



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rev 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?*
- ★ *In what ways have you been given a second chance?*



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.)

FHC Classes – Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Coffee Social after Mass – 1st May 2022 (Team 1)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral
Council Chairperson

Mrs. Annette Barclay
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Representative

Walette Cross
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:	We Walk by Faith	#699
Offertory:	Now the Green Blade Rises	#422
Communion:	Gift of Finest Wheat	#791
Recessional:	Take the Word of God with You	#812

Leader of Song: Aiden Stones



- 8th May 2022 – Mothers Day

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

Elizabeth Card
Kathie Ausenda
Annette Barclay
Tony Bari

Mass Intentions:

For the people of St. Joseph's

	Attendance	Collection
Saturday - 24 th April	14	131.00
Sunday - 25 th April	44	176.00
Flowers		30.00
		\$337.00

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

Mari-Ann Widhalm
Chloe Card

1st May
5th May

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



**After the Mass this morning, please join us in
the Parish Centre for our Coffee Social;** this will be
hosted by **Team 1** (Liz, Sue, Dennis & Jackie, Chloe,
Chelsea, Margaux, Justin, Carol).



Please mark the following dates on your
calendars.

Saturday, 14th May: Bake Sale – Various dinner Rolls, Egg
Rolls, Noodles and Banana Breads (if bananas are
available). Pre-order forms are at the back of the church.

Friday – 3rd June – Spaghetti/Pasta Supper & Bingo
Pasta, salad, and garlic bread – Desserts: assorted.

Friday – 22nd July – Family Supper (buffet style):
Appetizer: Shanghai's (mini-egg rolls); Entrée: Chicken,
BBQ Pork, Potato Salad, Stir Fry Vegetables and Peas &
Rice. Desserts: assorted.

More information will follow, regarding the latter two events.



Next Sunday is the second Sunday of the month;
therefore, there will be two collections - regular and
maintenance.

PASTOR's COLUMN

Hi everybody,

The Gospel of this Sunday breaths the air of the Lake of
Tiberias, (Gennesaret). It is a kind of dream like atmosphere,
very peaceful, relaxed. This atmosphere pervades the whole
reading: you can feel it, breath it, taste it. The thing that
amazed me the most the first time that I had a chance to be
there, was that the place gave me exactly the same feelings
that I received from the reading all the time. It is obvious that
writer of the Gospel of John was putting in writing something

elicited in him. I invite you to read it slowly on your own (it is Chapter 21 of the Gospel of John), meditate on the passage. More, start sitting down on your favorite chair, breath very slow for a couple of minutes, to relax a bit, and begin to read it slowly, pay attention to the details. Then try to create an image in your mind of the people, the scene and the events that happen there; try to fix the scene in your mind, like a movie. I bet, that if some day you will have a chance to go there, you will see the actual place just as you have depicted it in your mind, like a déjà vu, like you recognize a place where you have already been, that is familiar to you. I hope that one day you will have this experience. As a matter of fact, this year I will spend my summer vacation in the Holy Land, and I will see this place again. I am really looking forward to it. However, while I will be there, I will be looking at the possibility to organize a pilgrimage there, sometime within a year or so. Let's hope that it will work! It will be nice to go there with some of you. Would you like to part of the gang? Let me know. God bless you all. Fr Attilio

Monday night there will be a "Feast of the Forgiveness of God", a special way to experience and taste the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the forgiveness of sins. It will not be the usual "going to confession", but a real celebration, full of life and joy. During the event few priests will be available, so that those who wish so they can experience the forgiveness of God also through the Sacramental confession. the Psalm says: "To you, O Lord, all flesh will come with the burden of sin. Too heavy for us our guilt, but you wipe it away". The event will be concluded with a Potluck banquet. Those who want, they can also bring a dish of their choice, or a drink. Those who cannot, come anyway. There will be leftovers anyway! It will be at 8:00 p.m., in St. Anthony's Hall. This event is also part of the Catechesis that we are having in this season. Also keep in mind, that this particular event will last a little bit longer. Also Babysitting will be available as usual if anybody needs it. People who did not attend previous meetings are equally welcome.

God bless. Fr. Attilio

BISHOP's CORNER:

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I am aware that I owe you further information concerning the survey that was conducted in February and March, so here we are! The main vehicle by which to reach out to the Catholics of our Diocese and invite them to respond to a questionnaire was through SurveyMonkey that is considered to be a global leader in survey software. The link was sent to all registered Catholics of our Diocese whose email address was current in our database. 268 persons decided to answer the questionnaire.

Additionally, in order to reach out to all registered Catholics whose email addresses were not available to us, we sent out 1,100 letters with hard copies of the survey including a return envelope. 259 of these letters have been returned to us by Bermuda post. This will help us to update our Diocesan database!

he really experienced, and in the story telling he was able to convene the sensations that the actual place. There were also printed copies of the questionnaire that were made available in our churches for those mainly who were not registered in any of our parishes. From among all the printed copies sent out and made available in our churches we received 160 responses. This means that the total number of the responses we received from our Survey was 428.

The responses concerning the general teaching and discipline of the Catholic Church will be forwarded to the Vatican via the Antilles Episcopal Conference. The responses concerning our Diocese and Parish churches will become the base of further discussions and work to be done in order to embark on a new pastoral plan for the future of our Diocese.

I am very grateful for all those who chose to dedicate some of their precious time and participate in this venture. The results of the responses can be found on our Diocesan website <https://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm>, by scrolling down on the front page and clicking SYNOD SURVEY RESULTS, or by using the link below.

<https://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm/uploads/vpLmbqa5/SYNOD2023SurveyResults.pdf>. I would also like to thank all those who kindly assisted me in this endeavour of organizing and conducting the Survey.

Enjoy your Sunday and have a productive but serene week!
Bishop Wes

Subject: URGENT: Call for Volunteers (Senior Transportation)

Good day,

I trust this email finds you & your clergy well. I am writing on behalf of the Ageing & Disability Services regarding the need for assistance in transporting our seniors.

Often clients of ADS are needing to be transported to personal or medical appointments, with no means of their own, henceforth forcing them to cancel their visit despite their need or severity of illness. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Bermuda Red Cross had a roster of 39 drivers to assist with this service, however this number has drastically decreased to only 5 volunteers.

To this end, we would like to ask you to extend a call to your clergy for volunteer drivers that can support Bermuda's most vulnerable population. Interested and inquiring persons can contact Ms. Jackie Bennett at Ageing & Disability Services via phone at 278-6542 or email jlennett@gov.bm
Thank you,

H. Alicia Lister, Project Officer

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Dear Padre,

Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

MAY 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

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a question for
the Padre?**

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