



Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?***



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### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

May 3	6:15 pm	John & Emily Moura++
May 4	11:30 am	Intention of Patricia Schrah (Liv)
May 6	8:30 am	
Mayl 7	8:30 am	
May 8	8:30 am	
May 9	8:30 am	
May 10	6:15 pm	Tony & Ermelinda Freitas++
May 11	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.

### WORDS OF LIFE -May 4<sup>th</sup>

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"  
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### Bulletin for May 3 / May 4, 2025

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

April 19/April 20 \$ 1,748.00

April 26/April 27 \$ 2,119.00

**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 – this weekend

##### Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Steve

Next week: Annette and Dennis

### Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I read a little detail after Pope Francis' funeral that touched my heart. It seems that it binds our Diocese to the late Pope with a very special bond.

A white rose was placed on Pope Francis' tomb right after his burial on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> of April and it is more than just a beautiful touch. According to *Vatican News*, the rose is a symbol of the bond between Francis and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for whom the Argentine Pontiff had a particular devotion.

The Holy See's official media outlet reports that, a few days after his discharge from Gemelli Hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, the Pope received a white rose from Lisieux. It reads that "He kept it on a nightstand next to his bed." It's a tradition that St. Thérèse shows her favour with roses. This is rooted in something that the young saint promised: "I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens; I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth."

St. Thérèse might have spoken of "roses" as a metaphor for the graces she would intercede for, however, many of the

faithful attest that actual roses seem to come in response to their prayers to the saint. In fact, Pope Francis himself had this experience, as he described to journalists on his way to Manila in 2015: "I have the habit, when I do not know how things are going, of asking St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus that if she takes care of some problem, anything at all, to send me a rose. At times she does, but in odd ways. In the same way, I asked her watch over this journey and to send me a rose."

May St. Thérèse, our Patroness, send us many roses...  
Have a serene weekend and a blessed week!  
Bishop Wes

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### Jubilee Children's Function

On Saturday, 21 June, 2025 at St Anthony's there will be a special event for our diocesan children. More details to follow.

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### Registration Forms

Additional registration forms are available at the back of the church. Kindly fill them in and place either in the collection baskets or return to Father Joe at your earliest possible convenience.

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### St. Joseph's Afternoon Tea

St. Joseph's will be hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church hall in Somerset from 2 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$45. To reserve tickets call Elizabeth Card at 234-0872 or email [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com). More details on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

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### Easter Cemetery Mass - POSTPONED

Due to the Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Francis, the Easter Cemetery Mass has been **POSTPONED** until **Saturday, 31st May 2025 at 11:00 am** in Holy Calvary Cemetery.

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### Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima

On Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm there will be a mass at St. Patrick's with a candlelight procession and recitation of the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

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### Thank you - Dinner Bingo Fundraising Event

On behalf of the St. Anthony's Parish Council, would like to thank all those who supported the Dinner Bingo on Saturday, 26 April with their attendance and purchasing of

tickets; providing gift prizes; volunteering of their time and kind financial donations; including our Bingo caller for providing a truly fun-filled event. It was a wonderful and enjoyable community evening with the proceeds going towards St. Anthony's Church maintenance and ongoing projects. Thank you and God Bless.

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### Jubilee Prayer for 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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### A Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of your servant Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him now into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory. Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love. May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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# Dear Padre,

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” ●

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



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

May 5  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 6:8–15  
Jn 6:22–29

### Tuesday

May 6  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 7:51–8:1a  
Jn 6:30–35

### Wednesday

May 7  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b–8  
Jn 6:35–40

### Thursday

May 8  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:26–40  
Jn 6:44–51

### Friday

May 9  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:1–20  
Jn 6:52–59

### Saturday

May 10  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:31–42  
Jn 6:60–69

### Sunday

May 11  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 13:14, 43–52  
Rv 7:9, 14b–17  
Jn 10:27–30



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022