



Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“T here are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings.” So goes the adage. It is in

knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life’s richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God’s presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God’s saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

Reflect

Am I more comfortable with roots or wings?

Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?



[Jesus said,] “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18



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 – 28 th June 20205	TBA
Kids & Youth Ministry	September.
Children's Mass	TBA
Pastoral & Finance Council	Monday, 7th July 7:00 p.m.
Monthly Coffee Social	TBA
Second Collection	Second Sunday 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:	We Walk by Faith	#669
Offertory:	God Has Chosen Me	#815
Communion:	Here At this Table	#777
Recessional:	Sing We Now the Glorious Martyrs	#750

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones



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 – 6th July 2025

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

Elizabeth Card
Annette Barclay
Jane Bermingham
Joanne Smith

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:

Sunday, 28th June

for the people of St. Josephs

Sunday, 29th June

***Lucy & John Moffat**

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 13 th June – 4:00 p.m.	16	155
Sunday, 14 th June - 8:45 a.m.	45	474
TOTAL:	49	\$629

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

BIRTHDAYS

Hermano Pereira **28th June**
Massi Ferigo **29th June**

THIS WEEKEND IS THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to conduct his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Special envelopes are available for your donation or consider making an online donation to **St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number: 20006060757062100 – Bank NT Butterfield** and be sure to include “Peter's Pence” in the memo field. Please be generous.

The First Holy Communion class will hold its final class today. The children will celebrate First Penance on Saturday, 5th July at 10:30 a.m., and their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 6th July during the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Our young candidates are, Zaria Cross, Rhea Ingraham, Aeure Lightbourne, Matthea Pitcher, and Antonia Walker.

On Sunday, 29th June at 2:30 p.m., come out and enjoy an informal afternoon of music, singing, dancing, **and just maybe** a “little magic”. A similar format to our fun Christmas programme. Admittance by donation (if you wish), and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. If you would like to donate “goodies” to the refreshment table, your kindness would be gratefully appreciated.

Our next **Pastoral & Finance Council meeting** will be held on Monday, 7th July at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Music Concerts held on the 15th and 22nd June. It was a wonderful evening of classical music, and we were blessed to have had such talented artists performing in (and for) our little church, and for P.A.L.S.

PASTOR'S POINT

Dear Parishioners,

It should also be recognized that, recently, the definition of palliative care has sometimes taken on a misleading connotation. In some countries, laws regulating palliative care provide Medical Assistance to the Dying (MAiD), which can include euthanasia and assisted suicide. Such legal provisions cause grave confusion by implying that it would be morally lawful to request euthanasia or assisted suicide as part of palliative care.

Inappropriate palliative interventions in these regulatory contexts can also involve medications that intend to hasten death, as well as the suspension of hydration and nutrition, even when death is not imminent. Such practices are equivalent to a *direct action or omission to bring about death and are therefore unlawful*. The growth of such legislation constitutes a threat to many vulnerable people who need only to be better cared for but are instead being led to choose euthanasia.

5 The role of the family and hospice

The role of the family is central to the care of terminally ill patients. In the family a person is valued in themselves. It is essential that the sick do not feel themselves to be a burden, and families need help to fulfil this mission. Recognizing the primary, fundamental and irreplaceable role of the family, governments should provide the necessary resources and structures to support it. Christian-inspired health care facilities should integrate the family's accompaniment in *a unified program of care for the sick person*.

Hospice centers, which welcome the terminally sick and ensure their care until the last moment of life, likewise provide an important and valuable service. After all, “the Christian response to the mystery of death and suffering is to provide not an explanation but a Presence”¹⁸ that shoulders the pain and opens it to a trusting hope. These centers are an example of genuine humanity, sanctuaries where suffering is full of meaning. They must be staffed by qualified personnel, possess the proper resources, and always be open to families. In these settings, healthcare workers and pastoral staff, in addition to being clinically competent, should also be practicing an authentic life of faith and hope that is directed towards God.

Fr. Joe Morley, A/Pastor & Vicar General
Diocese of Hamilton, Bermuda

SOURCE: *Letter of The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, SAMARITANUS BONUS, On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life. Compendium, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2021, page 10.*

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I have been already asked several times what I think about our new Pope Leo. I do not know him personally, but I am trying to attentively follow his teaching from the beginning of his pontificate. I would like to share with you one observation that seems to be returning in his speeches.

Pope Leo XIV has quoted St. Augustine a number of times, including in his first address when he walked out on the balcony in front of St. Peter's Square after being elected pope. During that first address he said, "*I am an Augustinian, a son of St. Augustine, who once said, 'With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop.'*" This quote that Pope Leo has become fond of is from a sermon St. Augustine gave to his faithful on the anniversary of his episcopal ordination: "*While I am frightened by what I am for you, I am consoled by what I am with you. For you, in fact, I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian. The former is the name of an office, the latter of grace; the former is a name of danger, the latter of salvation.*"

Pope Leo has returned to this quote often, sometimes rephrasing it, such as during his visit with the mayor of the city of Rome, "*I am Roman for you and with you*". When taking possession of the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, reiterating this central spiritual theme, Pope Leo said, "*I assure you that I love you, that I desire only to enter into your service and to place my own poor abilities, the little I have and am, at the service of all.*"

It seems to me that Pope Leo does not want to seem distant or removed from the flock entrusted to his care, but close and united with them. This is for me a very good and very promising sign for this pontificate.

