



Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



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The love of God has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

Reflect

*Do I need more silence?
Do I find silence difficult?*



St. Anthony's Church

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Reconciliation: By appointment

Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance

Weddings: By Appointment –A year in advance

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St. Vincent de Paul Rep: Pat Rodrigues

St. Vincent de Paul No. 525-1191

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Mar	7	6:15 pm	Manuel+ and Maria Moura+
Mar	8	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes+ and Herminio Soares Furtado+
Mar	10	8:30 am	
Mar	11	8:30 am	
Mar	12	8:30 am	
Mar	13	8:30 am	
Mar	14	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar	15	6:15 pm	Edith De Fontes+
Mar	16	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Anthony's Church

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.

Lector's Workbooks

Lector's workbooks for the new liturgical year 2026 are available in the Sacristy.

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 – March 7 and March 8, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 21/Feb 22	\$1,420.00
Feb 28/Mar 1	\$ 902.00
Maintenance Collection \$	287.00

**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 of each month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

March 7 and March 8, 2026

Counting: Pat Rodrigues and Jackie Tailford

Lector: 6:15pm Pat Rodrigues

11:30am Denis Thornhill

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15pm Raynae Fleming

11:30am Louise Vizien & Annabelle Saunders
Joe Fagundo

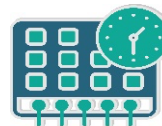
Collection: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Pat Rodrigues

11:30am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15pm Jackie Tailford

11:30am Denis Thornhill



March 15 and March 16, 2026

Counting: Annette Boyle and Denis Thornhill

Lector: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith

11:30am Mekana De Sa

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15pm Levy Rodrigues

11:30am Louise Vizien & Annabelle Saunders
Joe Fagundo

Collection: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Pat Rodrigues

11:30am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15pm Jackie Tailford

11:30am Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

A year ago, I proposed the idea of having a "Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving," and I was grateful to see that this initiative was met with both understanding and generous support from you. It was decided that the donations collected on that occasion (approximately \$5,000) would be sent to Bangladesh to support Fr. Jacob in completing the construction of a church in Dhaka. The work in Dhaka progressed well, and Fr. Jacob was relieved of the responsibilities of overseeing the building project. He came in September 2025 to minister in our Diocese.

This year, after consultation, it has been decided that we will show our support for our own Family Centre in Bermuda, "Where Children Come First." The Family Centre is an accredited nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of families in Bermuda. They provide innovative, free-of-charge mental health counselling services for children, teens, and their families, as well as community outreach programmes and advocacy initiatives. The Family Centre is committed to ensuring access to support without barriers. Their holistic, therapeutic approach to care fosters healing, wellness, and empowerment. (<https://tfc.bm>)

On the weekend of the 21st/22nd of March, there will be a Special Collection in our churches as part of our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving for the Family Centre in Bermuda. You may also donate online to our diocesan account with

Butterfield Bank:

Account Name: ORCC Special Account

Account Number: 20006060021098100

Please include "FAMILY CENTRE" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity. Have a restful weekend and a blessed third week of Lent!

Bishop Wes

Diocesan Lenten Reconciliation Services

Wednesday, 11th March 2026, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at St. Patrick's Church

Thursday, 12th March 2026, 6:00pm to 8:00pm at St. Theresa's Cathedral

Domingo, 15 de Março 2026, 15h30 - 17h30, Catedral de Santa Teresa

Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving – Special Collection

There will be a special collection for The Family Centre on the weekend of the 21st/22nd of March, 2026 as part of our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving. Please see the Bishop's Corner for more details. Envelopes will be available for this collection but if you wish to donate online you may do so to our diocesan account with Butterfield Bank; Account Name: ORCC Special Account, Account Number: 20006060021098100, include "FAMILY CENTRE" in the memo line.

Important Message

Please be advised that on the 4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2026, there will be a special Lenten Retreat Day for our Portuguese community. We will host Fr. Vando Marques Gomes who is the Parish Priest of St. Helen's Parish in "Little Portugal" in Toronto. Fr. Vando will preside the 10:00am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.

St. Anthony's Outreach Donation

St. Anthony's recent Outreach Fundraising event was very successful and this past week, St. Anthony's Church presented Christ Church in Warwick, with clothing items of \$500, together with the personal clothing donations from parishioners, to their 'Loads of Love' program and an additional \$600 in cash, was given to their 'Saturday Feeding Program'. We also gave a donation of \$877 to the St Vincent de Paul Society - Loaves & Fishes program. The total collected from our fundraising event on 7 February, 2026 after expenses, was \$1,967. The PPC members wish to convey their thanks to everyone in the Parish who contributed to this event. Thank you letters from both organizations were received together with heartfelt thanks for St. Anthony's generous support to the work undertaken for those in need in our community of Bermuda.



Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
<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 Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025