



They abandoned their nets  
and followed him.

MARK 1:18



## A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ur lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, “Next!” And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that “the world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God’s call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday’s Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn’t live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God’s new world will be? ●

### Reflect

*To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?*



### ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

53 South Road, Paget PG 03 | P.O. Box HM 727, Hamilton HM CX

**Pastor:** Reverend Joseph F. H. Morley • **Cell:** 705 0236

**Email:** stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com

**Weekend Masses:** Vigil: 5:00pm, Sunday: 10:00am

**Baptisms:** by appointment 3 weeks in advance

**Weddings:** by appointment 6 months in advance

[www.facebook.com/stmichaelpaget](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelpaget) & “LIKE” us | **Diocesan Webpage:** [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm)

#### Parish Administrator:

Karen Marsh  
email: karenmarsh.bda@gmail.com  
(c) 799 0842

#### Pastoral Council Finance Chair:

Robert Mason  
email: rjm@logic.bm  
(h) 292 3178

#### Pastoral Council CCD Coordinator:

Patricia Carreiro  
email: pcarreiro1976@gmail.com  
(c) 737 1047



# 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...

### JANUARY 20/21st - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00PM** Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Karen Marsh  
**10:15AM** Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Pat Robinson  
 Collection: Karen Marsh

### JANUARY 27/28th - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00PM** Lector: Alberta Canonnier EM: Kathy Anderson  
**10:15AM** Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Joyce Lee  
 Collection: Pat Robinson, LaVerne Lau

## MASS INTENTIONS...

### JANUARY 20/21st - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00PM** Josephine & Nyal Clinton ++  
**10:15AM** Maxime & Serge Briere ++

### JANUARY 27/28th - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00PM** Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++  
 Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++  
**10:15AM** St. Michael's Parishioners & their Intentions

*You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at*

St. Theresa's - 7:30<sup>AM</sup> Mon.—Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00<sup>AM</sup> Tues.—Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00<sup>AM</sup> Mon.—Fri.

**ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the  
Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page**



**January 13/14th Collection: \$561.00**

**Poor Box (SVdeP): \$110.00**

**ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE**

to St. Michael's Church's

**BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.**

YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction is appreciated.

*When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction.*

**Thank you to those parishioners who continue to  
answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.**

## Bishop's Corner...



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has over 100 years of tradition. During this week Christians around the world take part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. It runs each year from the 18th to 25th of January. This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally and in community.

This year the theme "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people. They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, that encourages all to go and do likewise. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

The Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is:

*We pray, O gracious Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ. As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

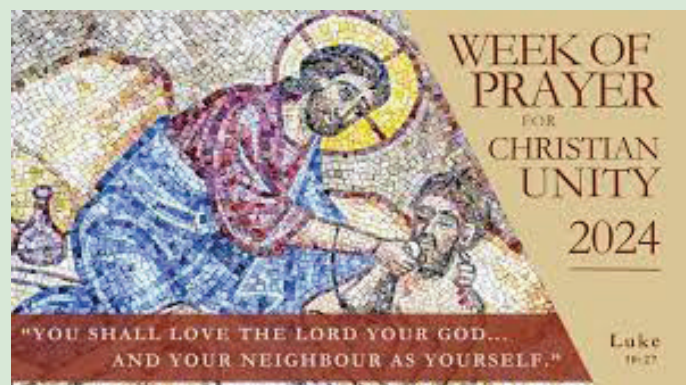
**For more information and for daily reflections:**

<http://tinyurl.com/sp8nfkxy>

Have a serene weekend and a blessed week!

*Wes*

Bishop Wes







### FIRST READING – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord’s bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 25:4-9

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **(R)**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**

Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, he teaches the humble his way. **(R)**

### SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. **Mk 1:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL – Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they left their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

## Dear Padre,

***While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?***

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

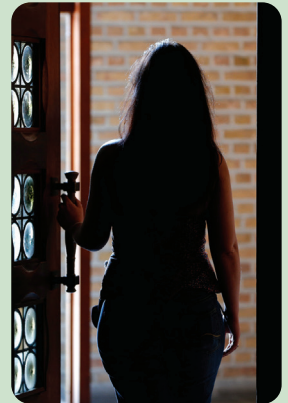
A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of

the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass.

Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●



Fr. Victor Karls, CSSR / DearPadre.org



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

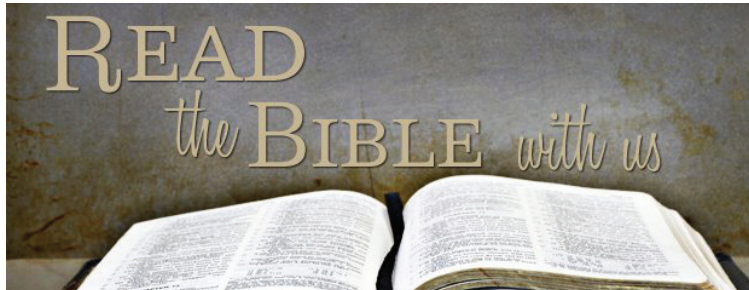
***Brothers and sisters, before the Lord’s call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God’s call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.***

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Pope Francis meets with “Phone Friend” volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. © L’OSSERVATORE ROMANO

# Around the Diocese . . .

- **ST. PATRICK'S:** The Rosary takes place every Wednesday's morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome.
- **The 12:10pm Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral**  
Please join us for Mass each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.
- **LECTIO DIVINA takes place** every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, [gwohlmuth@logic.bm](mailto:gwohlmuth@logic.bm). You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** The 2024 Catholic Calendar is available  
*Thank you for your continued patronage.*



## Bible Marathon

The next session of the Bible Series will take place this Saturday from 11am until 4:30pm at St Theresa's. We begin with the Book of Genesis. Every volunteer reader will be asked to read for 25 minutes, picking up from where the previous reader left off. The Readings will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

*You may sign up to be a part of this initiative by using the following link:* <http://tinyurl.com/bdea4yps>

You can also access this link directly from our Diocesan Facebook page.

Peace and blessings,  
+ *Bishop Wes*  
Bishop Wes

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## EVENTS that are to take place in our Catholic community...

- THIS SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> of January, Sunday: Word of God Sunday & Ecumenical Sunday
- 14<sup>th</sup> of February, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
- 17<sup>th</sup> of March, Sunday: St. Patrick's Parish Liturgical Feast
- 19<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday: St. Joseph's Parish Liturgical Feast
- 20<sup>th</sup> of March, Wednesday: 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Michael's
- 21<sup>st</sup> of March, Thursday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Theresa's
- 26<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday: 7:30pm - Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's

# Our Parish News . . .

Fr Attilio will be off island this weekend. Therefore St Michael's Sunday mass will begin at 10:15am.

**Bishop Wes will be celebrating the 5pm Vigil Mass this Saturday.**  
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** classes began last Sunday at 11am in the Church Hall. Classes will take place each week following Mass at 11:15am, and last no longer than an hour. Please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Carreiro, [pcarreiro1976@gmail.com](mailto:pcarreiro1976@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Special Collection for the Holy See January 27/28

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 27 and 28. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or make a contribution online (include Parish bank account number) and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP.**