May your weekend be serene and your week be good!

Bishop Wes

RE: ST. THERESA'S CATHEDRAL and ST. PATRICK's CHURCH:

Please be advised that we are moving into the summer schedule. This means that from the 28th of June 2025, there will be no 9:00 a.m. Portuguese Mass followed by adoration on Saturdays at St. Theresa's. There will be no 12:10 p.m., Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at St. Theresa's and finally, there will be no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. The last Mass before the summer pause will be celebrated on Wednesday, 25th of June at 7:00 p.m. Masses will resume in September.

ST. THERESA'S GIFTSHOP SUMMER HOURS:

Closed: from Cup Match, 31st July to 15th August.

Open Saturdays only: 16th, 23rd and 30th August.

Tuesdays & Saturdays: 9th September.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022

Monday

June 30
Weekday
Gn 18:16–33
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

July 1
Weekday
Gn 19:15–29
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 2
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Friday

July 4
Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19;
24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

July 5
Weekday
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29
Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 6
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9

Our Sunday Readings

Mass during the day:
 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 12:1-11
 PSALM 34:2-9
 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,17-18
 MATTHEW 16:13-19

Founding Fathers

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,17-18

Reading closely

1. What seems to be happening to Paul?
2. How has Paul spent his life?
3. For what all does Paul hope?
4. What all might Paul be feeling?
5. What has the Lord done for Paul?
6. What exactly do you think Paul expects will happen to him?

Living the word

7. In what ways does this reading resonate with you?
8. In what ways is Paul's perspective different from your own?
9. What imagery would you use to describe your own experience of trying to live and share the gospel?

THE SECOND READING

Paul the convert

Christianity wouldn't be around today if it weren't for Paul. After his revelation that Jesus was the risen Christ, Paul stopped persecuting Christians and began forming new ones (Galatians 1:11f). Thanks to Paul, the gospel was carried outside of Judaism to the larger world.

Athletes for Christ

Paul describes his missionary work using the language of athletic competition. Laurel wreaths were placed upon those who won athletic games. Paul, among others, *competed* against false teaching in order to spread the true faith. His reward, the *crown of righteousness*, is eternal life.

Successful in suffering

Although Paul endured hardship and martyrdom, he sees his suffering as part of Jesus' Passion and death. Jesus suffered and was killed only to be raised up. Paul believes that the violence and death he endures in order to spread the gospel will also lead to eternal life.

THE ORIGINS OF THIS SOLEMNITY

A liturgy honoring both Peter and Paul dates back to mid-sixth century Rome. The prayers we use today are based on the same ones used in that early Mass, which was also on June 29.

Then as now this holy day is an occasion for us to celebrate both the Church's apostolic heritage and the continuing intercession on our behalf of two key figures from the past.

MATTHEW 16:13-19

Reading closely

1. Why do you think Jesus asks what people are saying about him?
2. How accurate a portrait do people have?
3. What do you think Jesus expects his own disciples to say?
4. Why do you think Peter answers first?
5. Do you think the other disciples agree with Peter?
6. What qualities might Jesus see in Peter?
7. How might Peter feel about the authority Jesus entrust to him?
8. How might the other disciples feel?

Living the word

9. How do you respond to people in authority?
10. What authority do you have and in what spirit do you exercise it?
11. In what ways does the Catholic Church exercise its authority?
12. Why do you think Jesus shares his authority?
13. What new name might Jesus give you?

THE GOSPEL READING

Persecuted prophets

The disciples tell Jesus that people say he is...

- *John the Baptist* reborn somehow
- *Elijah*, who would precede God's own arrival (see Malachi 3:23)
- *Jeremiah*, whose experience of mockery and persecution foreshadows what Jesus will undergo
- *one of the prophets* whom God also called to speak in his name

None of these comparisons fully captures Jesus' identity, so Jesus asks his disciples what they themselves think. They should know much better who he is, given the time they've spent with him.

Titles

When he spoke about himself, Jesus mostly used the title **Son of Man**. In the Old Testament *Son of Man* usually means simply *a human being*. In one notable passage, however, God gives his authority over heaven and earth to "one like a Son of Man" (Daniel 7:13-14).

Messiah means *God's anointed or chosen one*. Jesus usually avoided this title because it carried certain expectations, like overthrowing the Romans, that Jesus did not come to fulfill.

Jews are strict monotheists. No Jew would call someone **Son of the living God** unless inspired by God, the source of life, to do so (v.17).

The emerging church

Matthew is the only Gospel-writer to use the word *church*. As his community underwent its painful separation from Judaism, they needed a term to distinguish themselves from other Jews.

A new name

Simon was a Jewish name. Jesus adapts the word for *rock* and uses it as a new name for this disciple. In the Old Testament God gives people new names as a sign of his commitment to them and of their obedience to him.

Authority

Terms about *keys* and *binding and loosing* are essentially about authority. Jewish leaders once held this authority, but Jesus insists that they've misused it (16:12; 23). Because his authority comes from God, Jesus is free to share it with others.

Jesus entrusts Peter with the authority to teach and to judge as the church faces new challenges. God the Father will uphold Peter's decisions just as God stands behind the actions of his Son.

PRAYER

from the Collect for the Vigil Mass of Saints Peter and Paul

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we may be sustained by the intercession
of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
that, as through them you gave your Church
the foundations of her heavenly office, so through
them you may help her to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.