love.

Blessed be God now and for ever.
Amen.