



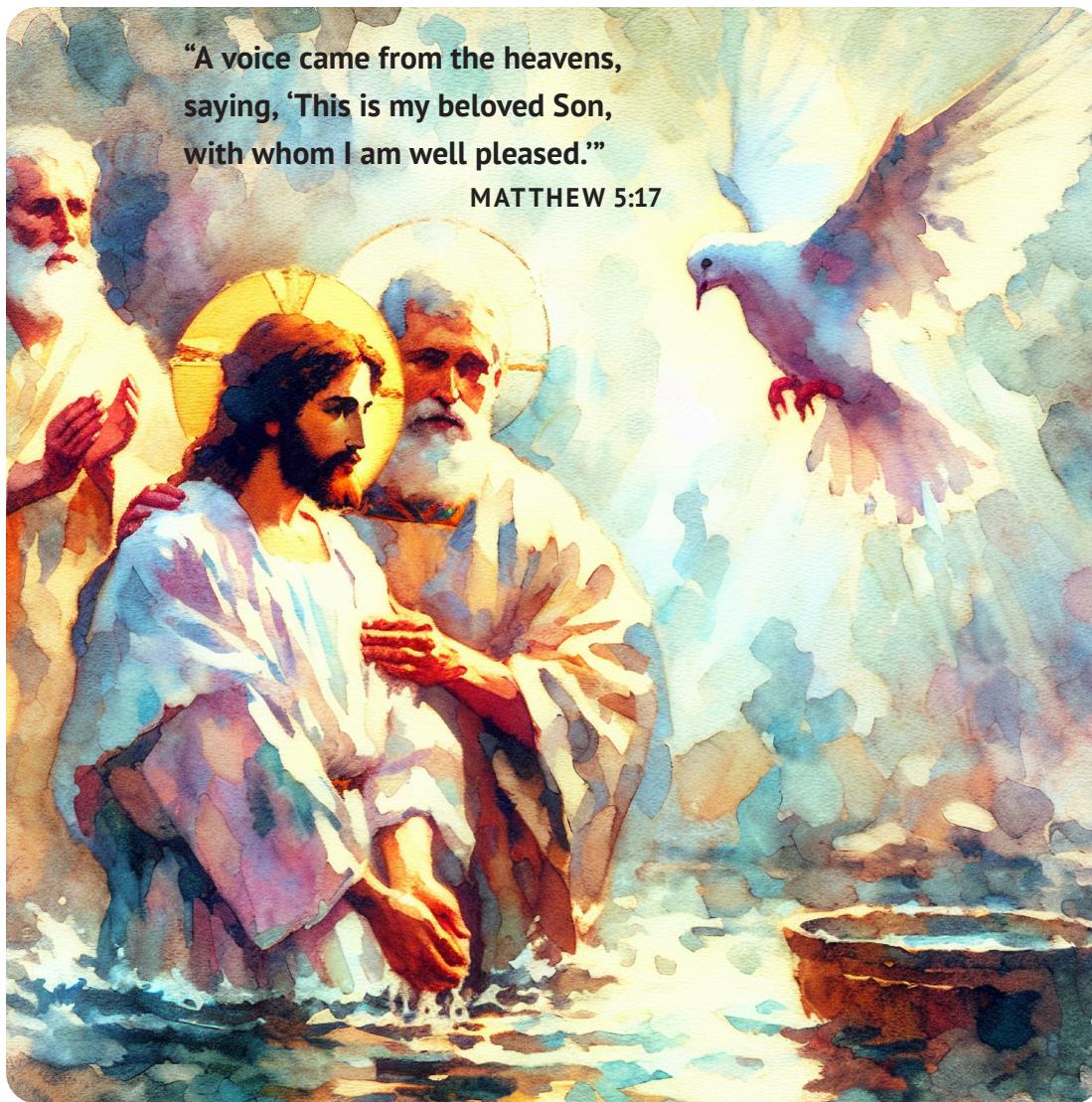
## Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.



Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

### Reflect

*This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.*



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### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Jan 10	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Jan 11	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado+ & Herminio Soares Furtado+
Jan 13	8:30 am	
Jan 14	8:30 am	
Jan 15	8:30 am	
Jan 16	8:30 am	
Jan 17	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Jan 18	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist, kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

### Hospital Visits by Father Jacob

If you have any relative or friend in the hospital who would like Father Jacob to visit with/without the Sacrament of the Sick, kindly inform Father of their names and room numbers.

### Lector's Workbooks

Lector's workbooks for the new liturgical year 2026 are available in the Sacristy

### Bulletin for January 10/January 11, 2026

#### Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Dec 27/Dec 28	\$ 1,255.00
Jan 3/Jan 4	\$ 1,150.00

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 online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when 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 or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

#### Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

#### Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Steve

Next week: Annette and Anna

### Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to share with you some events that are to take place in our Catholic community in Bermuda in 2026. I am not including the main Christian solemnities nor Government public holidays.

18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

25<sup>th</sup> of January, Sunday – Word of God Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> of January, Saturday – 11:00am – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diaconate Ordination of our Permanent Deacons Matthew, Andrew and David – Holy Mass at St. Theresa's and reception in the hall.

18<sup>th</sup> of February, Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

17<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday – St. Patrick's Parish Liturgical Feast

19<sup>th</sup> of March, Thursday – St. Joseph's Parish Liturgical Feast

24<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's

26<sup>th</sup> of March, Thursday – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Theresa's

31<sup>st</sup> of March, Tuesday – 7:00pm – Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's  
3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Good Friday – 11:15am – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Victoria Park  
11<sup>th</sup> of April, Saturday – 11:00am – Annual Mass for the Deceased at Holy Calvary Cemetery  
12<sup>th</sup> of April, Sunday – 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Patrick's  
13<sup>th</sup> of May, Wednesday – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's  
17<sup>th</sup> of May, Sunday – 1:30pm – Senhor Santo Cristo Feast in St. Theresa's  
31<sup>st</sup> of May, Sunday – 2:00pm – Confirmation Mass at St. Theresa's  
12<sup>th</sup> of June, Friday – 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of our Diocese  
13<sup>th</sup> of June, Saturday – St. Anthony's Parish Liturgical Feast  
14<sup>th</sup> of June, Sunday – 2:00pm – Divino Espirito Santo Feast at Stella Maris  
29<sup>th</sup> of September, Tuesday – St. Michael's Parish Liturgical Feast  
1<sup>st</sup> of October, Thursday – St. Theresa's Feast, Patroness of the Parish and of the Diocese  
3<sup>rd</sup> of October, Saturday – St. Theresa's Feast Celebration  
13<sup>th</sup> of October, Tuesday – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's  
7<sup>th</sup> of November, Saturday – 11:00am – All Souls' Mass at St. Theresa's  
12<sup>th</sup> of December, Saturday – Stella Maris Parish Liturgical Feast

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!  
Bishop Wes

### Important Messages

Please be advised that during the winter season St. Theresa's Cathedral will be locked at 4:00 pm from Monday to Friday.

### St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or  
US # 8400 7847 30010

**Cash donation** - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. Any amount donated goes a long way to support those in need.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the 2025 Advent season, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to support a "Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive". Each day of Advent, add one item to your collection box. By Christmas, you will have a food basket which will be donated to those in need. Collection of food baskets in each parish will be coordinated by the parish St. Vincent de Paul representative on the weekend of Jan 3/4. Last year's collection provided enough supplies to feed those in need through March, which is fantastic. Thank you to all those who participated. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Kelly at 236-4613 or [ekelly@ibl.bm](mailto:ekelly@ibl.bm).

### Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.



### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEE

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 17th and 18th. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online.

Thank you for your stewardship!

### Spring Dinner Bingo

On Saturday February 7, 2026 a Spring Dinner Bingo will take place in the church hall after the evening mass. Tickets will be on sale next weekend.

\$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under

All of the proceeds from this event will go to the St. Anthony's Outreach Program. This year we aim to assist the homeless with their daily needs.

Prizes for the dinner bingo will be needed. Please consider donating. More information to follow.

# Dear Padre,

**Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.**

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.*

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025**