



Tweaked by God

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While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

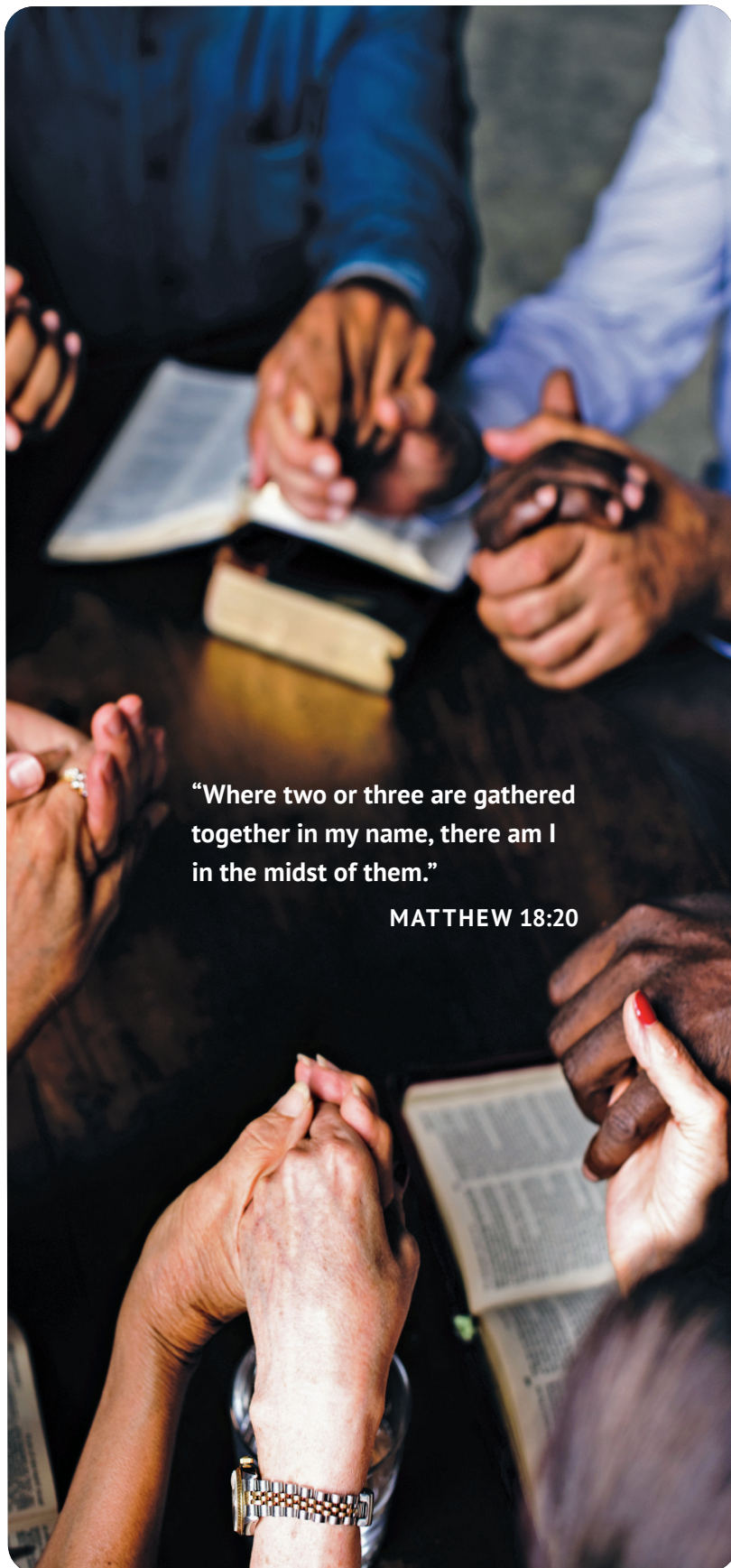
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

Reflect

What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20



St. Joseph's Church

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It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's – Saturday at 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. “ ”

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

Religious education – Resumes Sunday, 8th October

Children's Mass – Resumes in October

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Coffee Social after Mass – 24th September – Host:

Team 2

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Mr. Tony Bari
Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	We Gather Together	#762
Offertory:	In Every Age	#696
Communion:	Look Beyond	#775
Recessional:	With One Voice	#814

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



*We welcome our visitors to our parish, and hope
that your stay will be a pleasant one.*



Sunday – 17th September 2023

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

Kathie Ausenda
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Joanne Smith
Alessia Vianello
Tony Bari

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially, Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Margaret Faries, Elena Domondon and Evelyn Pinlac.

