



## Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hile the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

### Reflect

***What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?***



**“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

**MATTHEW 18:20**

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Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance  
Weddings: By Appointment – usually about a year in advance  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

## **Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's**

Aug 26/27	\$ 1,159.00
Sept. 2/3	\$ 1,282.00

**Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –**  
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**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 –first Sunday of the month**

## **Pastor's Note**

Dear Friends,

The Gospel of this Sunday gives us the opportunity to speak about a very important issue: gossip. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that if we have an issue with somebody, first thing is to speak with the person alone, one on one. Then it says that if he does not listen, we should confront him again, in person, in the presence of one or two other witnesses. If he still does not listen, then we should report him to the community, or to the authorities that represent the community. In gossip the opposite happens: the first step is to spread it around, but not to the person directly interested. This damages the reputation of the person and causes much pain. Speaking with a person alone gives him or her the possibility, first of all, to express his or her own point of view. Maybe we can find out that the other person may not be necessarily as wrong as we thought. Maybe the other person did not have a bad intention. If that person is really doing something wrong, we may have the opportunity to think it twice, to repent, to amend our ways. Involve witnesses. Then we may substantiate the argument, to show that it is not a mere matter of a different point of view, that there may be a real issue there. In any case, people who have suffered the consequences of gossip can tell how painful it is to see one's own reputation damaged. People have taken their lives because of gossip. Gossip is always a sin, and Jesus gives us a recipe to avoid it. During the course of the history of Christianity, spiritual guides and saints have considered it a very grave and serious matter, independently from the issue at stake. It is

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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.	Sept 9	6:00 pm	
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celebration (hall)
Sun	Sept 10	11:15 am	Marie Thompson (LIV)
		3:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Tues	Sept 12	8:15 am	Alan Power+
Wed	Sept 13	8:15 am	
		8:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word (NCW Hall)
Thu	Sept 14	8:15 am	
Fri	Sept 15	8:15 am	Parish Retreat
Sat.	Sept 16	6:00 pm	Parish Retreat
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celebration
Sun	Sept 17	11:15 am	

a sin that needs to be confessed and eradicated from the lives of Christians and of the Church.

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

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### Retreat News

Dear friends,

For some weeks we have been announcing our Parish Church Retreat at Willowbank. It will be a time of spiritual growth to help us to know each other better, to create community and to pray and listen to the Word of God and meditate. I just want to invite all of you personally to come together as a family and the family of Christ and to grow together in faith. Hope I will hear from you soon. Enclosed in the bulletin this weekend is the sign-up sheet for the retreat.

Even if Hurricane Lee is coming, I think it is too early to see what kind of impact it may have on the island. So, I am still looking forward to our parish retreat. If you are interested in coming, please, sign up. Then if by Tuesday, we see that the weather conditions would call for a cancellation, we will act accordingly. Let me know.

Thanks. Fr. Attilio

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### Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Greetings from Poland!

This Sunday the Polish Ulma family, killed by the German police for having hidden eight Jews in their home, are being beatified, making it the first time an entire family will be beatified together, including the child being carried in the mother's womb at the time of her death. This beatification marks an unprecedented event in the modern canonization process.

The Ulma family led an ordinary life against the backdrop of the Second World War. Jozef worked in the fields, while Wiktoria managed their home and cared for their six children while pregnant with their seventh child. Through their simple daily routines, they exemplified the teachings of the Gospel. Family prayers, shared faith education, and Bible readings were daily practices in their household. Embedded within their family Bible, a word was underlined, "Samaritan" accompanied by a resounding "yes". This choice epitomized their commitment to aiding others, a commitment that persisted amidst a world fraught with violence and division. Tragedy struck when the Ulmas were denounced and betrayed. German Nazi forces stormed their home and their attic, where they had concealed their Jewish friends, and which became a site of horror. All Jews were killed first, then Jozef and Wiktoria were executed in front of their children, with Wiktoria being seven months

pregnant. Even the children were not spared as the house was set ablaze.

Recognized as Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel and today proclaimed Blessed by the Catholic Church, the Ulma family's light continues to shine. Their story defies the darkness of war, and their beatification is a remarkable affirmation of their sacrifice. In their entirety, the Ulma family's legacy underscores the power of love, compassion and sacrifice amid the darkest of times.

I am blessed to be the witness of this event. I wish you a peaceful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

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### St. Anthony's 2023 Christmas Fair

Dear St. Anthony's parishioners,

It is with great excitement that we would like to announce that the 2023 Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9am-4pm. As usual, we are requesting all hands on deck and anything you can do to help would be much appreciated. We are also planning to hold a big raffle that will be drawn on the fair day and are actively seeking prizes for both that and the Silent Auction. If you have any new items suitable for either raffle or auction please let us know.

Alternately, if you know of any business that would donate, please let us know! We need lots of help as this will be the major fundraiser for 2023 !

Once the raffle tickets are ready, we will be looking for volunteers to sell them at supermarkets. Let us know if you can help to sell!

Sincerely yours,

Trish (5050702) and Debbie (7370107)

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### Special Collection

Dear Friends,

We will be hosting Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes from Bangladesh in our Diocese. During my absence he will be helping to celebrate the Masses at St. Theresa's and Stella Maris. He will also be having some pastoral meetings and services with our Bangladeshi community. Fr. Jacob has been sent to this part of the world by his Archbishop with the task to possibly collect funds to support the parishioners of St. John's Parish in Dhaka, who are trying to build a new church. Thirty percent of the construction work is still undone due to a shortage of funds. I believe that we should assist our sisters and brothers in their effort to build their new church. Therefore, next weekend, **16th/17th of September**, there will be a second collection in all our churches that will be intended to help finance the construction of this parish church. Many thanks for your understanding and help.

Bishop Wes

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# Dear Padre,

***Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?***

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!***

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



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### MONDAY

September 11  
Weekday  
Col 1:24–2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
Weekday  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

### THURSDAY

September 14  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27  
or Lk 2:33–35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

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