



Never Big Enough

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Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Oct 4	6:15 pm	Jose Francisco Linhares+ and Maria Connie Cabral+
Oct 5	11:30 am	Josie Young+
Oct 6	8:30 am	
Oct 8	8:30 am	
Oct 9	8:30 am	
Oct 10	8:30 am	
Oct 11	6:15 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Oct 12	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 Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

Bulletin for October 4 / October 5, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Sept 20/Sept 21 \$ 1,591.00

Sept 27/Sept 28 \$ 1,442.00

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 –this weekend

Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Steve
Next week: Annette and Jackie

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose feast day is the 1st of October, is the youngest Doctor of the Church. Having endured life-threatening illnesses when she was an infant and a child, and the heartbreaking loss of her mother when she was only four, Thérèse had to overcome crushing adversity with her powerful faith and determination. She sought to enter Carmel while still a young teenager, and achieved this goal at the age of 15. She was not a martyr or a missionary in the conventional sense, but she offered every small act for love of God, and her teachings have spread far and wide through her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. Thérèse taught “the little way,” which is not about striving for great deeds but rather, doing everything, even small things, with great love. These small acts make up a lifetime, and make the ordinary extraordinary. St. Thérèse explains how forgiving a slight against you, smiling genuinely when you would rather complain, or even picking up a pin from the floor with love, any of these things can have great worth before God. It all depends on love. In her words: “Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” This Saint of love died in 1897 at the age of twenty-four.

Did you know that 2025 marks St. Thérèse of Lisieux's 100th year as a saint? That is 100 years of roses from heaven, as St. Thérèse is known for granting those who request her intercession, signs of her assistance through flowers. St. Thérèse, known as the "Little Flower," famously said that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth and that, "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens."

What a beautiful Patroness we have at our diocese! St. Thérèse, the "Little Flower", the "Roses Sender", pray for us!

May your weekend be peaceful and your week blessings-full!

Bishop Wes

Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church

The Portuguese Mass and Adoration on Saturday mornings at 9:00am in St. Theresa's has resumed, and the Portuguese Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's has also resumed.

Special Celebration

There will be a celebration dinner for the Feast of St. Theresa and the 10th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Wes on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at 7:45pm in St. Theresa's Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting from next weekend, September 13/14, from St. Theresa's Parish Council Members. Tickets will also be available for purchase from the Rectory Office; Adults: \$40.00 and Children 12 and under: \$20.00.

Volunteers Needed

St. Joseph's Church is looking for volunteers to paint the outside of the church on Oct. 4th. If you can help, contact Justin Tavares on 516-4326. Lunch will be provided.

World Mission Sunday

The collection for World Missions Sunday will take place on **October 18 and 19**. Please be as generous as possible.

STELLA MARIS CHURCH - FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT

Stella Maris Church will be holding a Dinner/Bingo to help raise funds for their church maintenance fund on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30PM** in the St. Theresa's Church Hall. Tickets: Adults \$25 and Children \$15 (10 & under). For tickets please contact Susanna at 535-3195 or mlandscaping@northrock.bm

CCD / SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school, which is known as **ST. ANTHONY'S FRIDAY CLUB**, started Friday October 3rd at 6.30pm

All children from 5 years and up are welcomed to join us. If you have an older child needing community service, we can use their help. Our class is from 6.30-8pm every Friday with a break at times. Please email stanthonycdd@yahoo.com or call 236-2438 if you wish for more info.

Thanks,
Anna Daniel
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St. Anthony's Christmas Fair & Car Boot Sale Saturday, November 15th 🌲 🌲 🌲 9am-4pm

Please help!

- * We welcome any donations for raffle or BINGO prizes or items for the Silent Auction
- * We welcome volunteers to help on the fair day
- * We welcome baked goods for the baked goods table
- * We welcome anyone who would like to book a spot for the Car Boot Sale ...\$20 if you have your own table \$25 if you need to rent a church table (call **Pat 5241026**)
- * We welcome gently used items in resale condition for our White Elephant table

Please reach out to **Debbie 7370107** or **Trish 5050702** if you can help or have any questions 🌲 🌲 🌲

Prayer of Thanksgiving After a Storm

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for Your protection during the storm and for guiding us through its trials. We praise You for the safety of our loved ones and the strength You gave us to endure. Let our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for the generosity and kindness of those who came to our aid. Lord, help us to see Your hand in all things, even in the challenges we face. May we respond with faith, hope, and love, trusting in Your divine plan. Bless those who are still in need and grant them comfort and peace. May we always remember to turn to You in both times of trouble and times of joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 12

*Twenty-eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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