



## Truth-Sayers

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**T**he prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

### Reflect

***Who has been a truth-sayer for you?***

***How have they impacted your life?***



Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5





## 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.**

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. or by appointment**

**BAPTISMS** by appointment – one month in advance

**WEDDINGS** by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

**FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July - 11:00 a.m.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Resumes in September**

**Children's Mass – Resumes after the summer**

**Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – Resumes in September**

**Monthly Coffee Social – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **DIOCESE HAMILTON IN BERMUDA**

Most Rev. Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Śpiwak  
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#### **Parish Team Leaders**

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

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

#### **Walette Cross**

Stewardship Representative

Religious Education  
Coordinator

#### **Mrs. Mary Harvey** - Parish

Administrator & Finance  
Committee Team Leader

Music Ministry

### Today's Hymns

<b>Entrance:</b>	<b>Morning Has Broken</b>	<b>#851</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>Amazing Grace</b>	<b>#680</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>One Bread, One Body</b>	<b>#793</b>
<b>Recessional:</b>	<b>Take The Word of God with You</b>	<b>#812</b>

**Leader of Song: Justin Tavares**



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



**Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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

**Stefano Ausenda**  
**Elizabeth Card**  
**Jane Bermingham**  
**Kathie Ausenda**  
**Liam Stones**  
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**Prayers:** Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Evelyn Pinlac, and for Petra Caesar and Mary Maybury who are in the hospital.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**\*Ken Moench**

### **ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION**

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> July 4:00 p.m.	9	78.00
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 8:45 a.m.	58	423.00
Peter's Pence		175.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>\$676.00</b>

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

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Rita DiMaggio**  
**Andrew Harris**

**13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July**

Also, it will be **Sue's** birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup> July so let's not forget her – here's her email if you would like to send birthday wishes: [sue\\_moench@yahoo.ca](mailto:sue_moench@yahoo.ca)

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



**First Holy Communion: Today, Matteo Bortoli and Giovanni Vianello will receive the Eucharist for the first time.** Please keep Matteo and Giovanni in your prayers as they continue their 'faith journey' and, also their families, who will continue to accompany them along the way.



**The Peter's Pence collection** will be held over to this week for those who would still like to contribute; as a result, we will postpone our maintenance collection until Sunday, 21st July.

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks, in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**  
*1 Thessalonians 5:1-18.*

If you are unable to attend Mass on a weekend, please take a little time out to pray during the time of the Mass.

### **BISHOP's CORNER**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis gave a green light for work to start on building an agrivoltaic system on a Vatican property outside of Rome that could supply the whole of Vatican City's energy needs. "There is a need to make a transition to a model of sustainable development that reduces greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, establishing the goal of climate neutrality," said the pope in an apostolic letter issued on his own initiative. The letter, titled "Brother Sun," was dated June 21, the summer solstice and the longest day of the year.

He wrote, "Humanity has the technological means needed to tackle this environmental transformation and its pernicious ethical, social, economic and political consequences, and among these, solar energy plays a key role. The future installation will be projected to ensure, not only the power supply of the radio station existing there, but also the complete energy support of Vatican City State."

Agrivoltaic systems are a series of solar panels that coexist with crops, livestock or both, such as by having panel arrays on top of greenhouses, interleaved among fields or elevated above them so they can still be used for agricultural purposes.

The Vatican has been seeking to drastically reduce its environmental impact by adopting more renewable energy sources, pursuing a goal of zero emissions by 2050.

Have a serene weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes  
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**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:** The 12:10 p.m. noonday Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral will not be celebrated on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays during the summer. These Masses will resume on Wednesday, 4th September 2024.

***NO Wednesday evening Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's during the Summer. This Mass will resume on the 2nd of October, 2024.***

### **St. Theresa's Gift Shop – Summer hours**

We will be **CLOSED** for the week of 28th July (Cup Match) to 3rd August. **OPEN** on Saturdays **ONLY** - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st August - 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. (Zelia Lindo will be the volunteer).

**REOPEN** Tuesday, 3rd September, Tuesdays and Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

I will put a sign on the door. I can arrange a time to be available on a weekday during August if a customer has a "special request". Please have them call me to make arrangements.

