



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus "offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears" to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say "yes" to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ❖

Reflect

***Can you accept the little deaths
along the way as preparation
for the final passing from this life?***

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24



Happy Birthday Fr. Joe

May this birthday bring you peace,
serenity, and a heart filled with gratitude.
God Bless you today and always! ENJOY!



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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 . . .

MARCH 16/17th - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Canonneir EM: Peter Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Madelena Almeida
 Collection: Karen Marsh

MARCH 23/24th - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Susan Shreeve
10:00AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Cherry Ramdass
 Collection: The Almeidas

MASS INTENTIONS . . .

MARCH 16/17th - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Antonio Sousa Moura +
 Agostinho Furtado +
10:00AM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

MARCH 23/24th - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00PM Manual & Maria Soares Sousa & Sons
10:00AM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

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



March 9/10th Collection: \$890.00

Votives: \$5.00 Poor Box (SVDP): \$10.00

Easter Flower Memorials Funds to Date: \$162.00

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE

to St. Michael's Church's

BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction is appreciated.

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 . . .

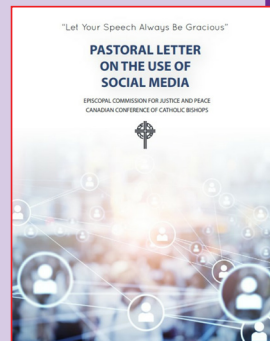


Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This Bishop's Corner is going to be composed of two parts. The first you will find below; the second you shall find next weekend.

"Catholic institutions and media outlets must hold themselves to the highest standards," the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said in their pastoral letter that focuses on social media. As a communication tool, social media has great potential to "serve a fundamental human good; the building of bridges among people by the sharing of information," the Bishops write in their **"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious"** letter.

The Canadian Bishops "applaud the missionary spirit of those who have chosen to witness" through social media, and they "admire the creative work" of Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations that use social media to engage people with opportunities for greater participation in local faith communities.



However, the letter comes with a warning:

"We mustn't be naive. The design of the platforms and the algorithms that dictate their performance can play on the worst of our human tendencies, leading to online environments that violate the core Christian values of truth and human dignity," the Bishops write. "Digital relationships can also give the illusion of creating bridges between people when it is, in fact, tearing apart our common life. If Catholics share their faith with others online in ways that are not grounded in charity, prudence, and truth, we may end up doing harm rather than good."

The Bishops encourage Catholics on social media to "Pause and reflect both individually and communally, on their engagement with social media and on how they might be part of the larger effort to claim the 'digital continent' for Christ, most particularly by the quality of their conduct online."

Have a really good weekend and a fruitful 5th week of Lent!

Wes Jurewicz
 Bishop Wes

EVENTS that are to take place in our Catholic community...

- 17th of March, Sunday: St. Patrick's Parish Liturgical Feast
- 19th of March, Tuesday: St. Joseph's Parish Liturgical Feast
- **20th of March, Wednesday: 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service NOW AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH-**
- **21st of March, Thursday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Theresa's**
- 26th of March, Tuesday: 7:30pm - Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **(R)**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **(R)**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you. **(R)**

SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and

when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. John 12:26

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GOSPEL – John 3:14-21

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?....

It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to “see” and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 18, 2018

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus’ message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That’s when temptation “turns a corner” and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it’s been a while since you’ve been to confession or you’re not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ♦



Around the Diocese . . . Our Parish News . . .

- **ST THERESA'S 12:10 MASS** will continue Monday to Friday during Lent.
On Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:40am, followed by the Mass.
- **ST. PATRICK'S:** The Rosary takes place every Wednesday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

The Portuguese Masses each Wednesday in March.

Stations of the Cross will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- **ST JOSEPH'S FILIPINO MASS** is celebrated by Fr. Dandy on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 11:00am.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** A new shipment of **Easter Cards** have arrived. Please stop by and see their selection as well as many other items **for gifts or mementos**. **Opening hours** are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** takes place every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

SPECIAL FAREWELL CELEBRATION

St Anthony's There will be a special farewell celebration for Fr. Attilio that will take place on Sunday, 7th of April, at St. Anthony's Church. It will begin with Holy Mass at 11:30am and will continue with a reception in the Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome.



ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Following the practice of past years, there will be an **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** at Victoria Park on Good Friday, 29th of March, at 1:30pm. We will walk on the footsteps of Jesus together with our Anglican sisters and brothers.

Everyone is welcome.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers by donating flowers for your loved ones, envelopes can be found on the Altar rails. Please write the names of those to be remembered on the outside of the envelopes. Place your donation inside of envelope. Please drop your envelopes in the collection basket. **Deadline for submission is next weekend, March 24th, Palm Sunday.**

Thank you in advance for your support in beautifying our Church.

LENT 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7:30pm
Each Friday evening throughout Lent with the Eucharist.

EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY each Tuesday at 3pm. All are welcome

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Good Friday, March 29 there will be a special collection in support of Christians in the Holy Land. Envelopes will be available at the entrance to the Church, or donations may be made online to St. Michael's Church's **BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100**.

Please remember to include Holy Land Collection in the memo field of your payment.



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY – March 24th

- 5:00pm** **Blessing of the Palms and Procession**
from the upper parking area - *if raining, it will be held in the front alcove at the main entrance.*
- 10:00am** **Blessing of the Palms and Procession**
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MASS OF THE CHRISM – Tuesday, March 26th

7:30pm **St. Theresa's Cathedral**

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER - March 28th

7:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Rosary, (Sorrowful Mysteries) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, March 29th

2:00pm **Stations of the Cross**
3:00pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
4:00pm **Prayer Service & Confessions** until 5:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, March 30th

8:00pm **Easter Vigil**
Lighting of the Paschal Candle will take place in the front entrance/alcove of the Church

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, March 31st

10:00am **MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**
Please email Stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer for ministries at any of these Masses. Thank you.