Our Parish community

November 19, 2023 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)** Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21



"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

MATTHEW 25:14

The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

hose who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges.

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

St. Joseph's Church

43 Somerset Road - Sandys, MA 03, Bermuda (Direct Line) 441-238-1784 (Located between Arnold's Supermarket & Somerset Cricket Field) Parish Email: stjosephs@northrock.bm Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli **Reconciliation:** By appointment

Baptisms: By Appointment - One month in advance Weddings: By Appointment –usually about a year in advance Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

St. Anthony's Church



26 Middle Road -Warwick WK03, Bermuda Phone: (Office Direct Line) 441-238-1784 Pastor's Mobile: 441-777-2166 Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli Father's Contact: Whatsapp & Telegram: +14417772166 Snapchat: fr attilio LinkedIn & Instagram: Attilio Morelli Skype: fattiliomorelli **Facebook: fattiliom** Parish Email: stanthonybermuda@gmail.com Reconciliation: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance Weddings: By Appointment – A year in advance St. Anthony's Club (CCD): Fridays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Coordinator: Anna Daniel 441-236-2438 Email: stanthonyccd@yahoo.com Organist: Tony Bari: tbari@northrock.bm 441-236-1314

St. Vincent de Paul Rep: Pat Rodrigues

St. Vincent de Paul – 525-1191

Portuguese Charismatic Group (PCG):

Fridays @ 8:15pm – TV Room, in the Cottage **Neocatechumenal Community (NCW):**

Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat.	Nov 18	6:00 pm	Manuel & Ana Reis & fam+++	
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celebration (hall)	
Sun	Nov 19	11:15 am	James Walsh+	
Tues	Nov 21	8:15 am		
Wed	Nov 22	8:15 am		
		8:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word (NCW Hall)	
Thu	Nov 23	8:15 am		
Fri	Nov 24	8:15 am		
Sat.	Nov 25	6:00 pm	Maria Conceicao Cabral & Jose	
Francisco Linhares++				
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celebration	
Sun	Nov 126	5 11:15 am		

BULLETIN for November 18 /November 19, 2023

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Nov 4/Nov 5	\$ 2,050.00
Nov 11/Nov 12	\$,1628.00

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 i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that 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 in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

Counters this week: Annette and Denis Next week: Annette and Gabby

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

The second reading tells us "When people are saying peace and security, then sudden disaster comes upon them (1 Thes 1:3)" The wisdom of the Word of God tells us that if we look for peace and security in the circumstances outside of us, then security is an illusion. True wisdom roots our peace and our security into our inner life, the spiritual dimension. In the end, the foundation of peace and security is a presence of the Divine who became human and can dwell within us. Then, no matter what the circumstances are, we can find our peace and security, even int time of war and scarcity, in time of sickness and pain. God gives us gifts or "talents": His word, His teaching, His Son Jesus Christ, the Church, the Sacraments, the possibility to pray. Trading with thiese talents makes them multiply because He helps us to be at peace in any circumstance of life and makes us credible witnesses of faith before the people who live around us. God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

"This Is My Body"

Rediscovering the Eucharist Reading Together the Book Of **Bishop Robert Barron** With Fr. Attilio Morelli Next two meetings: 14th and 28th of November From 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Bishop's Corner**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I just realised that I owe you information regarding the special collection that was arranged in September 2023 in order to support the construction of the new church in Bangladesh. The amount collected was of \$19,572.00. Impressive!

Let me quote the email that was sent to our Chancery:

"On behalf of our Archbishop of Dhaka, Most Rev. Bejoy N.D'Cruze, O.M.I., on behalf of my parish community of St. John's, and myself, I express our gratitude to all the parish communities of the Diocese of Hamilton, for your most generous contribution/donation for the construction of the new church that is under my parish and Dhaka Catholic Archdiocese. I assure you all of our prayerful remembrance and best regards to you all. Seeking for prayers, sincerely yours, Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes."

I can only say: Good job my Dear and Generous People! Thank you!

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week! Bishop Wes

Christmas Fair, Raffle & Car Boot Sale Update 💧 🍐 🍐

We are fast approaching the December 2nd date of our major fundraiser for 2023!

We are pleased to inform everyone that we have been selling raffle tickets in the Washington Mall as well as at Heron Bay Supermarket. Soon, we will also be selling at both Lindo's locations! Raffle tickets are also available at St. Theresa's rectory for those who work in town. If you have time available when you can sell raffle tickets at

any of these locations please let us know :)

▲ If you wish to take raffles with you to help sell, please let us

If you have any prizes suitable for BIngo or Silent Auction we would be happy to receive them

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards defraying the cost of the raffle prizes that we have purchased, please let us know :)

If you would like to contribute to the ham/turkey hamper or specialty baskets, please let us know

▲ If you would like to rent a Car Boot space at the fair, please let us know

▲ If you have any unwanted "treasures" suitable for our White Elephant stall, please start gathering them. Soon we will tell you when to drop them off at the church. Trish (5050702) Debbie (7370107)

St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Voucher Program

The SVDP Society is providing Christmas Food Vouchers again this year and would like your help in registering people of the parish needing assistance. Please provide the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in case we need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail or speak to your SVDP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin.

Deadline to receive names is 1st Dec 2023. Distribution takes place Saturday, 9th Dec 2023.

Many thanks and God bless. SVDP Society Committee

St. Anthony's Club (CCD)

In addition to our Friday night St. Anthony's Club, we would like to welcome all children to a Children's Liturgy Program during our Sunday Mass. All children ages 5-14 are welcome.

Starting on Sunday November 26 at the 11:15 am mass:

11:15 -children will arrive at the church for the Introductory Rites

11:25-11:50 -Ms. Karolyn and Ms. Maria will escort the children to the church hall for a short activity about today's readings

11:50 -the children will return to church for Communion.

Please join us at the end of mass for a treat at the coffee social! Thank you!

Filipino Mass – St. Joseph's Church in Somerset

On <u>Saturday, 25th November at 11:00 a.m</u>., Fr. Dandy will celebrate a Mass for our Filipino families. All are welcome. Commencing January, this Mass will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

MSA Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert is set to take place on December 5 @ 6:00 p.m. December 6 @ 2:00 p.m. and December 7 @ 6:00 p.m As of this year we are having PTix sell our concert tickets online.

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (Christus Dominus and Sacram Communionem).



In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (Paenitemini). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (Immensae Caritatis).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



MONDAY

November 20 Weekday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY

November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31 l k 19:1–10

WEDNESDAY

November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY November 23 Weekday 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day

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Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY

November 24 St. Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59

Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY

November 25 Weekday 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY

November 26 Lord Jesus Christ. King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46



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