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**The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings show us how God works through human weakness and the importance of faith. These themes help us understand how God empowers us and calls us to trust in Him.**

### **God's Empowerment**

In the first reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B from Ezekiel, God gives Ezekiel the strength to speak to the rebellious people of Israel. Even though the people are stubborn, God still sends His prophet. This shows us that God never gives up on His people, no matter how far they stray.

Ezekiel's mission reminds us that sometimes we are called to speak the truth, even when it is difficult. We might face resistance or rejection, but God wants us to keep going. He will give us the strength we need to carry out His will.

God's empowerment of Ezekiel teaches us that we are not alone in our mission. When we feel weak or afraid, we can trust that God is with us. He will guide us and help us speak His truth.

### **Strength in Weakness**

In the second reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Paul talks about his weaknesses and hardships. He explains that these challenges allow Christ's power to shine through. This teaches us that our struggles can help us grow closer to God.

Paul's message is clear: we do not need to be perfect to be loved by God. Our weaknesses and difficulties can be opportunities for God's strength to be shown. We can embrace our struggles and trust that God is working through them.

Paul's words encourage us to rely on God's power rather than our own. When we face hardships, we can remember that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

### **Faith and Rejection**

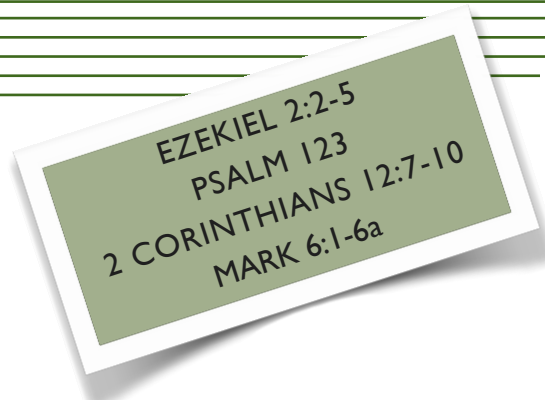
The Gospel reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B shows Jesus visiting His hometown of Nazareth. Despite His wisdom and miracles, the people reject Him because they see Him as just a carpenter's son. This lack of faith amazes Jesus.

Jesus' experience in Nazareth shows us how important faith is. Even though He had the power to perform miracles, the people's unbelief limited what He could do. This teaches us that our faith plays a crucial role in receiving God's blessings.

Jesus challenges the people with a new way of thinking, and it is just too much for them. God is indeed a person, but perhaps we are also more comfortable with the idea of God than an actual encounter. When we encounter God, we know we might be pushed beyond our current way of thinking, and that is frightening.

We are reminded to have faith in Jesus, even when others doubt or reject Him. Our belief in His power can open the door to His healing and new ways of thinking.

# Our Sunday Readings



## Rejected by their Own

### **EZEKIEL 2:2-5**

#### ***Reading closely***

1. How do you think Ezekiel experiences God's spirit?
2. How does God's spirit affect Ezekiel?
3. How does God speak about the Israelites?
4. Why do you think God sticks by his people?
5. What are some differences between God and the Israelites?
6. Why might God have chosen Ezekiel?
7. How might Ezekiel have felt about all this?

#### ***Living the word***

8. Have you ever felt called to speak to someone who seemed obstinate? What makes such moments challenging?
9. Are there ways you keep rebelling against God?

### **THE FIRST READING**

#### ***God was not exiled***

Ezekiel prophesied when the Babylonian Empire began conquering Israel in the sixth century BC. The Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and its temple and forced the Jewish leadership to live in Babylon. Some Israelites thought that their god, the LORD, had been defeated by the gods of Babylon.

Ezekiel was living in Babylon when God called him to prophesy, which meant that the LORD had not left his people. Ezekiel, among others, prophesied that the exile was God's way of punishing his people for their sins. God will rescue his people from the Babylonians if they turn back to him.

