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LUKE 3:16

## Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

### Reflect

***How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?***





## 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.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	By appointment: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	By appointment
Filipino Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 11:00 a.m.	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Kids & Youth Ministry	Resumes 19 <sup>th</sup> January.
Children’s Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025
Pastoral & Finance Council	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Monthly Coffee Social	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

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#### Today’s Hymns

**Entrance: When Jesus Comes to be Baptised #337**

**Offertory: Sacred Silence #657**

**Communion: Come to the Water #626**

**Recessional: I Heard the Voice of Jesus #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 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

**Jane Bermingham**  
**Kathie Ausenda**  
**Elizabeth Card**  
**Annette Barclay**  
**Seamus Stones**  
**Jane Farge**

**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 Mary Maybury.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January For the people of St. Josephs**



**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January - For our loved ones** in whose memory donations were made towards new air conditioners.  
+ Bermingham, Rowe, Higgins & Lopez families; Reynolds & Ausenda families; Anthony & Rita Faries, Manuel, Joseph, Frank, George, James Faries, Rita Faries Smith, Tony & Solange Faries, Mary Soares, Mary Pedro, and Charles Spanswick; Eugene DeSilva, Angie & Joe DeSilva, Joan & John Mello, Mary & Fred, Louisa & Manuel; Hughes/Mello families; James & Violet Stones, Kenneth & Beryl Young, Erna Young and David Young; David & Maria de Lurdes, Antonio Froias & Maria de Jesus, David Tavares & Hannah Jimenez; Jose Miguel Arruda; Barclay, Heyliger & Smith families; Reginald Pitman, Zita Pitman-Smith, Ken Moench, Hilda Moench and Charlie Smith; Alexandra Barclay, Martin & Teresa Hutley; Jose & Maria Rego; Carlos & Luis Rego; Lucy & John Moffat, Susan & James Moffat, John, Louise & Richard Card, Arthur, Marie & Paul Card; Ernest, Alice, Peter & Ernie Whitney; Fr. David Doran; Fr. Carl Fritz; Fr. Joseph Bogusz; Bishop Brian Hennessy; Marja Warakois & Lempe Escola; Bobbe Cauchi; Peter & Mary Hogg; Suzanne Tann; Ellen (Nellie) & Ron Jenkins; and for those loved ones not mentioned.

#### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 4:00 p.m.	4	55.00
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 8:45 a.m.	40	299.00
		<b>\$354.00</b>

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

#### BIRTHDAYS

**Leonora Carter** **17<sup>th</sup> January**  
May God, our loving heavenly Father, grant you many more special days

**During the Mass today our First Holy Communion candidate, Rhea Ingraham** will observe her **Belonging Celebration**. She was unable to participate with her class last Sunday, due to illness.

After the Mass this morning, we will be taking down the Christmas tree and decorations, so please stay for a while to help. “Many hands make light work,” and your help will be appreciated.

Our “**Kids & Youth Ministry**” will resume on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

#### Condolences:

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Justin, whose granddad, Denis DeSousa, passed away last Saturday evening. Denis and Lillian were active members of St. Josephs for many years, prior to their moving to Florida.

Our dear Petra, passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025, and to her family we extend our heartfelt condolences. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Rosary at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Mass.

Both these dear people were “Good and Faithful Servants” (Math:25:23). Please pray for the repose of Denis and Petra’s souls, and keep their families in your prayers during this time of their bereavement.

#### PASTOR’S POINT:

Dear Parishioners,

A Jubilee Year is a significant moment in the life of the Church in which she celebrates the year of messianic favour inaugurated by Christ through His Incarnation and Paschal Mystery [cf. Lk 4:19; John Paul II , ***Tertio millennio adveniente*** (*Latin* for 'As the third millennium approaches') is an [apostolic letter](#) of [Pope John Paul II](#), promulgated on 10 November 1994, concerning preparation for the [Great Jubilee](#) of the Year 2000.]. Proclaimed every 25 years since the 13th century, the celebration of jubilee years typically included pilgrimages, processions, celebrations of Mass, and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These liturgical celebrations are opportunities to receive the Lord’s mercy, especially through the practice of the Jubilee indulgence, and lead to the performance of works of mercy.

The theme for this Jubilee is **Pilgrims of Hope**, and the Bull suggests several ways to bring Christ and His message of hope to the world, for example, by working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly - or even through the forgiveness of debts, a custom of jubilee years in the Old Testament. Each diocese will vary its focus, but here in Bermuda there will be a focus on particular groups of people which will take place at each of our 6 Churches. More details will be forthcoming as outlined in the 2025 List of Diocesan Events Calendar in the Bishop’s Corner which will highlight the usual various annual Diocesan activities.

Brothers and sisters, let us make this year truly HOPE FILLED and may all the graces this year stay with you forever. On this solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

continue to remind us of our own Baptism and may we life our life to the fullest.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe Morley, (Acting) Pastor  
Vicar General (DOHB)

#### WORDS OF LIFE (USCCB) - January 12th

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“How to Build a Culture of Life” ([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlife.org/culture-of-life))

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#### BISHOP’S CORNER:

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For the World Day of Peace, which falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January every year, Pope Francis addressed a Message of good wishes and hope to Heads of State and Government, Heads of International Organisations, Leaders of different religions and every person of good will. Its title is ‘Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace.’

Hope, which also characterises the Jubilee Year, is the preponderant theme of this Message. Pope Francis invites us to look at the many challenges that severely endanger the survival of humanity and creation with a heart full of hope. To do this, it is necessary to rely on God’s mercy. By his forgiving our debts, we will rediscover ourselves all children of the Father, and therefore all sisters and brothers, united on the path of peace.

