



Spring Cleaning Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God’s temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life’s details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God’s Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

***What might be cluttering
your life right now?***



**While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of
Passover, many began to believe in his name
when they saw the signs he was doing.**

JOHN 2:23

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Fridays @ 8:15pm – TV Room, in the Cottage
Neocatechumenal Community (NCW):
Wednesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

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| Sat. Mar 2 | 6:15 pm | Manuel Moura+ |
| Sun Mar 3 | 11:15 am | |
| | 7:00 pm | NCW Catechesis (Hall) |
| Tues Mar 5 | 8:15 am | |
| | 8:00 pm | NCW Catechesis (Hall) |
| Wed Mar 6 | 8:15 am | |
| Thu Mar 7 | 8:15 am | |
| | 8:00 pm | NCW Catechesis (Hall) |
| Fri Mar 8 | 8:15 am | |
| | 7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat. Mar 9 | 6:00 pm | Edith De Fontes+ |
| Sun Mar 10 | 11:15 am | Maria Furtado (Liv) |
| | 7:00 pm | NCW Catechesis (Hall) |

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 17/Feb 18 \$ 4,737.00
Feb 24/Feb 25 \$ 1,649.00

**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

Counters this week: Annette and Pat
Next week: Annette and Steve

Pastor's Note

Dear friends

The cleansing of the temple is a story that may appeal to many of us because we are all attracted by authenticity and truthfulness. We want to especially see in religious leaders what is more authentic, more genuine, more truthful. We are forced to make compromises with many things in life. Things are never black and white; there is every shade of grey. It would be comforting to know who is living the truth. Down deep we all have a sense of truth, a sense for authenticity. That is why, even when we find that the values of the Gospel seem too high for us, we still are attracted by them. Jesus casting away the sellers from the temple made common people happy and the religious people angry. It is still a fascinating story for us today. However, there is something in Jesus that people always overlook: the invitation of Jesus for everybody to be authentic. The new worship in Spirit and Truth that Jesus is inaugurating is not in Jerusalem or on Mount Gerizim. He says to the Samaritan woman that it is not a matter for the special ministers for the cult. Jesus says to the disciples: "Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod, which is hypocrisy." (that is to say, both religious and secular leaders). He is inaugurating a new temple or body with a new worship, which is the offering of all of Himself on the Cross. Risen from the dead He gives His Spirit to those who are baptized. They then become the new temple, also bringing the worship in spirit

and truth in every time and every place. The cleansing of the temple is then the cleansing of our heart that happens through his word and calls us to be truthful and authentic, not in the sense of being all good and perfect, but recognizing that we are poor sinners in constant need of the mercy of God and that we are in constant need of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. The Jews begin the preparation of the Passover by getting rid of the old leaven. In the context of Christian journey of Lent and in preparation for Easter, this Gospel of the cleansing of the temple is an invitation to get rid of the old leaven of hypocrisy to celebrate Easter with the new unleavened bread of sincerity and truthfulness. This can be done also with a good confession. As a matter of fact, this Sunday (the third of March) in the context of the catechesis for adults, there will be a celebration of Reconciliation in the hall of St. Anthony's with a Word of God calling to conversion. Some priests will be available for individual confessions for those who want. Finally, after a prayer of blessing, an agape potluck meal will be served. Those who want may bring some food or drink to celebrate together the joy of forgiveness and reconciliation. The event starts at 7:00 PM and babysitting is available if needed.

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I read this news and thought that most probably it is not going to become glamorous news anywhere in mainstream media. However, I found it really great and it somehow makes me happy to know that our broken and struggling Church is still able to do good things.

The Catholic Chaldean Church in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, inaugurated the Mary of Mercy Alzheimer's Care Center, marking a historic milestone as the first of its kind across the nation. Dr. Kamran Jalal, doctor and medical officer at the Mercy Mary Center, emphasized to media outlets that Alzheimer's patients and those grappling with age-related ailments require specialized medications and treatments beyond what can be provided within home settings. The newly established center aims to bridge this gap in provision of care. Highlighting the pressing need for similar facilities across key cities such as Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, and Nohadra, Dr. Jalal underscored the imperative of expanding access to tailored care for Alzheimer's patients throughout the Iraqi Kurdistan.

Fr. Ayman Aziz, the priest of Mar Yousef Catholic Chaldean Church, articulated the center's inclusive ethos, emphasizing its commitment to serving individuals of all backgrounds and beliefs without bias. Fr. Aziz emphasized that the center's

endeavors are rooted in altruism, with a primary focus on extending aid to patients and all those in need within this realm of care (after *SyriacPress*).

Perhaps this Center will not change the history of the world, but I am sure it will make an enormous difference for persons and their families affected by this disease. A little brick that tends to build a better world.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed third week of Lent!

Bishop Wes

Lenten Schedule at St. Anthony's

Daily Mass at 8:15 am

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Fridays

Chrism Mass Choir Invitation

Tuesday Rehearsals 7:30pm, Mount St. Agnes Choir Room

Rehearsals on March 5th, 12th and 19th

Martin Pastor, choirguy33@gmail.com

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 26th, 7:30pm, St. Theresa's Cathedral

Schedule at St. Theresa's

During the season of Lent the 12:10 pm masses at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from Monday to Friday. On Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:40 am followed by the Mass.

The Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's will resume on Tuesday, 27th of February, with Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm followed by Mass. In March the Masses will be celebrated on Wednesdays.

Maintenance Collection

The maintenance collection will take place this weekend. Please be as generous as possible as there are many maintenance issues that need to be addressed especially the roof of the church.

Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| March 4 | March 5 | March 6 | March 7 | March 8 | March 9 | March 10 |
| <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> |
| 2 Kgs 5:1–15ab | Dn 3:25, 34–43 | Dt 4:1, 5–9 | Jer 7:23–28 | Hos 14:2–10 | Hos 6:1–6 | 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23 |
| Lk 4:24–30 | Mt 18:21–35 | Mt 5:17–19 | Lk 11:14–23 | Mk 12:28–34 | Lk 18:9–14 | Eph 2:4–10 Jn 3:14–21 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

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