



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Aug 8	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Aug 9	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Aug 11	8:30 am	
Aug 12	8:30 am	
Aug 13	8:30 am	
Aug 14	8:30 am	
Aug 15	6:15 pm	Steven Sousa+
Aug 16	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

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 them 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 – August 8/August 9, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

July 25/26	\$ 1,668.00
Aug 1/2	\$ 862.00

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 –first weekend of the month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry August 2: Annette and Jackie

August 9: Annette and Denis

Saturday August 8

Lector: Jackie Tailford

Eucharistic Minister: Levy Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday August 9

Lector: Felicity Davidson

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday August 15

Lector: Marlene Bicherri

Eucharistic Minister: Raynae Fleming

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday August 16

Lector: Venaisi Lualala

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow Catholics,

This is a Bishop's Corner that I would have preferred not to write, but life does not always unfold as we would wish.

I would like to inform you that Fr. Dandy Traje, CP, has been called by his religious superiors to return to the Philippines. Religious orders enjoy a degree of autonomy within the Catholic Church, and in matters of obedience and internal discipline they are governed by their own constitutions and regulations, independently of the authority of the diocesan bishop.

I appealed this decision both to Fr. Dandy's Provincial Superior and to the Superior General of the Passionists. However, the decision has been upheld, as Fr. Dandy has been entrusted with important responsibilities within his Province and his presence is needed there. I am grateful, however, that the Passionists have assured me they will send another priest to replace Fr. Dandy in ministry in our Diocese as soon as possible.

Fr. Dandy will be leaving our island on 20 October 2026. Our annual St. Theresa's Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, 3 October, will provide us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to Fr. Dandy for his four years of faithful and dedicated ministry in our Diocese.

Please join me in praying that the necessary personnel arrangements will be made soon so that our Diocese may continue to provide effective pastoral care for the People of God.

Have a peaceful weekend and a good week!
Bishop Wes

SUMMER SCHEDULE

There will be no 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's. There will be no 9:00 am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's. Finally, there will be no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. Masses will resume in September.

Apartment Wanted

Urgent: Accommodation required - one or two bedroom or studio apartment for a new parishioner. Please call Alex (via WhatsApp) +919552912054. Thank you.



Summer Lunch & Movie Program

On Thursday, 13 August, the 2007 film "The Amazing Grace", will be shown at the Summer Lunch&Movie Event. John Newton is captain of a slave ship moored off the coast of Nigeria. He stands at a crossroads of his life, his morality and religion at odds with the brutality of his chosen profession. Stepping ashore, he starts on a journey of redemption that will end in tragedy but prove the catalyst for greater achievements. A local anthem sung in adversity by the slaves whom he captures punctuates the film. It will be the inspiration for Newton's redemption and, years later, for his writing of the world's most enduring hymn, "Amazing Grace".

Running time: 92 minutes. Not Rated.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption **Feast Day – August 15**

Lovely Lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy, tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently, on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares If I tell Him things - little things that happen?
And do the angels' wings make a noise?
And can He hear me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me - for you know?
Lovely Lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy and you know the way.

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28



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