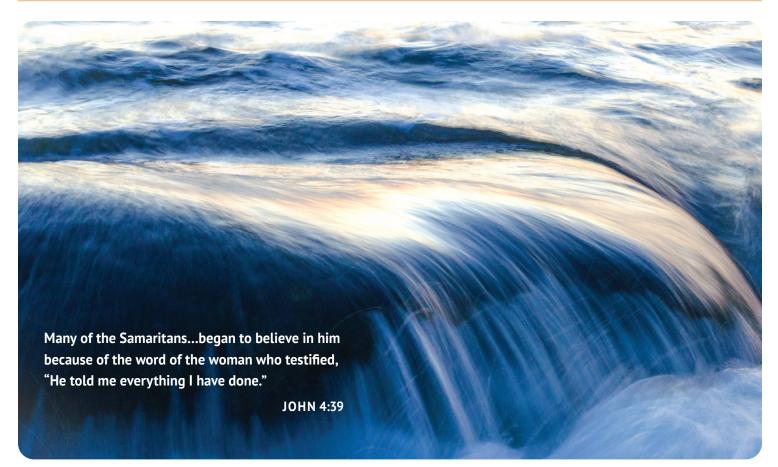
# Our Parish community

March 12, 2023 **Third Sunday of Lent (A)** Exodus 17:3–7 / Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 John 4:5–42 or John 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42



# A Fountain of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

he lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted -a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what

it was or where to go. She wondered, *Could anyone help me*?

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager

for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another. Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result

**Reflect** When and where have you found grace in an "unexpected place"? was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job,

a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God."

## St. Joseph's Church

43 Somerset Road - Sandys, MA 03, Bermuda (Direct Line) 441-238-1784 (Located between Arnold's Supermarket & Somerset Cricket Field) Parish Email: stjosephs@northrock.bm Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli Reconciliation: By appointment **Baptisms:** By Appointment – One month in advance Weddings: By Appointment -usually about a year in advance Sunday Mass: 9:00 am



## St. Anthony's Church

26 Middle Road -Warwick WK03, Bermuda Phone: (Office Direct Line) 441-238-1784 Pastor's Mobile: 441-777-2166 Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli Father's Contact: Whatsapp & Telegram: +14417772166 Snapchat: fr\_attilio LinkedIn & Instagram: Attilio Morelli Skype: fattiliomorelli **Facebook:** fattiliom Parish Email: stanthonybermuda@gmail.com

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at **5:00 p.m**. or by appointment Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance Weddings: By Appointment – A year in advance St. Anthony's Club (CCD): Fridays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Coordinator: Anna Daniel 441-236-2438 Email: stanthonyccd@yahoo.com Organist: Tony Bari: tbari@northrock.bm 441-236-1314

St. Vincent de Paul Rep: Pat Rodrigues

- St. Vincent de Paul 525-1191
- Portuguese Charismatic Group (PCG):

Fridays @ 8:15pm – TV Room, in the Cottage **Neocatechumenal Community (NCW):** 

Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Mar 11	6:00 pm Edith De Fontes+ 8:00 pm NCW Eucharistic Celebration		
(Hall)				
Sun	Mar 12	11:15 am		
		3:00 pm Spanish Mass		
Tues Mar 14		8:15 am Alan Power+		
Wed Mar 15		8:15 am Karel Simmons+		
		8:00 pm NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)		
Thu	Mar 16	8:15 am Manuel Medeiros+		
Fri.	Mar 17	8:15 am Lucille Dixon+		
		7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (bilingual)		
Sat.	Mar 18	6:00 pm Manuel Moura+		
		8:00 pm NCW Liturgy of the word (Hall)		
Sun	Mar 19	11:15 am		
		3:00 pm Spanish Mass		

## BULLETIN for March 11/12, 2023

### Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 25/26	\$ 1,032.00
Mar 4/5	\$ 932.00

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 i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Maintenance Collection --- first Sunday of the month

### **Pastor's Note**

Dear friends,

When I was a child, a then very famous Italian singer and rockstar, Adriano Celentano, came out with a song whose words were almost a literal rendition of the Gospel of the Samaritan woman. The tune was captivating with Middle Eastern tones. Keep in mind that Celentano was just a pop star, not a specifically religious musician, as Elton John or Dua Lipa would be. He was very popular and successful. He came out with this song that is very beautiful. (For those who understand Italian, the title is "il Forestiero" - "The Foreigner") I forgot this song but a few years ago it popped up again and now that I know more about Scripture, I was really impressed by the way he deals with the text. In this song, which was actually written by his brother-in-law Gino Santercole, who wrote many of Celentano's songs, the author stressed very beautifully the fact that Jesus says to this woman that He actually is the Messiah. He says, "It is me, the one speaking to you." Elsewhere when Jesus reveals his identity, He does it in a veiled way. He speaks about the Son of Man, for instance; He makes people draw their own conclusions. It is only to this woman that He says openly and plainly that He is the Messiah. Interestingly enough, I did not find this particular idea stressed either in exegetical commentaries, in university classes or in sermons of preachers. The one who made me see this is a pop star! I would say that in the same way that Jesus declares Himself to be the Messiah to a woman, a Samaritan (we can say a heretic in modern language) and possibly a prostitute (she draws water at noon, when women normally drew water in the evening). So the right clue about this Gospel story was offered to me not by a theologian, a Bible scholar, a preacher or a clergyman, but

by a rockstar. This shows very well that we cannot box God in our poor categories. We need to convert and open every day our heart to the ways of the Lord. If anybody want to listen to the song, here is the link: https://youtu.be/Q100jNZ70uQ

