



From Anger to Peace


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At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?***



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th 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 date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	By appointment
Filipino Mass –	TBA
Kids & Youth Ministry- 29 th April	Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Children's Mass	TBA
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Monthly Coffee Social	TBA
Second Collection	Second Weekend of the Month

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
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Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Glory & Praise to Our God	#574
Offertory:	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	#571
Communion:	One Bread, One Body	#793
Recessional:	Sing of the Lord's Goodness	#582

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 – 5th May 2025

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

Stefano Ausenda
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Kathie Ausenda
-
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Evelyn Pinlac, and Mary Maybury.

MASS INTENTIONS:
Saturday, 26th April For the People of St. Josephs
Sunday, 27th April Roland DeJesus & Dolores DeJesus

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Good Friday – 18 th April – 5:00 p.m. for the Holy See	16	237
Easter Sunday, 20 th April - 8:45 a.m.	90	870
St. Vincent De Paul Alms box		249
Votives		27
TOTAL:		\$1383

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Saturina (Jackie) DeMello **27th April**

May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you with many more special days

On Saturday, 10th May starting at 10:00 a.m. we hope to clean up the church garage; if you can give us a little of your time to help it would be gratefully appreciated.
Hopefully, we can finish before noon.

Coming Events:

Sunday, 18th May **Afternoon Heritage Tea** from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall.
(there are a “few” tickets available)

Sunday, 15th June **Classical Music Concert** – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church

Sunday, 22nd June **Classical Music Concert** – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church
(Duplicate programme - if you are unable to attend one you can attend the other)

Featuring: Steve Crawford (Guitar)
Jane Farge (Classical Contralto Opera Singer)
Johanna Pino Gonzales (Viola & Violin)
Andrea Hodgson Patton (Piano)

Tickets: will be available shortly; \$25 adults: \$10 Seniors, students, and children: Proceeds to be shared between PALS and St. Joseph's Church.

Sunday, 29th June - Informal afternoon of music, and just maybe a “little magic” – St. Joseph's Church at 2:00 p.m. More information to follow.

Our “Kids & Youth Ministry” resumes today at 9:45 a.m.

A Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of your servant Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him now into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory.

Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love. May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

It could not be any other way! I “must” dedicate this Bishop's Corner to Pope Francis. I am aware that each one of us has her/his own moments, words or images from Pope Francis' life and ministry that has touched us, inspired our minds, or hopefully challenged our ways of being human, Christian and Catholic. What I am pointing out here are ten personal quotes from Francis' teaching without any specific order or importance.

1. *The Church is not a tribunal for judgment or a fortress. The Church is a field hospital where wounds are first dressed. People need to be given mercy and not control. The greater the sinner the greater right to God's mercy;*
2. *Theology of creation or integral ecology had been pushed to the margins by the Church or completely forgotten;*
3. *Go with the disciples of Emaus. Go even in the wrong direction as long as you are Christ like with them;*
4. *This is what I am asking you - be shepherds with the smell of your sheep on you;*
5. *Time is more important than space. It counts to start the process even if we do not see the end;*
6. *Let us be lights of hope. Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality;*
7. *Be brave and follow love. God is love. So everything that leads to love is a good path;*
8. *Gossip is a weapon, and it threatens the human community every day; it sows envy, jealousy, and power struggles.*
9. *Dialogue with those who think differently is not relativism but a deeper testimony of the Gospel;*
10. *Don't be too harsh to yourself but listen to God's voice in your heart and avoid harsh judgment of yourself.*

I am simply grateful to him for having sent me here, to Bermuda, to walk in faith, hope and love with you, my Dear People.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Sunday of Divine Mercy – Stewards Sent
“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his **Stewards**. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better still, go and visit them.

Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



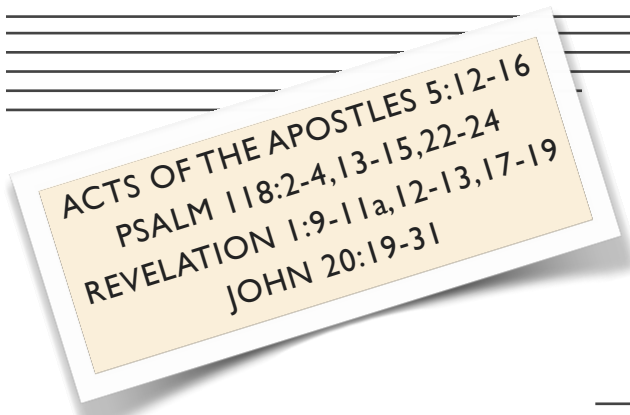
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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022

Our Sunday Readings



What They Saw

REVELATION 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Reading closely

1. How does John connect with his listeners?
2. What do you think life was like for the first Christians?
3. What could be the significance of the timing of John's vision?
4. What all might John have felt when he was *caught up in spirit*?

