



## From Anger to Peace


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**A**t this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

### Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;  
do I pray for peace?***



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,  
“Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you.”  
And when he had said this, he  
breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22



## St. Anthony's Church

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**Baptisms:** By Appointment – One month in advance

**Weddings:** By Appointment –A year in advance

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### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

April	26	7:30 pm	Phyllis Sousa+
April	27	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado+
April	29	8:30 am	
April	30	8:30 am	
May	1	8:30 am	
May	2	8:30 am	
May	3	6:15 pm	John & Emily Moura++
May	4	11:30 am	Intention of Patricia Schrah (Liv)

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know.

### WORDS OF LIFE -April 27<sup>th</sup>

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

### Bulletin for April 26/April 27, 2025

#### Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

April 12/April 13 \$ 4,497.00

April 19/April 20 \$ 1,748.00

**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 – next weekend

#### Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Gabby

Next week: Annette and Steve

### Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

It couldn't be any other way! I "must" dedicate this Bishop's Corner to Pope Francis. I am aware that each one of us has her/his own moments, words or images from Pope Francis' life and ministry that has touched us, inspired our minds or hopefully challenged our ways of being human, Christian and Catholic. What I am pointing out here are ten personal quotes from Francis' teaching without any specific order or importance.

1. *The Church is not a tribunal for judgment or a fortress. The Church is a field hospital where wounds are first dressed. People need to be given mercy and not control. The greater the sinner the greater right to God's mercy;*
2. *Theology of creation or integral ecology had been pushed to the margins by the Church or completely forgotten;*
3. *Go with the disciples of Emaus. Go even in the wrong direction as long as you are Christ like with them;*
4. *This is what I am asking you - be shepherds with the smell of your sheep on you;*
5. *Time is more important than space. It counts to start the process even if we do not see the end;*
6. *Let us be lights of hope. Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality;*



7. *Be brave and follow love. God is love. So everything that leads to love is a good path;*
8. *Gossip is a weapon and it threatens the human community every day; it sows envy, jealousy and power struggles.*
9. *Dialogue with those who think differently is not relativism but a deeper testimony of the Gospel;*
10. *Don't be too harsh to yourself but listen to God's voice in your heart and avoid harsh judgment of yourself.*

I am simply grateful to him for having sent me here, to Bermuda, to walk in faith, hope and love with you, my Dear People.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

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### **Jubilee Children's Function**

On Saturday, 21 June, 2025 at St Anthony's there will be a special event for our diocesan children. More details to follow.

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### **Registration Forms**

Additional registration forms are available at the back of the church. Kindly fill them in and place either in the collection baskets or return to Father Joe at your earliest possible convenience.

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### **St. Joseph's Afternoon Tea**

St. Joseph's will be hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church hall in Somerset from 2 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$45. To reserve tickets call Elizabeth Card at 234-0872 or email [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com). More details on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

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### **Renovations of Altar Flooring**

Dear Parishioners,

The floor around the Altar needs replacing. The most appropriate solution is to have the carpet removed and the flooring retiled. Samples of flooring tile are at the entrance of the Church; and the St. Anthony's Parish Council would like you, the Parishioners of St. Anthony's to vote for the tile of your choice - one vote per person. Please place your vote in the ballot box. The tile with the most votes will be used for the Altar.

Thank you.

Pat Rodrigues

### **Easter Cemetery Mass - POSTPONED**

Due to the Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Francis, the Easter Cemetery Mass has been **POSTPONED** until **Saturday, 31st May 2025** at **11:00 am** in Holy Calvary Cemetery.

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### **Jubilee Prayer for 2025**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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### **A Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope**

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of your servant Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him now into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory. Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love. May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

# Dear Padre,

*How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?*

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Easter Weekday	St. Catherine	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Athanasius,	Sts. Philip and	Third Sunday
Acts 4:23–31	of Siena, Virgin	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Bishop and	James, Apostles	Acts 5:27–32,
Jn 3:1–8	and Doctor of	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Doctor of the	1 Cor 15:1–8	40b–41
	the Church			Church	Jn 14:6–14	Rv 5:11–14
	Acts 4:32–37			Acts 5:34–42		Jn 21:1–19 or
	Jn 3:7b–15			Jn 6:1–15		21:1–14



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?*

**HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022**