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

#### **Bishop's Corner**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis met with priests, deacons, seminarians and staff from Saint Mary's Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio as they are celebrating the 175th anniversary of the seminary's founding. The Pope highlighted how the mission of the formation to priesthood takes on "ever greater importance" as the Church continues in its synodal journey by underscoring three key elements: listening to the Lord, walking together, and giving witness.

Pope Francis pointed out that "Listening to the Lord is an essential characteristic, as by ourselves we can do nothing." This awareness calls us to meditate on the Lord's word every day, to spend time in prayer, silence before the Tabernacle, and to have the help of spiritual accompaniment. He then focused on the importance of deepening the spirit of fraternal communion. He stated, "We should recognize that we are part of one great people which has received God's promises as a gift, not as a privilege. In the same way, your vocation is a gift to be placed at the service of building up the body of Christ."

The Pontiff recalled that "Listening to God and walking together helps us become living signs of Jesus present in the world, giving yourselves completely to God and to his holy people. The Church needs your enthusiasm, generosity and zeal in order to show everyone that God is always with us, in every circumstance of life. I pray that you will always be signs of a Church that goes forth, bearing witness to and sharing the merciful love of Jesus with all in the human family."

Enjoy your weekend and have a blessed week! Bishop Wes

#### Winter Jacket Collection

It was an amazing success – thanks to everyone who answered our call for donations. More than 100 jackets were distributed during the Loaves & Fishes Programme on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Each guest who came for a hot meal was invited into the hall to try on and select a warm jacket. They were orderly, very grateful and now warm, because of this unexpected gift. We have some left over which we will be giving to a thrift shop.

Thank you, everyone, and God bless you! Joanne Judd Cell: 337-6625

#### Lenten Events at St. Anthony

Friday 17 of March 7:30 PM – Family Dinner Bingo for the families of our St. Anthony's Club (Children education program)

<u>Tuesday 28 March 4-6 PM</u> -- Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy with Confessions (STA)

#### Other Events

<u>Tuesday 28 March 7:30 PM</u>: Warwick Ministerial Alliance Joint Lent Service (St. Mary in Warwick. Fr. Attilio will preach there)

<u>Wednesday 29 March 6-8 PM</u>: Diocesan Reconciliation Service (Cathedral of St. Theresa)

**Portuguese Mass:** Bishop Wes is celebrating a Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning with a devotion; the Rosary or Via Sacra (during Lent), followed by Holy Mass.

**Bingo Lunch:** On Sunday, 26th of March at 12:30 pm in the MSA Auditorium, the Portuguese Pastoral Council invites you to a Bingo Lunch. It will be a fundraiser to help the Portuguese Pastoral Council to pay their share of the monthly maintenance for the Portuguese priest, which actually happens to be the Bishop. You do not have to be Portuguese to attend, and tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Tickets will be available soon.

#### Message from Bishop Wes

Dear Friends,

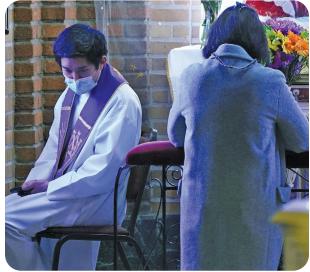
As in past years during the season of Lent, the 12:10pm Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral will be celebrated from Monday to Friday. On Friday it will be preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 11:40am. This will end on Friday, 31st of March. Have a blessed and fruitful Lent!

**Bishop Wes** 

# **Dear Padre**,

# I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?

As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's



Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The

Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**MONDAY** March 13 Lenten Weekday 2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY March 14 Lenten Weekday Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY March 15 Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19

**THURSDAY** March 16 Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23–28 l k 11:14–23

FRIDAY March 17 Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY** March 18 Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6 l k 18:9-14

SUNDAY
March 19
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b,
6–7, 10–13a
Eph 5:8–14
Jn 9:1-41

#### Know Someone Overly Anxious about Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' Scrupulous Anonymous free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



# **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

We all have the right to be forgiven. All of us....Forgiveness is a "right" in the sense that God, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, has given it in a total and irreversible way to every person willing to accept it with a humble and repentant heart.

> ADDRESS AT A COURSE ORGANIZED BY APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 25, 2022



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