



Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

Reflect

***Who has been a truth-sayer for you?
How have they impacted your life?***



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES...

JULY 6/7th - THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Alberta Canonneir
10:15AM Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Christine DaCosta
 Collection: Karen Marsh

JULY 13/14th - THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Alberta Canonneir
10:15AM Lector: LaVerne Lau EM: Pat Robinson
 Collection: Jesse Almeida

MASS INTENTIONS...

JULY 6/7th - THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Nyal & Josphine Clinton ++
10:15AM For the Deceased of St. Michael's Parishioners

JULY 13/14th - THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM St. Michael's Parishioners
10:15AM For all those lives lost & those devastated by Hurricane Beryl

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at

St. Theresa's - 7:30^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00^{AM} Tues.—Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

June 29/30th Collection: \$644.00

Peter's Pence: \$371.00

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE

to St. Michael's Church's

BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

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When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction.

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.

Bishop's Corner...



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis gave a green light for work to start on building an agrivoltaic system on a Vatican property outside of Rome that could supply the whole of Vatican City's energy needs. "There is a need to make a transition to a model of sustainable development that reduces greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, establishing the goal of climate neutrality," said the pope in an apostolic letter issued on his own initiative. The letter, titled "Brother Sun," was dated June 21, the summer solstice and the longest day of the year.

He wrote, "Humanity has the technological means needed to tackle this environmental transformation and its pernicious ethical, social, economic and political consequences, and among these, solar energy plays a key role. The future installation will be projected to ensure, not only the power supply of the radio station existing there, but also the complete energy support of Vatican City State."



Agrioltaic systems are a series of solar panels that coexist with crops, livestock or both, such as by having panel arrays on top of greenhouses, interleaved among fields or elevated above them so they can still be used for agricultural purposes.

The Vatican has been seeking to drastically reduce its environmental impact by adopting more renewable energy sources, pursuing a goal of zero emissions by 2050.

Have a serene weekend and a good week!

Wes Jurewicz
 Bishop Wes



Like Jesus's fellow villagers,
 we risk not recognising him.

An abstract and distant god who doesn't
 get himself involved in situations
 is more comfortable.

God incarnated Himself:
 humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us,
 living the normality of our daily life.

Pope Francis



COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 2:2-5

As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 123:1-4

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes
who are enthroned in heaven—
as the eyes of servants
are on the hands of their masters. *R.*

As the eyes of a maid
are on the hands of her mistress,
so are our eyes on the Lord, our God,
till he have pity on us. *R.*

Have pity on us, O Lord, have pity on us,
for we are more than sated with contempt;
our souls are more than sated

with the mockery of the arrogant,
with the contempt of the proud. *R.*

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 8, 2018



EVENTS in our Catholic community...

- 29th of September, Sunday: St. Michael's Parish Liturgical Feast
- 1st of October, Tuesday: St. Theresa's Feast, Patroness of the Parish and of the Diocese
- 13th of October, Sunday: 7:00pm - Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's
- 2nd of November, Saturday: 11:00am - All Souls' Mass at St. Theresa's
- 12th of December, Thursday: 6:30pm - Stella Maris Parish Liturgical Feast



Our Parish News . . .

SUNDAY MASS CONTINUES AT 10.15am
until further notice

- **EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY** We will restart on Tues., September 3.
- **COFFEE SOCIAL** Thank you to those who supported this initiative. Our next Social will be in September and we hope to see you there.
- **The Eliza DoLittle Society (TEDs)** The Eliza Dolittle Society is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am until 12:30pm, to receive donations.
The EDS is located at 64 Middle Road. It is the white building adjacent to PHC gas station, Warwick. Please check the Bulletin for items needed.

Around the Diocese . . .

- **ST. THERESA'S 12:10 MASS** will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 4th.
- **ST. PATRICK'S:** The Rosary - each Wednesday morning at 10am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary - each Thursday evening at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.
 - Please be advised that there will be **NO** Wednesday evening Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's during the Summer. This Mass will resume on the 2nd of October, 2024.
 - Fr. Vivien celebrates Mass in Tagalog at St. Patrick's the second Friday of the month at 7:00pm. All are welcome!
- **ST JOSEPH'S FILIPINO MASS** is celebrated by Fr. Dandy on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 11:00am.
- **STELLA MARIS FILIPINO MASS** - Join Fr. Dandy Traje, and our Filipino community the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm .
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** will be **CLOSED** for the week of 28th July (Cup Match) to 3rd August. **OPEN** on Saturdays ONLY - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st August - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Zelia Lindo will be the volunteer). **Karen Scarth**, St. Theresa's administrator will be available for special requests. Please email sttheresas@northrock.bm or call 292 0607 ext. 2. **REOPEN** Tuesday, 3rd September, Tuesdays and Saturdays 10:00 am -2:00 pm.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** is breaking for the Summer. Resuming in September.

Dear Padre,

My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests "Father" when Jesus said not to. I don't know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, "As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (Matthew 23:8-9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors "professor."

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.")

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his "child in faith" (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, "I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." (1 Corinthians 4:14-15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called "Father" for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



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Did any Catholics sign the Declaration of Independence? Meet America's Catholic founding father.

We don't hear much about Catholic participation in the American War of Independence.

The truth is, Catholicism had suffered through a rough history in the British colonies up to that point. Various anti-Catholic laws had shut Catholics out of public life in many of the colonies and in some cases, barred the presence of Catholics and/or their clergy altogether.

Even the state of Maryland, named for Henrietta Maria, the Catholic Queen Consort of Charles I, was supposed to be a haven for Catholics—but anti-Catholic legislation found its way there, too. The New World wasn't the promised land of religious freedom if you were a Catholic.

In fact, all the signers of the Declaration of Independence were non-Catholics—with one exception. Meet Charles Carroll, the one and only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence and one of Maryland's most famous sons. Wealthy and well-educated, he was technically not allowed to hold office in Maryland due to his religion.

In spite of that, he was appointed to many positions and duties within the colonial government of Maryland, became one of the colony's foremost promoters of independence, and represented Maryland at the Continental Congress. He put his name to the Declaration and gave a significant amount of his own fortune to financing the Americans in their war against England.

Charles Carroll's story shows the giant cracks that were appearing in the anti-Catholicism of the American colonies—and these cracks would continue to grow.

George Washington was in favor of liberty for Catholics, and anti-Catholic legislation would gradually fall away as the new country took shape. Catholics would continue to fight against prejudice for the following centuries, for Catholicism was here and it wasn't going away.

Alexis de Tocqueville, in his 19th-century observation of the American way of life Democracy in America, discussed the natural compatibility of Catholicism with the American mindset: "...they [Catholics] constitute the most republican and the most democratic class of citizens which exists in the United States."

But we shouldn't be surprised. After all, though he was the lone Catholic signatory of the Declaration, Mr. Carroll was hardly alone. Charles Carroll's signature was simply a continuation of the amazing story of Catholicism in America.

Long before the Revolution, Catholic missionaries had dedicated their lives and shed their blood for the conversion of this land. These intrepid pioneers went willingly into the unknown, into suffering, deprivation, torture, and death for the sake of the Faith. They often had entire populations and governments dead-set against them. The odds were nearly impossible. In human terms, it should all have failed miserably. But it didn't. It's a story that's American to its core.

