



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

***How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?***



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat July 27 6:15 pm Stephen Sousa+

Sun July 28 11:30 am Parishioners of St. Anthony

No weekday masses this week during the Cup Match holiday.

Sat Aug 3 6:15 pm Manuel Moura+

Sun Aug 4 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

Until the end of summer, 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. During the week of July 28 there will be no weekday masses due to Cup Match holiday.**

BULLETIN for July 27/July 28, 2024

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

July 13/July 14 \$ 1,468.00

July 20/July 21 \$ 784.00

**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 Gabby

Next week: Annette and Jackie

Pastor's Point

The theme of today's text is apparent in the refrain from the responsorial psalm, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs." In the reading from the Second Book of Kings, the prophet Elisha uses twenty barley loaves to feed a hundred people, despite the doubts of his servant. The prophet knows that it will be more than enough: "For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" Against this background, we read from John's Gospel of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. This is one of the few miracles all four evangelists record in their respective Gospels.

The disciples Philip and Andrew, like Elisha's servant, are doubtful that the meagre amount will be enough. Elisha had twenty loaves; they only had five. Still, after everyone eats and is satisfied, twelve baskets are filled with the leftovers. The number 12 signifies the fullness of Israel: God has enough-more than enough-to satisfy the desires of all his people. The miraculous loaves also point beyond themselves to the true bread: Jesus, the bread from heaven, who feeds his people with His body. Think of the trillions upon trillions of hosts that has been distributed across planet earth from the Last Supper to today and beyond, trillions more hosts will be distributed until the coming of Jesus again. Several numbers are prominent in the accounts of the miraculous meals (twenty, five, five thousand, twelve), but only the number one is noted in the Letter to the

Ephesians. We read of: one body of Christ, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. The oneness of the saints points to the Bread of Life: the Body of Christ is Jesus' flesh and blood, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and the unity Christians who partake of the bread. The Ephesians have been called to "the riches of [God's] glory in his inheritance among the holy ones" (1:18), and the apostle Paul urges them to be worthy of that calling through bearing patiently with one another in love. God bless, keep cool and well hydrated. Fr. Joe (Acting Pastor)

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

When I read this news, I thought that it perfectly fits the coming week in Bermuda.

The Vatican cricket team went to London for its tour to take on the England over 60s, St. Mary's University, and, in a highly anticipated match at Windsor Castle, the King Charles' squad. This was the tenth 'Light of Faith' tour of the Vatican cricket team since its formation in 2014. Previous destinations have included Portugal, Italy, Argentina, Kenya, Malta, Spain, and the UK. The aim of this year's trip was, as always, to promote dialogue and friendship between the Catholic Church and the host country. A post on the team's social media page spoke of "spreading the message of friendship, unity, and gospel hope."

The emphasis was also on the fact that the players, who are all seminarians and priests based in Rome, (this time all from India) were 'ambassadors' for Catholic priesthood. As the team's director, Fr. Eamonn O'Higgins, reminded the team at a meeting in Rome prior to departure, they may well be the only Catholic priests that many of those they interact with will ever meet.

The Vatican squad, officially St. Peter's Cricket Team, is part of *Athletica Vaticana*, an umbrella organisation bringing together all the Vatican's athletes. Earlier this year, Pope Francis thanked *Athletica Vaticana* for its commitment to "promoting fraternity, inclusion and solidarity", and for "bearing witness to the Christian faith among sportswomen and men". The Pope said, "In the particularly dark historical moment we are living, sport can build bridges, break down barriers, and foster peaceful relations."

Have a good Sunday and a relaxing Cup Match week!

Bishop Wes

Apartments Needed

One of our parishioners seeks a one or two bedroom apartment. If you can assist him, kindly notify Peiris at 535-1975. Thank you.

There is another parishioner who is in need of a room (no kitchen necessary) primarily to sleep. This parishioner can pay the rent. If you know of/or have any accommodations please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236 for more details. Thanks & God bless.

Important Notices

Please be advised that there will be NO Wednesday evening Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's during the Summer. This Mass will resume on the 2nd of October, 2024.

Please be advised that the 9:00am Mass at St. Theresa's on Saturdays will be suspended for the summer, due to very low attendance. The Mass will resume on Saturday, September 14, 2024

Message from Bishop Wes

Dear Friends,

Please be reminded that in our Diocese the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary that falls on the 15th of August is to be celebrated on the weekend that follows the liturgical occurrence. This year it will be the weekend of the 17th/18th of August.

It means that the Mass of the Solemnity with its prayers, readings and music should replace the texts of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I suggest you use the readings and prayers of the Mass during the day both on Saturday evening Mass and on Sunday Masses.

I would also suggest on Thursday, the 15th of August, to use the texts of the Vigil Mass of the Assumption, with one reading only and Gloria but no Profession of Faith (Credo).

All the best,

Bishop Wes

Welcome Back

Joe Strenk is back on the island until August 12th. He will be working this time, at Gateway, but said he is more than willing to assist anyone who may have some computer/tech issues in between his classes. Should you need his assistance, you can either reach out to him personally at JosephStrenk@JCCTHelp.com, or you can let Karen Scarth at St. Theresa's assist you in scheduling a time on your behalf.

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... “Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”

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