



Believing Is Seeing

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We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and “the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8





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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Mass Schedule

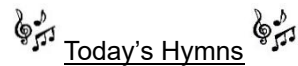
Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	By date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m.
Filipino Mass – Saturday	18 th April 2026: 11:00 a.m.
Kids & Youth Ministry	12 th April 2026
Children's/Family Mass	26 th April 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	20 th April 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Coffee Social	26 th April 2026
Second Collection	12 th April 2026

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Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpięwak
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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
Walette Cross Stewardship Representative	Natalia Walker & Justin Tavares Religious Education - Kids & Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Christ, Is Alive	#418
Offertory:	Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise	#411
Communion:	I Received the Living God	#786
Recessional:	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	#401

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

We, the St. Joseph's Parish family, take this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May our loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.



Sunday – 12th April – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Proclaimer of God's Word
Sacristan
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music

Jane Bermingham
Stephen Card
Elizabeth Card
Annette Barclay
Liam/Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Andrew Card, Eleanor Correia and Mary Maybury.



MASS INTENTION for those loved ones remembered in the flower donations

Jose Miguel Arruda: Elizabeth & George Reynolds, Olga Ausenda: Bermingham, Higgins & Rowe families: James & Violet Stones, Kenneth & Beryl Young, Martin & Gwen Braybrook, Colin Dunkerley, Erna Young, David Young: Barclay/Heyliger & Smith Families: Davide & Maria DeLurdes, Antonio Froias & Maria DeJesus, David Tavares, Maria & Jose Vieira, Hannah Jimenez: Eugene DeSilva, Angie & Joe DeSilva, Joan & John Mello, Mary & Fred, Louisa & Manuel, Hughes/Mello families: Anthony & Rita Faries, Manuel, Joseph, Frank, George, James Faries, Rita Faries Smith, Tony & Solange Faries, Mary Soares, Mary Pedro and Charles Spanswick: Lucy & John Moffat, Susan & James Moffat, John, Louie & Richard Card, Arthur, Marie & Paul Card: Ernest, Alice, Peter & Ernie Whitney; Fr. David Doran, Fr. Carl Fritz, Fr. Joseph Bogusz, Fr. J.J. Johnston, Bishop Brian Hennessy, Tom Commerford; Marja Warakois, Lempe Escola, Bobbe Cauchi, Peter & Mary Hogg, Vincent & Susanne Tann, Nellie & Ron Jenkins, and those loved ones not mentioned.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Stations 28 th March	7	-
Sunday 29 th March – Regular	56	684.00
Flowers		40.00
TOTAL:		\$724.00

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

Kids & Youth Ministry will resume on 12th April 2026.

THANK YOU

- to Natalia, Antonia, Marlena, Chloe, Matthea, Zaria, Zander, Walette, and Stefano, for all their help in making the crosses last Saturday for Palm Sunday.
- to Hermano for providing the large palm branches for us, and
- to Natalia who used them, and the crafts that the children made, to decorate the back of the church so nicely.
- to Justin and Maurice, and Willie DeSilva, who finished painting the outside of the church last Saturday.
- to Mary (Stones) for making the lovely delicate pew flower arrangements.

Please know that your, time, talent, and "stewardship" are very much appreciated.

AND



THANK YOU to all who so generously donated to the **DIOCESAN LENTEN ALMSGIVING**.

PASTOR's EASTER LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!

On this glorious Easter morning, we unite in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is a reminder that God always has the last word, overturning the darkness of Good Friday with the triumph of light, hope, and new life.

This wonderful time called Spring is, for all of us, an awakening season full of hope and promise. The trees and shrubs come alive again, the flowers bloom, the weather warms up, the evenings lengthen, and then there will be the return of the beautiful Bermuda Longtail, which I understand is our harbinger of spring.

Holy Week was a special time for us, as Christians, when we gathered to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At Easter we remember with gladness, joy and jubilation, light over darkness, and of life over death, for we should not see the Cross as a sign of defeat but rather as a symbol of victory! The Easter Season is our 'Sacred Springtime, a time for new beginnings as we try to live as Christ's disciples, putting into action the values He expressed and lived throughout His life.

It is a time to renew our faith in Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord and to proclaim with joy that "We are an Easter People!"

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our parish, and to myself over the past six months. It is your presence, participation, and vibrant faith that makes this little community a true reflection of the Body of Christ.

I wish you and your families all the blessings of this glorious Season.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jacob

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
Alleluia, He is truly risen!

As Jesus greeted his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you," may that same divine peace dwell richly in your home, your family, and all your relationships. May it guide your thoughts, soften your heart, and inspire you to be an instrument of peace in the world.

May the light of the Risen Lord fill your heart with his perfect peace. In this holy season of Easter, may the victory of Christ over sin and death renew your spirit, calm every fear, and bring reconciliation where there is division.

Through the grace of the Resurrection, may you find hope in every trial, serenity in every storm, and joy that no darkness can overcome.

Let us carry the peace of Christ to others, especially those who are suffering, forgotten, or burdened, so that his love may shine through us.

Praying for a blessed and peaceful Easter for you and for our troubled world!

Bishop Wes

MSA will host its next information session on Wednesday, April 15th at 9am.

Easter Cemetery Mass

Saturday, 11th April 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Calvary Cemetery, Devonshire
There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Portuguese Mass that day.

The Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, 12th April 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church, Smith's Parish.



Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,

the will to want to do it,

the courage to undertake it,

the perseverance to continue to do it,

and the strength to complete it.

source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted “yes,” then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God’s grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God’s plan for you will always be there. ●

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

**GENERAL
AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2025**

MARCO IACOBucci EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31