Living the word

5. If Jesus appeared to you, what form would he take to strengthen your faith?
6. How might you respond to such a vision?

THE SECOND READING

Write down what you see

The Book of Revelation is apocalyptic literature, a genre in which the author has a heavenly vision that he shares with others who are persecuted for their beliefs. John's book urges the persecuted to hold fast to their faith in Jesus.

John counts himself among those being persecuted by Roman officials. He's imprisoned on Patmos because he spread the gospel, but this forced exile clearly failed to silence him.

Biblical allusions

- The bold sound of the **trumpet** signals God's presence, as it did when the Israelites received the Law (Exodus 19:16).
- The **lampstands** represent both seven particular churches and the one unified church. The risen Christ stands *in the midst* of his church. A lampstand (menorah) stood inside the Jerusalem temple; now light goes forth from Christ and his church.
- **One like a son of man** recalls the one who received power and dominion from God (Daniel 7:13-14); here he's dressed as both a priest and a king.

He hold the keys to death

John faints when he sees the awe-inspiring risen Christ, just as others did in the presence of divine glory (compare Isaiah 6:5). Christ reassures and then commissions him.

Because Jesus rose from the dead, he is now master of death and victor in the struggle against sin and evil. No one who believes in him should fear that anything or anyone else will prevail. John is told to share this good news with others so that they won't yield to persecution or evil.

JOHN 20:19-31

Entering the word

Imagine that you are one of the disciples.

1. Why are you hiding?
2. What all are you feeling?
3. What have you been doing since Jesus was crucified?
4. What are the other disciples saying and/or doing?
5. What are you doing when Jesus appears?
6. How do you react when Jesus appears?
7. Do Jesus' words of peace surprise you?
8. How do you feel when Jesus shares the Spirit with you?
9. Where is Thomas during all of this?
10. How do you try to convince Thomas of what has happened?
11. Why doesn't Thomas believe you?
12. How does Thomas react when Jesus appears again?
13. Do you think you will ever fear or doubt again?
14. What do you think Jesus and the Father expect of you now?
15. What does this time of reflection leave you thinking about?

THE GOSPEL READING

Peace & reconciliation

The disciples are afraid and withdrawn. Jesus walks through the locked door and gives them peace. The great hope of God's people was for *shalom*, a lasting peace that would encompass all creation.

Jesus tells his disciples to walk through the doors of other locked hearts in order to dispel fear and bring peace and reconciliation into the world. One way the Church fulfills this mission is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Holy Spirit

Before he was killed, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples carry out their mission (14:16f). John reminds us that although the earthly Jesus is gone, he remains within and among us in the person of the Spirit (19:30).

Doubt & faith

Thomas is mostly remembered for not believing that Jesus rose from the dead. What people forget is what he said when Jesus appeared to him: *My Lord and my God!* This is the boldest statement of faith in John's Gospel.

Thomas' words of faith sum up the main theme of this Gospel: Jesus is one with the Father, just as Jesus had been telling people all along. To see Jesus is to see the Father. Those who believe that Jesus is from God receive his Spirit of eternal and empowering life.

Seeing & believing

The first half of this Gospel is often called *The Book of Signs*. Here Jesus does and says things so that people will see that he is the one whom God has sent to give eternal life to all who believe. Verses 30-31 thus sum up the reason John wrote. (John's Gospel probably ended with v.31, and soon after someone added an epilogue.)

Because we ourselves haven't seen the earthly Jesus nor the signs he worked, John wrote his Gospel in order to help us believe. Both the words of this Gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit enable us to believe and profess that Jesus is *our Lord and our God*.

PRAYER

*adapted from a collection of first century hymns
quoted in Days of the Lord, v. 3*

Christ Jesus, Risen One,
As the sun is the joy of those who seek the day,
so our joy is you, our Lord,
for you are our sun.
Your rays resurrect us,
and your light drives all darkness from our eyes.
Thanks to you we have acquired eyes and seen
your holy day;
we have been given ears
and heard your truth;
we have been given knowledge
and trembled with joy.
We thank you, and we praise you. Amen.