



Jesus said,

*“No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

LUKE 9:62

What Are You Willing to Pay?

Everyone appreciates a bargain. However, there are some things we would give almost anything to acquire. Who or what determines the value of something? Some things are esteemed because they are old; some because they are rare. Often the value might really be in the meaning it holds for the one who desires or prizes it. We might want a house because it reminds us of our treasured childhood home. We might cherish a sweater that belonged to a loved one now passed. The price we are willing to pay indicates the value we give to it, and that price is not always monetary.

Elisha was in line to succeed the prophet Elijah. However, Elisha was required to consider everything else as second in importance to his commitment to this prophetic charge, even a son’s responsibility to bid farewell to his parents. A parallel situation is found in the Gospel passage. At first glance one might think this is an extreme, even inhuman, demand. It should be noted, however, in neither situation was close following of a prophetic individual demanded of the person who wished to be a disciple. Each person first volunteered for that way of life before the price of following was revealed.

Various possible life directions are set before all of us. We are free to choose. However, the depth of our desire for our choice is measured by our willingness to pay the price that choice might exact. The price required for committing oneself to the reign of God is...everything!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What do you cherish more than anything else?*
- ★ *Does the object you cherish most reveal the way you are establishing the reign of God in your life?*



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.)

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Coffee Social after Mass – 3rd July 2022 (Team 3)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral
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St. Vincent de Paul Society
Representative

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Stewardship Representative

Mrs. Elizabeth Card
Parish Catechetical Leader

Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish
Administrator & Finance
Committee Team Leader

Mr. Tony Bari
Music Ministry

St. Vincent DePaul Society
(contact - Annette)



Today's Hymns

Entrance: His Banner Over Me Is Love

Offertory: Sacred Silence #657

Communion: Come to the Lord #795

Reflection: Oh, How I Love Jesus

Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness #730

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



- 3rd July 2022

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of Church
Collection Counters
Music

Stefano Ausenda
Kathie Ausenda
Mary & Simon Stones
Tony Bari

Mass Intentions:
Sunday, 26th June

For the First Holy Communion
Children and their families.

	Attendance	Collection
Saturday – 18 th June	10	\$55.50
Sunday – 19 th June	38	<u>\$370.00</u>
-		<u>\$425.50</u>

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish - Account Number:

20006060757062100 – Bank of NT Butterfield.

BIRTHDAYS

Hermano Pereira 28th June

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Saturina (Jackie) 27th June

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

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your
prayers, especially Manuel Arruda, Mary Maybury and
Ilene Bremer.



First Holy Communion: This morning, **Isabel Faries, Mason Leavy, Matteo Maybury, and Seamus Stones**, will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep these youngsters and their families in your prayers.

Thank You!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jamila Faries, our Grade 2 catechist, for dedicating another year to preparing our young children, Isabel and Mason, for First Holy Communion.

We also thank the MSA teachers, Ms Clair Kelly and Ms Marina Resendes for preparing Matteo and Seamus.

May God bless you all for your dedication to bringing our children closer to know the love of God.

We welcome back **Fr. Ruggiero**, who will be our interim pastor during Fr. Attilio's vacation.



Our monthly Coffee Social will be held next Sunday in the Parish Centre, and will be hosted by Team 3 (Kathie, Jamila & Brielle Rosie, Kristie, Xiamara, Mary H.)

Caring for the Sick and Shut-In

Take the time to visit the “Sick and Shut-In” members of your church. The scriptures teach us that we are serving GOD when we take the time to look after the sick among us. We also need to keep them in our prayers.

Could you be a minister to the sick and shut-ins?

Think, and pray about this, and if you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Deacon David Swain at 238-4847 or email him at davidswain98@gmail.com

Peter’s Pence Collection.

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Special envelopes have been provided for your donation. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

BISHOP’S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

A few people approached me recently querying about the finances of the priests. I thought that things were generally known but it seems they are not, so let me talk about this for the sake of transparency. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude for all financial support that our diocese, parishes and clergy receive from you. I am aware that you can easily use this money for a different purpose, and I am thankful that you choose to support our diocese, parishes and priests.

Every priest receives a monthly salary of \$1,777.00. The bishop’s monthly salary is \$1,837.50 (this includes his duties as a parish priest of St. Theresa’s and Stella Maris). The priests’ and bishop’s health

insurance premium with BF&M is covered by the parish/diocese. If there are any co-pays, they should be paid by the respective priest/bishop themselves. Room and board, utilities and fuel are covered by the parish/diocese therefore, priests/bishops do not pay rent on the facilities that they live in. This means that each priest/bishop’s salary is gross income for each of them, with the exception of any medical co-pays.

Each Non-Bermudian priest/bishop also receives one month’s salary twice a year, as a provision for their retirement pension. Fr. Joe as a Bermudian has a monthly pension payment paid into his BF& M Pension Fund, paid by the diocese 100%.

Moreover, each priest/bishop is allowed to keep mass stipends (donations for mass intentions that are being ordered) and fees for the following services: weddings (\$300), funerals (\$300) and graveside funerals (\$150). Baptisms have no fees but if the family wishes to make a donation, a half of it goes to the priest/bishop (up to \$50) with the other half going to the church where the Baptism takes place. I hope that this information makes things clear and transparent. I really want you know how YOUR money is being spent.

Have a beautiful Sunday and a blessed week!

Congratulations to the 2022 MSA Graduates!

Bishop Wes

As of next week, the 12:10 p.m., Mass at the Cathedral will be discontinued for the summer. It will resume on Wednesday, 7th September.



June 26, 2022 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (GALATIANS 5:13)

We like to celebrate that we are free to “live the good life.” We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to **Stewardship**. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God’s work on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

Dear Padre,

After Mass, someone told me she overheard some people speaking wrongly about me. She defended me but wouldn't say what was said, or by whom. This troubles me. How should I deal with it?

First, consider why indulging in gossip is so prevalent. People leading uneventful lives often have an unhealthy interest in others' affairs, and they desire to gossip about it. Those who consider themselves to be poor conversationalists may gossip to feel important by imparting information that is seemingly in demand. Others resort to character assassinations out of jealousy or envy.

Because gossip easily spreads into a distortion of the truth, it can be, as Pope Francis said, "a plague more awful than COVID!" Some people permissibly spread gossip only when the truth of the rumor has been verified; for others, the truth of the matter is irrelevant. Regardless, when people gossip about us behind our backs—depriving us of our own input and version of the truth—we can feel victimized and defenseless.

Yet we aren't completely powerless. Just because something is perceived as the truth about us doesn't mean we have to accept it as such. (Nevertheless, in cases when we know what is said, we should honestly ask ourselves if there's any truth to it.) While we have no control over what people say about us, we can ultimately

decide how much attention a rumor deserves—and generally, the less time and energy we devote to rumors, the better we are!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip...usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip....The great gossipier is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church, to distance brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16

Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus,

Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday

JUNE 30

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 1

Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

JULY 2

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 3

Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

or 10:1–9

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

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your question and to learn
more about Dear Padre.