#### ***Spirit-filled***

In chapter 1 Ezekiel has a vision of God. He then *falls upon his face* because he can't bear to look upon such glory (2:1). He's a small, fragile human (a *son of man*). God's *spirit*, which can also be translated as *wind* or *breath*, takes hold of Ezekiel, lifting him to his feet and sending him forth to prophesy.

#### ***In the name of the LORD***

In verse 4 God empowers Ezekiel to speak in his name: *Thus says the Lord GOD!* A literal translation of the Hebrew is "Lord LORD." LORD represents YHWH, God's personal name. Because "Lord LORD" sounds odd, translators have chosen to replace LORD with GOD.

## MARK 6:1-6a

### Reading closely

1. Why do you think Jesus decides to go to his hometown of Nazareth?
2. What might life in a small Galilean village be like?
3. What might Jesus hope or expect from his family and fellow villagers?
4. What memories might the people in Nazareth have of Jesus?
5. What might be some reasons these villagers react the way they do?
6. What might be happening between Jesus and the few sick people he heals in Nazareth?
7. What might Jesus' disciples think of all this?

### Living the word

8. What does this story reveal about Jesus?
9. Has someone close to you ever changed in a way you didn't expect? How did you respond?
10. Have you changed in ways others don't accept?
11. What do you think about the way faith and healing are linked in Mark's Gospel?

## THE GOSPEL READING

### Rejection

Early in his Gospel Mark shows us ways in which people react against Jesus. For example –

- Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus because of his controversial teaching (3:6)
- Jesus' family thinks he's crazy (3:20-21)
- Scribes (literate men) from Jerusalem think Jesus is possessed (3:22)

In this passage Jesus' extended family as well as others who've known him for years deny that he's anything other than a normal Galilean villager. They see him as a laborer, a worker with parents and siblings like everyone else.

Jesus compares himself to prophets who weren't warmly received by their fellow Jews. After Jesus is crucified, one of the ways his followers explain the terrible circumstances of his death is by calling him a prophet. Like other prophets before him, Jesus is rejected by the very people to whom God has sent him.

### Family

One way Jesus upsets his fellow Jews is by setting aside the importance of one's biological family. Jesus insists that a true Jew is someone who believes in his ministry. Jesus thus redefines God's chosen people as those who accept him rather than those who are descendants of Abraham.

Jesus' disciples symbolize the new family that accepts Jesus and his teaching. By choosing twelve close followers, Jesus symbolically replaces the twelve tribes of Israel that had descended from Abraham. After Jesus is rejected (again) by his biological family, he sends the Twelve to continue bringing people into this new family (6:7-13).

### Faith that heals

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, faith is usually required for a person to be healed. People don't have to understand or believe in Jesus perfectly to be healed, but they must at least recognize that God is acting in and through Jesus.

### Jesus' siblings

Belief in Mary's virginity is not addressed in this Gospel. By mentioning Jesus' siblings, Mark shows how Jesus seemed perfectly ordinary to those who knew his family and remembered him as a boy.

## PRAYER

*adapted from the Missionaries of Charity*

Lord Jesus,  
you stand at the door of our hearts day and night.  
Even when we aren't listening,  
even when we doubt that you are there,  
you await the smallest sign of our response,  
the softest whisper of an invitation to enter.

When we invite you in, you come quickly.  
You come silent and unseen but with infinite  
power and love, bringing the many gifts of your  
Spirit.

Lord Jesus, come with mercy,  
come with forgiveness and healing,  
come with a love beyond our comprehension.  
Enter our hearts, and transform us every day and  
every night of our lives. Amen.



# Dear Padre,

***My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.***

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

### Monday

July 8  
Weekday  
Hos 2:16, 17c–  
18, 21–22  
Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday

July 9  
Weekday  
Hos 8:4–7,  
11–13  
Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday

July 10  
Weekday  
Hos 10:1–3,  
7–8, 12  
Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday

July 11  
St. Benedict,  
Abbot  
Hos 11:1–4,  
8e–9  
Mt 10:7–15

### Friday

July 12  
Weekday  
Hos 14:2–10  
Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday

July 13  
Weekday  
Is 6:1–8  
Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday

July 14  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Am 7:12–15  
Eph 1:3–14  
or 1:3–10  
Mk 6:7–13

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.***

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