



[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

Reflect

How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God's truth and wisdom?



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Weddings: By Appointment –A year in advance

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Sep 28	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sun	Sep 29	11:30 am	Tony Bari+
Tues	Oct 1	8:15 am	
Wed	Oct 2	8:15 am	Anthony Simoes+
Thurs	Oct 3	8:15 am	
Fri	Oct 4	8:15 am	
Sat	Oct 5	6:15 pm	Christine & Raymond Astwood++
Sun	Oct 6	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. if you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know.

Mass Schedule for St. Anthony's

The weekend masses will continue to be at 6:15 pm on Saturdays and 11:30 am on Sundays. The weekday mass will be at 8:15 am. **Please be aware that St. Anthony's Church will be open prior and closed after each Mass.**

Bulletin for September 28/September 29, 2024

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Sept 15/Sept 16	\$ 1,165.00
Sept 22/Sept 23	\$ 965.00

**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. Kindly do not place Canadian or British currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – next weekend

Counters this week: Annette and Denis
Next week: Annette and Pat

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading, we hear how the Lord provided Moses with assistance by bestowing some of the spirit that was on him onto seventy elders. This assistance relieved Moses of some of the burden of leading the people. When Moses' faithful assistant Joshua sees two people prophesying who weren't present at the official ceremony where God's spirit was bestowed, he demands that Moses stop them from prophesying. But Moses tells Joshua that he wishes all God's people would receive the Spirit and assume prophetic leadership.

Jesus' disciples echo Joshua's concerns. They see someone driving out demons in Jesus' name, and they try to stop him because he is not one of Jesus' disciples. But Jesus echoes Moses' reply. Nobody should be prevented from invoking the power of Jesus' name to drive out demons wherever they may be. However, this might be problematic for other religious issues.

The next part of Jesus' instruction turns to the seriousness of either causing a "little one" to sin or allowing persistent sin in one's life to cause an eternal stumble. He tells them to take anything in their lives that causes them to sin - no matter how precious that thing may be - and to get rid of it so that it cannot lead them away from God. He might have told them to be like David, who in Psalm 19 searches himself carefully and asks God to cleanse him even from unknown faults (as could be applied in the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

James' hearers, on the other hand, have ignored Jesus' instructions. They have clung to their wealth, even though their gold has caused them to commit injustices they have withheld wages (even this happens here in Bermuda whereby some benefits are not paid by employers) and even committed murder. They should have cast aside their wealth lest it corrupt them and turn them away from God. Instead, James warns them that their condemnation is at hand. Hopefully, none of this applies to any one of us.
Fr. Joe (Acting Pastor)

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to let you know that I have been reminded of the canonical appointments that should be established in each diocese of the Catholic Church. So I want to inform you that on the 1st of October 2024, the liturgical commemoration of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of our Diocese, the following appointments will be made:

1. **Diocesan College of Consultors** - Canon 502 of Canon Law states: From among the priests ministering in the diocese, the Bishop freely appoints "not fewer than six and not more than twelve" priests to form the Diocesan College of Consultors. They are to serve for a period of five years. Their main role is to take on the governance of the Diocese if the office of the Bishop is vacant. Within eight days of receiving notification of the vacancy of an Episcopal See, a Diocesan Administrator is to be elected by the College of Consultors, to govern the diocese until the appointment of a new Bishop. Since there are only three priests ministering presently in our Diocese, all of them will be appointed to serve as Diocesan Consultors. Although their number is fewer than six, the ancient rule applies that "nobody is retained to do what is impossible."
2. **The Vicar General** - Canon 475 of Canon Law states: In each diocese the Bishop is to appoint a Vicar General to assist him in the governance of the whole diocese. The appointment of a Vicar General is obligatory no matter how small the diocese. The power of a Vicar General is not proper but vicarious, i.e. his power belongs to the office itself but is exercised in the name of the Bishop, and therefore cannot be exercised contrary to the will or mind of the Bishop. The Vicar General is freely appointed by the Bishop, and can be freely removed by him.

Fr. Joseph Morley has now been appointed the Vicar General of our Diocese.

