



## To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**J**ust as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word. There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

### Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?  
What do I need to work on?**



[Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

JOHN 10:27



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Baptisms: by appointment 3 weeks in advance

Weddings: by appointment 6 months in advance

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# Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

## MINISTRIES ...

### MAY 10/11th - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Fred Anderson  
10:15AM Lector: Willie Forbes EM: Pat Robinson  
Collection: Pat Robinson

### MAY 17/18th - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Sara Peniston  
10:15AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Willie Forbes  
Collection: Karen Marsh

## MASS INTENTIONS ...

### MAY 10/11th - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Deolinda, Manuel & Son Victor Pacheco  
10:15AM God Bless Mothers, Step Mums, Grandmothers, Foster Mothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and all those who care for others.

### MAY 17/18th - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++  
Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++  
10:15AM Theresa Ramdass +



## Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

MAY 3/4th COLLECTION:  
\$579.00

Votives: \$27.00 Poor Box: (SVdeP): \$21.00

Thank you for your generosity.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE  
to St. Michael's Church's: BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

WHEN MAKING YOUR ONLINE TRANSACTION, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND "COLLECTION" AS YOUR MEMO ON YOUR BANKING TRANSACTION.

## Bishops Corner ...

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The second Sunday of May is Mother's Day. This is the day when I usually make a space for poetry. This year I have chosen the poem *What "Mother" means* by Karl Fuchs.

*"Mother" is such a simple word,  
But to me there's meaning seldom heard.  
For everything I am today,  
My mother's love showed me the way.  
I'll love my mother all my days,  
For enriching my life in so many ways.  
She set me straight and then set me free,  
And that's what the word "mother" means to me.  
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers living and spiritual.*

Have a beautiful weekend and a blessed week!

+ Wes   
Bishop Wes



## our church maintenance update ...

We are Happy to report there has been significant progress on the extensive list of projects accomplished in and around the Church and in the Hall. Your Maintenance Collection funds are being put to good use for supplies and professionals to get these projects completed.

Our sincere thanks to Paul Clinton who has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours on numerous projects and overseeing professionals to make a significant improvements in and our Church.

Paul so far has scraped, primed and painted the main Hall; organized work on the driveway drain to stop the flooding; sanded and redone the cedar on the Verandah; worked on abating the mold and musty smell in the kitchen and Hall; organized for King's Plumbing to repair all toilets, bathroom sinks and the kitchen sinks, so now everything is in working order! Thank you King's Plmbing.

*Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity each month toward to Maintenance Collection. Our most grateful appreciation to Paul Clinton for all his hard work, dedication and stewardship hours shared for the benefit of our Parish community.*



## Meet our new pope!

**Pray for Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the United States of America.**

### “HABEMUS PAPAM!”

What a wonderful moment to be Catholic. Following the tradition of visiting the Room of Tears and the Papal dressing, our newly elected pope was announced on the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica...Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost: Pope Leo XIV.

The new Pope delivered his first apostolic blessing, Urbi et Orbi, to the faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square and those watching globally.

### SOME BACKGROUND ON POPE LEO XI

Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago to a family of Italian, French, and Spanish heritage. Prevost’s early life was marked by a deep commitment to faith and service. He joined the Order of St. Augustine in 1977, professing solemn vows in 1981. His academic pursuits led him to earn a degree in mathematics from Villanova University, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and both licentiate and doctoral degrees in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

In 1985, Prevost embarked on a missionary journey to Peru, serving in Chulucanas and later in Trujillo. His roles included parish vicar, seminary rector, and canon law professor, reflecting a blend of pastoral care and scholarly engagement. His leadership qualities were recognized globally when he was elected Prior General of the Augustinian Order in 2001, a position he held until 2013.

Pope Francis appointed him as the bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014, and later brought him to Rome in 2023 to serve as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, overseeing the selection of bishops worldwide. His elevation to cardinal in September 2023 further solidified his standing within the Church hierarchy.

*“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

*-Matthew 16:18*

### POPE LEO XIV’S FOCUS ON THE EUCHARIST

Pope Leo XIV is known for his humility and approachability. But most importantly, Pope Leo XIV is known for his Eucharistic devotion, a trait that has marked both his pastoral ministry and his theological emphasis. His years as a missionary, seminary rector, and bishop were shaped by a reverence for the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

In a time when the world is often distracted by noise and novelty, his example in this way draws us back to the very heart of our Catholic faith: the Eucharist. The Church does not simply believe in the Eucharist — she lives from it. As Pope Leo XIV steps into the Chair of Peter, we are all reminded that the source and summit of our faith is not a program or policy, but a Person — Jesus Christ, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



### THE NAME OF LEO

The name “Leo” signifies the strong leadership and doctrinal clarity of the other Pope Leos who have gone before him. Pope Leo the Great famously defeated Attilia the Hun and St. Leo is one of the four great Western fathers of the Church. The name means “Lion” which of course spiritually refers to strength of faith.

