



Why Is There Evil?

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At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

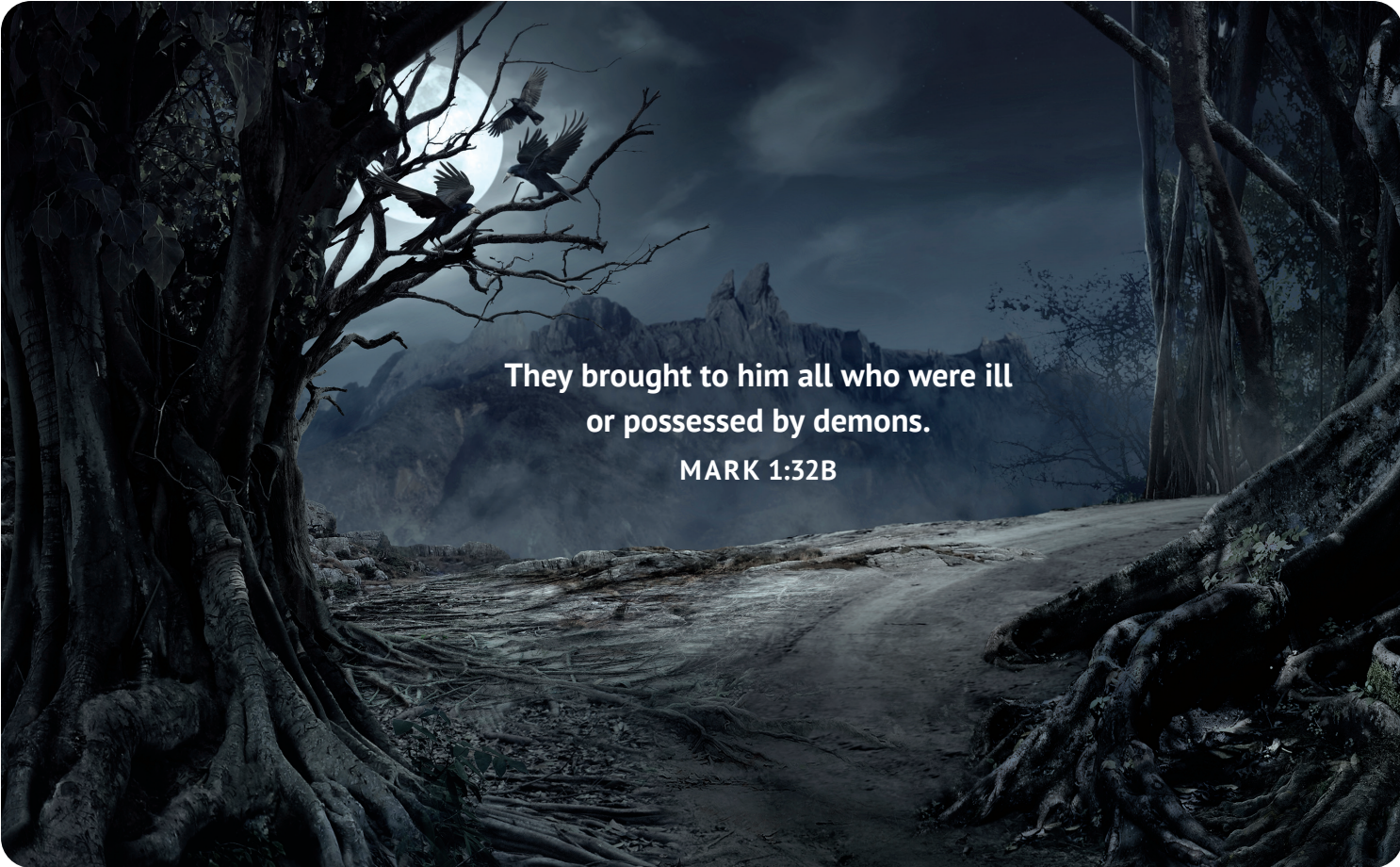
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring gnarled, ancient trees in the foreground. In the background, a full moon is visible through a dark, stormy sky, with jagged mountains or cliffs in the distance. The ground is rocky and uneven.

**They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.**

MARK 1:32B

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat. Feb 3	6:15 pm
	8:00 pm NCW Eucharistic Celebration
Sun Feb 4	11:30 am
Tues Feb 6	8:15 am
Wed Feb 7	8:15 am
Thu Feb 8	8:15 am
Fri Feb 9	8:15 am
Sat. Feb 10	6:00 pm
	8:00 pm NCW Eucharistic Celebration
Sun Feb 11	11:15 am

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Jan 21/Jan 22	\$ 657.00
Jan 28/Jan 29	\$ 1,074.00

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 – this weekend

Counters this week: Annette and Pat

Next week: Annette and Alice

Note

Dear friends,
As Father Attilio is still in Italy, 657.00 the Mass schedule for this weekend will be slightly modified as follows:

Saturday evening Mass: 6:15 PM

Sunday Morning Mass: 11:30 AM

Daily Masses will be at the usual time Tuesday to Friday at 8:15 AM. This will allow Fr. Joe Morley to cover for Masses at the three Churches of St. Michael's, St. Anthony's, and St. Joseph's Thanks.

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The International Day of Human Fraternity was established by the United Nations General Assembly on the 21st of December 2020. It is celebrated on the 4th of February to commemorate the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together by Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, on the 4th of February 2019.

Its main purpose is to promote a Culture of Peace. The United Nations website describes the Culture of Peace as a

set of values, attitudes, traditions and modes of behaviour and ways of life based on:

- Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation;
- Full respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States, and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;
- Full respect for and promotion of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Commitment to peaceful settlement of conflicts;
- Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations;
- Respect for and promotion of the right to development;
- Respect for and promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men;
- Respect for and promotion of the right of everyone to freedom of expression, opinion and information;
- Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations; and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.

Have a peaceful weekend and a blessed week!
Bishop Wes

St. Anthony's Club (CCD)

On **Saturday February 10** at the **6 pm mass** the St. Anthony's Club (CCD) will be having the Belonging Ceremony for the 2024 First Communion class. There will be a small celebration after the mass. Cake and coffee as well as other refreshments will be available. All are welcome to attend.

Father Attilio

Please keep Father Attilio in your prayers as he recovers from the flu. Hopefully he will be able to travel to Bermuda on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

St. James Church Dinner Bingo Night



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donations received by the SVDP Society in 2023. We are humbled by and grateful for your generosity of spirit. Your trust and support enabled the SVDP Society to provide several thousand meals to individuals and to assist many families through crisis situations at Christmas and throughout the year allowing us to play a small part in improving their quality of life.

Thank you and God bless you.
St. Vincent de Paul Committee

Holy See Collection

If you did not submit your donation to the Holy See, you can still do so this weekend. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church.

Dear Padre,

***In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?***

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

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MONDAY

February 5
*St. Agatha,
Virgin and
Martyr*
1 Kgs 8:1–7,
9–13
Mk 6:53–56

TUESDAY

February 6
*St. Paul Miki and
Companions,
Martyrs*
1 Kgs 8:22–23,
27–30
Mk 7:1–13

WEDNESDAY

February 7
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1–10
Mk 7:14–23

THURSDAY

February 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4–13
Mk 7:24–30

FRIDAY

February 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29–32;
12:19
Mk 7:31–37

SATURDAY

February 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
1 Kgs 12:26–32;
13:33–34
Mk 8:1–10

SUNDAY

February 11
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1–2,
44–46
1 Cor 10:31–
11:1
Mk 1:40–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

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