

Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

## Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

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**A**lmost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●



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### Reflect

***Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?***



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**Baptisms:** By Appointment – One month in advance

**Weddings:** By Appointment –A year in advance

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**St. Vincent de Paul No. 525-1191**

### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

June 13	11:00 am	Feast Day Flower Memorials
	6:15 pm	Ermelinda Freitas+ & family
June 14	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
June 16	8:30 am	
June 17	8:30 am	
June 18	8:30 am	
June 19	8:30 am	Birthday Intentions of Pat Rodrigues & Annette Boyle
June 20	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
June 21	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

### St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or  
US # 8400 7847 30010

**Cash donation** - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.  
Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

### Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

## Bulletin – June 13/June 14, 2026

### Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

May 30/May 31	\$ 1,358.00
June 6/7	\$ 1,033.00
Maintenance	\$ 487.00

**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 online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when 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 or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

### Maintenance Collection – first weekend each month

### St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

**Counting Ministry June 14:** Pat and Gabby  
**June 21:** Annette and Anna

#### Saturday June 13

**Lector:** Jackie Tailford  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Raynae Fleming  
**Collection:** Alice Astwood Smith & Pat Rodrigues  
**Hospitality:** Jackie Tailford

#### Sunday June 14

**Lector:** Vernaisi Lualala  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion  
**Collection:** Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine  
**Hospitality:** Denis Thornhill

#### Saturday June 20

**Lector:** Pat Rodrigues  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Levy Rodrigues  
**Collection:** Alice Astwood Smith & Pat Rodrigues  
**Hospitality:** Jackie Tailford

#### Sunday June 21

**Lector:** Denis Thornhill  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion  
**Collection:** Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine  
**Hospitality:** Denis Thornhill

## **Bishop's Corner**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

During the meeting "Weaving Networks with the World of Culture, Art, Business, and Sport," held in Madrid during Pope Leo XIV's pilgrimage to Spain, Antonio Banderas spoke. I must admit that his address touched me deeply.

The artist said that a common language strengthens dialogue. He noted that, on many occasions, this common language has been art, whose relationship with the Church has been extraordinarily fruitful and immensely significant. He emphasized that the Church has been the greatest patron of the arts in human history: "At the heart of the creative impulse stands someone who has united styles and cultures for centuries. He is perhaps the most frequently portrayed figure in the history of art - Jesus Christ. The great protagonist of the film of life. An icon of love, peace, and self-sacrifice, surrounded by an inexhaustible mystery."

The actor pointed out that art is not only about beauty. It is also about questioning, reflection, contrast, and the tension between what we know and what we intuitively feel. He stressed that art must be a mirror reflecting life. It should challenge beliefs that lead us to forget love and tolerate injustice. It should be an alternative to every form of violence. "All people are confronted with the great questions of our existence," Banderas said. "Who are we? What is the meaning of life and suffering? What does it mean truly to love our neighbour as ourselves? In a world that rushes forward, that is falling apart, that at times oversimplifies reality, art helps us recover the depth and soul that artificial intelligence is taking from us. AI should serve humanity, not the other way around.

Wherever people dare to question themselves, a journey begins that may lead us toward the spiritual and toward nothing other than the fraternity that beats in the heart of every human being and in the mysterious heart of God."

The actor concluded with a personal confession: "Holy Father, I am here because of "Godspell". It is a musical created in your homeland. The Spanish translation of the title "Godspell" is "El hechizo de Dios" - 'God's charm' or 'God's enchantment.' Today I am here to confess that I myself have fallen under that divine enchantment."

Enjoy your long weekend!

Bishop Wes

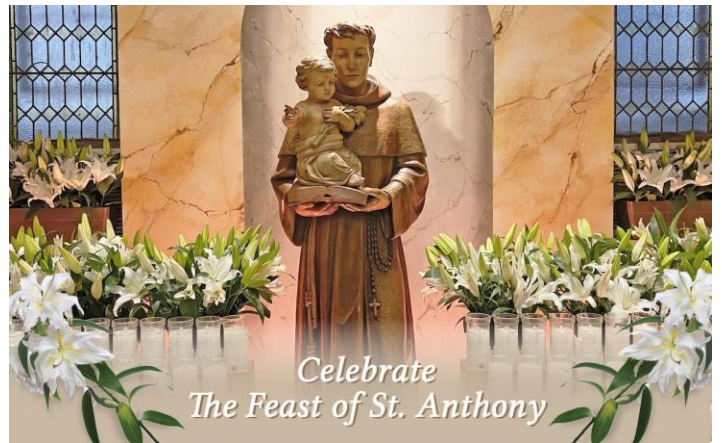
**Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda**

**Divino Espirito Santo - The Holy Spirit Festival**

**Friday, 12th June - Sunday, 14th June 2026**

**Stella Maris Church, St. George's**

**ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY – 13 JUNE 2026**



**\*\*\* Happy Feast Day \*\*\***

**PLEASE NOTE**

### **IMPORTANT :**

Due to Bishop Wes' trip to Poland for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of priesthood of Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski CR, there will be NO Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 17th June, nor at St. Theresa's on Saturday, 20th of June.

The 10:00am Portuguese Mass on Sunday, 21st of June will be presided by Fr. Dandy.

### **Peter's Pence Collection:**

On June 27th/28th, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Special envelopes will be made available for your donation or consider making an online donation to (your church info) and send an email notification of your deposit to your church office for proper distribution of your funds. Please be generous!

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Congratulations to Mount St. Agnes Academy students:

**Liam Rocha, and  
Ewan Skipper**

who received their First Holy Communion at St. Theresa's Cathedral on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. A day to rejoice and give thanks! Congratulations and Blessings

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# Dear Padre,

*I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?*

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, “Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will” (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, “I think, therefore I am,” but it can also be said that “I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people” (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart “is the place of encounter” with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it’s “a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him” (*DN* 57). “More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus” represents “his boundless love” (*DN* 48). Therefore, “any act of love or worship of his heart is thus ‘really and truly given to Christ himself,’ since it spontaneously refers back to him and is ‘a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ’” (*DN* 50). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
1 Kgs 21:1–16 Mt 5:38–42	1 Kgs 21:17–29 Mt 5:43–48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18	Sir 48:1–14 Mt 6:7–15	2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 Mt 6:19–23	2 Chr 24:17–25 Mt 6:24–34	Jer 20:10–13 Rom 5:12–15 Mt 10:26–33

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025