Leo XIII was the first pope to be filmed and truly embraced technology, and perhaps this is one of the aspects that Pope Leo XIV will also embrace. Apparently he is also an avid tennis player and those who knew him in Chicago warmly called him Fr. Bob.

***Join us in praying for Pope Leo!***

# Dear Padre,

***When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?***

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed. It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying.

It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



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## What is Happening in Our Diocese?

Please be advised that due to Bishop Wes' travels, there will be **NO PORTUGUESE MASS** at St. Patrick's on Wednesdays: May 14th, 21st and 28th, nor at St. Theresa's on Saturdays: May 17th and 24th.

### St. MICHAEL'S

- EMMAUS Bible Study Tuesdays, at 3:00pm in the Pastor's Office
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
  - First Penance** - Saturday, June 14th, at 2pm
  - First Holy Communion** - Sunday, June 22nd, time to be determined (after 12pm)

### St. THERESA'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am.  
**12:10 Mass** is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- The Cemetery Mass for our deceased loved ones and friends will take place on Saturday, 31st May at 11am.**

### St. ANTHONY'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 8:30am

### St. PATRICK'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00am
- The Rosary is recited every, WEDNESDAY at 10:00am
- The Rosary and Adoration takes place every, THURSDAY at 7:30am
- A mass in Tagalog takes place on, THE SECOND FRIDAY of the month at 7:00pm.

### St. JOSEPH'S

- A Filipino mass is celebrated every, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH at 11:00am

### STELLA MARIS

- A Filipino mass is celebrated on the LAST Wednesday OF THE MONTH at 7:00pm

**ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP** is open, TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS 10:00am-2:00pm



**Our PIZZA DINNER BINGO - FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY** will be held on Saturday, JUNE 14th following the 5pm Mass.

**Adults Tickets:** \$20 and **Children 10 & Under:** \$15. Each include ONE (1) Bingo Card. Additional cards will be \$5 each. Volunteers to help are encouraged, please email [Stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com](mailto:Stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com) if you can assist.

There will be wine, beer, sodas, and juice for the children. Donations of your favourite cookies, brownies or something similar, for finger friendly dessert.



If you would like to donate a prize, THANK YOU in advance. Bingo games will include one for the Kids, and one to celebrate Father's Day, and much more.

There will be a Door prize and some great Raffles for \$1 a ticket.

**Tickets are available before and after Mass, or by emailing [stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com).**

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS



**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH** at 7:30pm. **TUESDAY 13th.**  
Candlelight Procession with Recitation of the Rosary  
Everyone is welcome to join us.

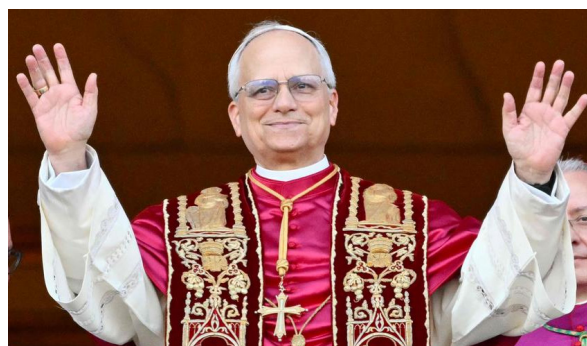
## AFTERNOON HERITAGE TEA

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH** in Somerset will be hosting an Afternoon Heritage Tea on Sunday, 18th May, 2025, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the St. James Church Hall in Somerset - Tea, Entertainment, Raffles, Silent Auction:

**Tickets:** \$45 can be obtained by contacting **Liz Card**, at 234-0872 or **Email:** [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com)

## BINGO FOR SENIORS

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH** Bingo for Seniors will be held on Saturday June 28 in St. Anthony's hall from 1 pm to 2 pm. Everyone who attends is asked to bring one food dish -- either sandwiches or a dessert. **Bingo cards will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Blackout cards will be \$5 each.** Kindly notify Annette Boyle at 517-9385 if you intend to come for a fun afternoon.



**Pope Leo XIV**

**Robert Cardinal Prevost**

## Prayer for the New Pope

*O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*



Collect of the Mass for the Pope  
The Roman Missal, Third Edition