For Petra Caesar who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTION:

Sunday, 10th September

⁺DeMello Family

	Attendance	Collection
2 nd September	4	60.00
3 rd September	35	279.00
		\$339.00

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

BIRTHDAYS

Gigi Fox
Eladio Pereira
Mary Harvey

7th September
10th September
12th September

ANNIVERSARIES

Walette & Anthony Cross

16th September



Our 95th Anniversary Afternoon Tea – Sunday, 15th October 2023 at St. James Church Hall 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Entertainment will feature: Tony Bari, Elca Maranzana, and Seri Fisher.** Tickets (\$40) are now available. Contact Liz to reserve: 234-0872 or Email: lizatstjosephs@gmail.com.



Today is the second Sunday of the month; therefore, there will be two collections - regular and maintenance.

Due to the “possibility” of high winds in the coming week from Hurricane Lee, Grace is postponing the baking of the goods for the **Filipino Family Bake Sale** until later in the month.



Our next monthly Coffee Social will be held on Sunday, 24th September and will be hosted by Team 2.

PASTOR's NOTE:

Dear friends,

the Gospel of this Sunday gives us the opportunity to speak about a very important issue: gossip. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that if we have an issue with somebody, first thing is to speak with the person alone, one to one. Then it says that if he does not listen, I should confront him again, in person, in the presence of one or two other witnesses. If he keeps not listening, then I should report to the community, or to the authorities that represent the community. In gossip the opposite happens: the first step is to tell it around, but not to the person directly interested. This damages the reputation of the person and causes a lot of pain. Speaking with a person alone gives him or her the possibility, first of all to express his or her own point of view. Maybe I can find out that the other may not be necessarily as wrong as I thought. Maybe the other did not have a bad intention. Then, if the person is really doing something wrong, one may have the opportunity to think about it twice, to repent, to amend one's ways. Involving witnesses then may substantiate the argument, to show that it is that it is not a mere matter of a different point of view, that there may be a real issue there. In any case people who have suffered the consequences of gossip can tell how painful it is to see one's own reputation damaged. People have taken their lives because of gossip. Gossip is always a sin, and Jesus gives us a recipe to avoid it. All along the history of Christianity, spiritual guides and saints have considered it a very grave and serious matter, independently from the issue at stake. It is a sin that needs to be confessed and eradicated from the life of Christians and of the Church.

God bless you all.
Fr. Attilio

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,
Greetings from Poland!

This Sunday the Polish Ulma family, killed by the German police for having hidden eight Jews in their home, are being beatified, making it the first time an entire family will be beatified together, including the child being carried in the mother's womb at the time of her death. This beatification marks an unprecedented event in the modern canonization process.

The Ulma family led an ordinary life against the backdrop of the Second World War. Jozef worked in the fields, while Wiktorja managed their home and cared for their six children while pregnant with

their seventh child. Through their simple daily routines, they exemplified the teachings of the Gospel. Family prayers, shared faith education, and Bible readings were daily practices in their household. Embedded within their family Bible, a word was underlined, "Samaritan" accompanied by a resounding "yes". This choice epitomized their commitment to aiding others, a commitment that persisted amidst a world fraught with violence and division. Tragedy struck when the Ulmas were denounced and betrayed. German Nazi forces stormed their home and their attic, where they had concealed their Jewish friends, and which became a site of horror. All Jews were killed first, then Jozef and Wiktorja were executed in front of their children, with Wiktorja being seven months pregnant. Even the children were not spared as the house was set ablaze.

Recognized as Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel and today proclaimed Blessed by the Catholic Church, the Ulma family's light continues to shine. Their story defies the darkness of war, and their beatification is a remarkable affirmation of their sacrifice. In their entirety, the Ulma family's legacy underscores the power of love, compassion and sacrifice amid the darkest of times.

I am blessed to be the witness of this event. I wish you a peaceful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

Dear Friends,

We will be hosting Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes from Bangladesh in our Diocese. During my absence he will be helping to celebrate the Masses at St. Theresa's and Stella Maris. He will also be having some pastoral meetings and services with our Bangladeshi community. Fr. Jacob has been sent to this part of the world by his Archbishop with the task to possibly collect funds to support the parishioners of St. John's Parish in Dhaka, who are trying to build a new church. Thirty percent of the construction work is still undone due to a shortage of funds.

I believe that we should assist our sisters and brothers in their effort to build their new church. Therefore, next weekend, 16th/17th of September, there will be a second collection in all our churches that will be intended to help finance the construction of this parish church.

Many thanks for your understanding and help.

Bishop Wes

St. Theresa's Feast, the Patroness of our Diocese and Cathedral, will be celebrated on weekend 30th

September/1st October. Our guest preacher will be Bishop Matthias Koenig from Paderborn, Germany. There will be a special dinner on Saturday, 30th September, at 7:45 p.m., in the Cathedral Hall.

Dear Padre,

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

September 11
Weekday
Col 1:24–2:3
Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12
Weekday
Col 2:6–15
Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Col 3:1–11
Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
Jn 19:25–27
or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 1:15–17
Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30–28:7
Rom 14:7–9
Mt 18:21–35

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