Happy Patronal Feast to St. Michael's Parish in Paget!
Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!
Bishop Wes

House Sale at Rectory

There are still some household items for sale in the rectory. Kindly see Pat Rodrigues for assistance.

Bible Study

EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY - looks at the 3 Scriptural readings for the upcoming weekend with questions for discussion after each reading with those present. It is a very good way to prepare for the Scriptures with other parishioners. This is a free Bible Study and all of the information will be provided. It will be taking place at St. Michael's on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome. For further information please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.
ST. CHARLES "GOING DEEPER" BIBLE STUDY - which goes into greater detail virtually line by line for the upcoming Scriptural readings at Mass. This is a NEW free Bible Study and all of the information will be provided. It will be taking place at St. Michael's starting on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome. For further information please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER SERVICE: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The St. Francis Blessing of the Animals will take place at St. Anthony's on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm sharp on the patio area by Fr. Joe. All are invited to attend this special blessing as we recognize those creatures/animals that God has given us for our entertainment, enjoyment and companionship - each creature is so different and unique that God has created for us. If you cannot bring your pet(s) then bring a picture(s) of him/her for a blessing.

Apartment Needed

One bedroom apartment required.
Please call Blyton Fernandes 514-5312

WORD OF LIFE: September 29nd

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women's health when it comes to chemical abortion. In 2000, mifepristone was first approved using an 'accelerated' review process that is supposed to be only for new drugs that treat serious illnesses and are better than existing treatments. But pregnancy is not an illness, and abortion drugs are riskier than surgical abortion." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Abortion Pills: The Basics"

ADDITIONAL BULLETIN NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FAIR and CAR BOOT SALE AT ST. ANTHONY'S

SAVE THE DATE 🌲 🌲 🌲 NOVEMBER 30th 🌲 🌲 🌲

- * We welcome any donations of raffle prizes
- * We welcome volunteers to help on the day
- * Please let us know if you would like to bake for the Bake Stall
- * Please start collecting any unwanted items that are in good condition for the White Elephant Stall
- * Let us know if you would like to book a spot for the Car Boot Sale.

Contact Debbie or Trish.

Message from Bishop Wes

Following the summer break the Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church will resume on Wednesday, October 2nd and be celebrated at 7:00pm. Recitation of the Rosary will precede the Mass.

Bishop Wes would like to advise and apologize that this year's St. Theresa's Feast will be celebrated in a less solemn way than it has been in the past. On Saturday, 5th of October, at 6:30pm, Bishop Wes will preside the Liturgy, and the Rt. Revd. Bishop Nicholas Dill will preach. There will be no dinner afterwards.

POSTER CONTEST

St. Theresa's Cathedral will be having a poster making contest on **Saturday, 5th October at 10:00am**, in the Parish Hall. The theme is "Spirit filled evangelizers to the ends of the earth". Age categories are **Children (7-12)**, **Youth (13-17)** and **Adult (18 & above)**. This contest is open to ALL Parishioners throughout our Diocese. **To register please call 292-0607 Ext. 2.**

St. Anthony's Club

As the summer is ending and getting ready to go back to school. I just wanted to inform you that our Friday Club (CCD) will start sometime in October. This is for all children ages 5 - 14. Classes K - Confirmation. If you have or know of any children wishing to attend, please email me and I will get them registered. Please note, if you've been to our Friday programme, you are already registered. I will send another email in early October with the start date. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Bingo for Seniors

Bingo for Seniors: On Friday November 22nd bingo for seniors (50+) will resume from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bingo cards will sell for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. A list of possible prize donations for the bingo will be located in the back of the church. Please sign up for a donation prize. All those who attend are asked to bring a tray of sandwiches or a dessert. If you have any questions, contact Annette Boyle at 236-7759.

International Dinner at St. Anthony's

An international dinner will soon take place in St. Anthony's hall. Date to be confirmed. Each person attending is asked to bring a dish of their favorite international food.

Price: Adults -- \$20

Children -- \$10

More information to follow at a later date.

Dear Padre,

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	October 1 <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	October 3 <i>Weekday</i> Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	October 4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	October 5 <i>Weekday</i> Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	October 6 <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

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