



A Call from the Wild

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Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee....From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt called to go where you did not want to go?

How did faith help you decide what to do?



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:21B–22



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928.
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 – 10:00- 11:00 a.m. As per Schedule
Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – 23rd January 2023
Coffee Social after Mass – 29th January 2023 – Team 1

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Today's Hymns

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus #692
Offertory: Christians Let Us Love One Another #717
Communion: Seed Scattered and Sown #781
Recessional: Take the Word of God with You #812

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



Sunday – 29th January 2023

Proclaimer of God's Word

**Alessia Vianello &
Jane Bermingham
Elizabeth Card
Simon & Mary Stones
Liam Stones
Tony Bari**

**Opening/Closing of Church
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music**

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, 22nd January

***David Tavares**

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Lucille Dixon, Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Hugh & Sheelah Hassell, Eleanor Correia, and Bernie & Eileen Davies. Please keep Simon (Stones) in your prayers as he has gone overseas for medical treatment.

	Attendance	Collection
Saturday – 14 th January	No Mass	
Sunday – 15 th January (Reg)		202.00
(Maint)		136.00
		\$338.00

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BIRTHDAYS

Mary Barnes

24th January

May God, our loving heavenly Father, grant you many more special days.

Religious education classes - today in the Parish Centre. Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parents, if you would like to stay and share a coffee, please do so, the urn will be on. ☺

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting: Monday, 23rd January, 2023, in the Parish Centre at 7.15 p.m.



Our monthly COFFEE SOCIAL will be held next Sunday, 29th January; it will be hosted by Team 1 (Liz, Sue, Chelsea, Justin, Carol, Dennis & Jackie).



This weekend there is a 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 help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection takes place **this weekend**. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or contribute online **20006060757062100** and be sure to include “Holy See” in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

PASTOR's NOTE:

Dear friends,

In the Gospel of this Sunday, we see the beginning of the public life of Jesus. The Word speaks of a people walking in darkness. What is this darkness? All the events of our life that do not make sense, do not add up; the things that make us question if God is really loving, or if there is a God at all. If He is there, if he is loving, why he does not do something, why he lets it happen, does not stop it. To people who are in darkness, Jesus begins to announce that the kingdom of God is at hand, that a great light is coming. It is the light of the resurrection, the light that can bring a total new perspective in our life, the light that helps to make sense also of the most terrible pains and sufferings. However, in order to receive this light, to embrace the kingdom of God that is coming, it is necessary to convert. The English translation says "repent", but it is a poor rendering, because it captures only a sliver of the meaning. To convert means to recognize that my perspective is wrong; we all come from a vision of life in which suffering, pain, sickness should not exist; in which people who do certain things should not be left free to make other people suffering; we all are convinced that it is enough to make some efforts and try to be good, in order to stop doing evil. To convert means to believe that this is not true: there are forces that make people do things they down deep do not want to do. The Lord leaves us free to do evil to ourselves and to others. Only those who believe this and look for the answer in Jesus Christ, who embraced willingly all the evil of the world and let this evil destroy him, but who is risen from the dead and has let loose the light of the resurrection, they will discover that in the end God can turn for a greater good also the most horrible situations of life. How can this happen? Baptism is the journey that can put us in touch with the deepest pains of our life and the darkest secrets of our existence, and helps us to meet there the Resurrection of the Lord, Christ risen that communicates to us the Spirit that is witness to our Spirit that death has been conquered, that we can share in the resurrection of Christ and allow this light to pervade all the darkest spot of our existence. Today the Church sees the need to go back to this fundamental, defining element of faith, so that anybody may have an opportunity to find out for themselves this immense truth that adds a totally new dimension to our life. God bless you all.

Fr. Attilio

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible

Christian unity. By annually observing this week on the same dates from the 18th to 25th of January, Christians want to move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

"Do good; seek justice" (Is 1:17) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023. It was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for Christian communities to contemplate the ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

Have a peaceful weekend and a fruitful week!

Bishop Wes

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Happy New Year everyone! Best wishes for a happy, healthy, joy-filled, and peace-filled 2023.

Thank you, everyone, for your assistance with the SVDP Christmas Food Voucher programme. We are truly grateful to those who provided names enabling us to reach out to members of the Diocese and friends assisting them with food gift vouchers. We are also extremely grateful to all who supported the Society financially, both individuals and the various companies. Your generosity was astounding and so important to our success. The SVDP Society distributed approximately \$42,000 worth of Christmas Gift Food Vouchers. Working closely with the SA and other agencies, we were able to ensure that as many families and individuals as possible were assisted without "double-dipping" thereby spreading the benefit during this holy season. This was amazingly successful and rewarding to all of us at the SVDP Society. Feeling truly blessed!

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for guiding us and allowing us to do your work. Amen.

Dear Padre,

Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer? That doesn’t seem like something God would do.

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 23 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> Heb 9:15, 24–28 Mk 3:22–30	January 24 <i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 10:1–10 Mk 3:31–35	January 25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i> Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 Mk 16:15–18	January 26 <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> Heb 10:19–25 Mk 4:21–25	January 27 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 10:32–39 Mk 4:26–34	January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 Mk 4:35–41	January 29 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Zep 2:3; 3:12–13 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 5:1–12



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work] to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?

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