



Embracing the Mystery

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The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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COMMUNITY



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?



St. Anthony's Church

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

May 30	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
May 31	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
June 2	8:30 am	
June 3	8:30 am	
June 4	8:30 am	
June 5	8:30 am	
June 6	11:00 am	Filipino Mass
	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
June 7	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

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.

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 – May 30/ May 31, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

May 16/May 17	\$ 1,252.00
May 23/May 24	\$ 1,869.00

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 – next weekend

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting May 31:	Annette and Rhea
June 7:	Annette and Pat

Saturday May 30

Lector: Annette Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers: Levy Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday May 31

Lector: Felicity Davidson

Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday June 6

Lector: Alice Astwood-Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Raynae Fleming

Collection: Alice Astwood Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday June 7

Lector: Sylvester Augustine

Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford and Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For millions of viewers, Jonathan Roumie has become almost inseparable from his portrayal of Christ in *The Chosen*. Yet one of the most compelling things about Roumie is perhaps how aware he seems of the responsibility that comes with the role. Recently, *Movie Guide* shared the quiet prayer Roumie says before filming scenes as Jesus: "Let people see your face and not mine. Let them hear your words and not mine." It's particularly striking that in a profession usually built around being seen, Roumie's instinct is almost the reverse: to step aside as much as possible so the character can remain at the centre. Maybe this helps explain why his portrayal has resonated so deeply with audiences far beyond practicing Christians. For Roumie, preparing to portray Christ seems to involve as much spiritual attentiveness as professional discipline. In interviews, he has described immersing himself in Scripture and prayer before filming, while also seeking guidance from priests and trusted friends to better understand the passages being portrayed. That level of attentiveness perhaps helps explain why audiences often describe his performance as unusually sincere. At a time when many people feel exhausted by outrage, irony, and endless online self-presentation, Roumie's approach feels refreshingly unforced.

His connection to the role also seems shaped by the struggles that preceded it. Roumie has spoken candidly about periods of financial uncertainty while trying to establish himself as an actor in Los Angeles, before *The Chosen* transformed his career. At one particularly difficult moment, he says, he surrendered his future entirely to God, only for *The Chosen* to arrive shortly afterwards. It's a beautiful lesson in how faith is often communicated most powerfully not when we draw attention to ourselves, but when something wiser, gentler, and more loving becomes visible through us.

May your weekend be restful and your week and the entire month of June be good!
Bishop Wes

Diocesan Confirmation

Diocesan Confirmation is this Sunday at St. Theresa's Cathedral. Please keep the confirmandi in your prayers.



A DINNER BINGO NIGHT

Trish and Debbie are hosting a **Welcome to Summer Dinner Bingo this weekend** Saturday, May 30th at 7:30 pm after mass.

Tickets: **\$30** for adults-- includes food & a soft drink
Children under 12 years are **FREE!**

Bingo cards : **\$5** each

Donations of prizes are welcome!

Hope to see you there 😊😊😊😊😊

***** St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebration *****

During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi 2026, St. Anthony's Feast Day celebrations will commence on **Saturday, 13th June, 2026** with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Confessions will available prior to Mass at 10:15 am. There will be a Buffet Lunch at Four Ways Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the lunch can be purchased this weekend from Parish Council members. Cost \$84 includes grats. and a soft drink. Please join us for this celebration which is the first of five celebrations taking place during 2026 at St. Anthony's Church.

Also kindly place your donation towards the flowers for this feast day celebration in the weekly collection baskets. Forms are available at the back of the church. Let's make our church look beautiful on this the feast day of St. Anthony's Church. Deadline is next weekend.

We look forward to your participation and support.

Filipino Mass

The Filipino mass will be held Saturday June 6 at 11:00 am at St. Anthony's Church with refreshments after mass in the church hall.

Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the

Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

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Monday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

2 Pt 1:2–7

Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday

June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18

Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12

Mk 12:18–27

Thursday

June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8–15

Mk 12:28–34

Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10–17

Mk 12:35–37

Saturday

June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1–8

Mk 12:38–44

Sunday

June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a

1 Cor 10:16–17

Jn 6:51–58