More concretely, then, Pope Francis recommends three actions that can truly mark a path of peace:

1. The forgiveness of the international debt.
2. The abolition of the death penalty.
3. The establishment of a World Fund will definitively eliminate hunger.

For the full official text of the Message go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/yhp2tf3j>

Have a restful weekend and a peaceful week!

Bishop Wes

#### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Food Drive. It was a great success, and we are very grateful for your generosity. Across the Diocese, we delivered approximately one hundred bags/boxes of groceries to The Eliza DoLittle Society for their food pantry, which is amazing. This will go a long way to help those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

# Dear Padre,

***We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?***

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory

Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

***The Redemptorists / 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**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 1:1–6	Heb 2:5–12	Heb 2:14–18	Heb 3:7–14	Heb 4:1–5, 11	Heb 4:12–16	Is 62:1–5
Mk 1:14–20	Mk 1:21–28	Mk 1:29–39	Mk 1:40–45	Mk 2:1–12	Mk 2:13–17	1 Cor 12:4–11
						Jn 2:1–11



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?***

**ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2024**

# Our Sunday Readings

## Generous Spirit

ISAIAH 40:1-5,9-11\*  
 PSALM 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30\*  
 TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7\*  
 LUKE 3:15-16,21-22  
 \*Other passages may be chosen.

### TITUS 2:11-14, 3:4-7

#### Reading closely

1. What is the *grace of God* that has appeared?
2. Why do you think God offers saving grace to *all*?
3. What all could *godless ways* and *worldly desires* mean?
4. What references to baptism are in this passage?
5. In what ways does baptism symbolize our salvation?
6. How is Christian hope different from everyday hopes?

#### Living the word

7. How does Paul advise us to live? What are some concrete examples?
8. Are you *eager to do what is good*?
9. What *godless ways* and *worldly desires* tempt you?
10. Have you ever treated someone with mercy despite thinking that the person didn't deserve it?
11. When has someone treated you with generous, undeserved love?

### THE SECOND READING

#### Who is Titus?

Titus was a Gentile who converted to Christianity and worked closely with Paul. At one point Paul sent Titus to Corinth to take up a collection for the Christian community at Jerusalem. Later Paul sent Titus to lead the Christian community on Crete, an island in the Mediterranean Sea. Paul's letter advises Titus on how to lead and strengthen the church at Crete.

#### By baptism

Paul reminds us that Christian baptism is both a celebration of and participation in salvation. Therefore, those who have been baptized must turn away from sin and lead virtuous lives. God helps Christians live in a new and holy way by filling them with his holy Spirit.

Christians draw strength to persevere in their new way of life by remembering how they were saved. God didn't have to save them from evil and death, but chose to because of his *generous love*. Such undeserved love, a love that has given them eternal life, inspires believers to become *eager to do what is good*.



**LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Reading closely**

1. Imagine that you're in the crowd listening to John the Baptist. How do you respond?
2. Imagine that you haven't yet heard about Jesus. What do you expect when John says that *one mightier than I is coming*?
3. Do you find the promise of a baptism *with the holy Spirit and fire* a good or frightening thing?
4. What all might be in Jesus' mind as he prays?
5. How do you think Jesus reacts to what happens after his baptism?
6. Why do you think God manifests himself to Jesus in this way?

**Living the word**

7. What does baptism mean to you?
8. Do you consider your baptism important?
9. How has God communicated with you during your prayer?
10. What do you want God to say to you?
11. Is there anything you aren't sharing with God?

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Expectations**

John the Baptist is telling people to change their lives in preparation for God's coming. As a result, some Jews think John himself might be the messiah, the one God will send to bring about a dramatic change in their lives. John insists that he isn't.

- It was the job of slaves to remove their master's shoes. John explains that he's less than a slave compared to the person God will send.
- John urges people to repent of their sins. God's chosen one will do more: he will judge, empower, and purify people.

**With the holy Spirit and fire**

People are baptized by John only as a sign of their contrition and openness to God. John declares that when the messiah comes, he will bring about a new era in which people are forgiven and God's spirit fills them. The *fire* might refer to how God will purify people, burning away their sins. Fire might also (or instead) refer to a time of judgment in which those who reject God are cast out of his kingdom (see v.17).

**While Jesus was praying**

Although we think of supernatural events occurring while Jesus was baptized, Luke writes that they happened when *Jesus was praying*. Luke emphasizes prayer more than the other Gospel-writers. He both includes more prayers in his Gospel and more frequently notes that Jesus is taking time to pray.

**Saturated with the Spirit**

Just as the angel Gabriel told Mary that the holy Spirit would come upon her, so the Spirit comes upon Jesus. In the Old Testament God sends his Spirit upon those he chooses for a special role.

Luke, the author of both this Gospel and the Book of Acts, emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' ministry much more than the other Gospel-writers. The prophet Joel spoke of a new era in which God's Spirit would be poured out (Joel 3:1f). After the Spirit-filled Son of God defeats sin and death, he will fulfill this hope (Acts 2:1-11).

**The dove**

The dove may represent closeness to the heavens, the metaphorical dwelling place of God. In the Old Testament God's presence is compared to a bird hovering over her young to protect and strengthen them (Deuteronomy 32:11, Psalm 17:8, Psalm 91:4, Isaiah 31:5). The comparison of God's Spirit to a dove in the New Testament, however, occurs only in the story of Jesus' baptism.

**PRAYER**

*adapted from the Rite of Baptism*

God,  
the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have given us a new birth by water and  
the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins.  
May we who have been enlightened by Christ  
always walk as children of the light  
and keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts.  
When the Lord comes in glory,  
send us out to meet him  
with all the saints in your heavenly kingdom  
where you reign for ever and ever. Amen.