



## Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24



### Reflect

***Can you accept the little deaths  
along the way as preparation  
for the final passing from this life?***



## St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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.)

FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March - 11:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 a.m.

Children's Mass – 28th April

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Monthly Coffee Social – 28<sup>th</sup> April – Grace's Team

### DIOCESE HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak  
[www.romancaholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancaholicbermuda.bm)

### Parish Team Leaders

**Mrs. Elizabeth Card** – Pastoral  
Council Chairperson  
Society Representative

**Mrs. Annette Barclay**  
St. Vincent de Paul

**Walette Cross**  
Stewardship Representative  
Coordinator

**Mrs. Sue Moench**  
Religious Education

**Mrs. Mary Harvey** - Parish  
Administrator & Finance  
Committee Team Leader

**Mr. Tony Bari**  
Music Ministry



### Today's Hymns

**Entrance:** O God Beyond All Praising #589  
**Offertory:** Only In God #679  
**Communion:** Bread of Life #788  
**Recessional:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus #692

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones



*We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and hope  
that your stay will be a pleasant one.*



**Saturday – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**Proclaimer of God's Word**

**Opening/Closing of the Church**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Collection Counters**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Music**

**Carol DeSilva & Sue Moench**  
**Stephen Card**  
**Volunteer**  
**Volunteer**  
**Tony Bari**

**Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Proclaimer of God's Word**  
**Opening/Closing of the Church**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Collection Counters**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Music**

**Kathie & Stefano Ausenda**  
**Annette Barclay**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Joanne Smith**  
**Alessia Vianello**  
**Tony Bari**

**Prayers:** Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Elena Domondon and Evelyn Pinlac, and for Petra Caesar who is still in the hospital.

### MASS INTENTIONS

17<sup>th</sup> March

\*Carla DeSousa

### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

	Attendance	Collection
9 <sup>th</sup> March (Reg)	9	73.00
(Maint)		79.00
10 <sup>th</sup> March (Reg)	32	265.00
(Maint)		126.00
		<u>\$543.00</u>

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated.*  
*Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number:*  
*20006060757062100 – Bank NT Butterfield*

**RE Class** will be held this morning in the Parish Centre.



**The Children will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout Lent to help those less fortunate than themselves.** If you would like to help them with this project, please place items in the container at the back of the church. Your kindness and generosity will be very much appreciated. *Canned food, cleaning supplies, jams, pasta, sauce, rice: Or Pet food to be donated to the SPCA.*



**THANK YOU** so much to all who supported our “fun” SENIORS BINGO on Friday; there were lots of laughs and, of course, good food. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. 😊



**We will celebrate the FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.** followed by a social in the Parish Centre. If you would like to donate towards the refreshment table, your kindness and “goodies” are always appreciated.



If you would like to donate to the **Easter Flowers**, the envelopes are at the back of the church; please remember to put the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. The **Special Memorial Mass will be offered on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.** Thank you.



**Children's Parish Fun Day – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Centre. We will prepare palm crosses for Palm Sunday, watch a movie, have lunch, etc. Let the children enjoy fellowship together. If any of the adults would like to join us, please do, you would be most welcome.



**Stations of the Cross - Friday at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**Wednesday, 20th March from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

St. Patrick's Church, Smith's

**Thursday, 21st March from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

St. Theresa's Cathedral, Hamilton

All are welcome to attend!

**Chrism Mass**, Tuesday, 26th March, 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's Cathedral

As in past years, there will be **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**, 29<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 1:30 p.m. in Victoria Park in Hamilton. Bishop Wes invites everyone to walk in the footsteps of Jesus together with our Anglican brothers and sisters.



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### PASTOR'S NOTE:

Dear friends,

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will commemorate the entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem and the Passion of the Lord. Next Saturday there will be a special procession that will start in Somerset with the blessing of the Palms at the Old Railway Station at 5:15 PM, behind the police station, and we will march along the Railway singing “Hosannah”, like the

people in Jerusalem and waving blessed palm branches. We invite the children to have a special place in the procession. Then we will conclude the procession in St. Joseph's Church and start the solemn mass with the reading of the Passion according to St. Mark. There will be no Saturday evening mass in St. Anthony's at 6:00 p.m. The Mass will be at St. Joseph's. The Procession of Palm Sunday is the only procession that is part of the Mass ritual and needs to receive the right importance. People who cannot walk on the trail can wait at the Church with some special prayers that will be prepared to participate anyway in the event. This event will begin the Holy week. In preparation for this there will be two Lenten celebrations of reconciliation on Wednesday 20th of March at St. Patrick's at 4 p.m., and Thursday 21 of March at 6 p.m., at St. Theresa's with individual confessions. The details of Holy Week are in the flyer. God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

### BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This Bishop's Corner is going to be composed of two parts. The first you will find below; the second you shall find next weekend.

“Catholic institutions and media outlets must hold themselves to the highest standards,” the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said in their pastoral letter that focuses on social media. As a communication tool, social media has great potential to “serve a fundamental human good; the building of bridges among people by the sharing of information,” the Bishops write in their “Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious” letter.

The Canadian Bishops “applaud the missionary spirit of those who have chosen to witness” through social media, and they “admire the creative work” of Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations that use social media to engage people with opportunities for greater participation in local faith communities.

However, the letter comes with a warning: “We mustn't be naive. The design of the platforms and the algorithms that dictate their performance can play on the worst of our human tendencies, leading to online environments that violate the core Christian values of truth and human dignity,” the Bishops write. “Digital relationships can also give the illusion of creating bridges between people when it is, in fact, tearing apart our common life. If Catholics share their faith with others online in ways that are not grounded in charity, prudence, and truth, we may end up doing harm rather than good.”

The Bishops encourage Catholics on social media to “Pause and reflect both individually and communally, on their engagement with social media and on how they might be part of the larger effort to claim the ‘digital continent’ for Christ, most particularly by the quality of their conduct online.”

Have a real-ly good weekend and a fruitful 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent!

Bishop Wes

# **SCHEDULE for**

## **THE HOLY WEEK 2024**

**For St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's Church**

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### **Palm Sunday**

**Vigil (23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024):**

Solemn Procession with the Palms commemorating the entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem, starting with the Blessing of the Palm Branches at **5:15 PM** in Somerset, at the **Old Railway Station**, followed by the Procession on the Railway Trail and the Mass with the Reading of the Passion according to St. Mark at **St. Joseph's Church**.

**NO 6:00 PM MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S**

**Masses on Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March 2024) will be according to the customary schedule**

**St. Joseph's 9:00 AM; St. Anthony's 11:15 AM**

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 7:30 PM: Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's**

**HOLY THURSDAY** (28<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

**MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD 7:00 PM**

**At St. Anthony's Church**

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**HOLY FRIDAY** (29<sup>th</sup> March 2028)

**Stations of the Cross**: Both communities of St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's are invited to join Fr. Attilio and Bishop Wes at the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at **Victoria Park** on Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> of March, at **1:30pm**. We will walk on the footsteps of Jesus together with our Anglican sisters and brothers.

**LITURGY OF THE PASSION and VENERATION OF  
THE CROSS:**

**St. Anthony's 3:15 PM; St. Joseph's 5:15 PM**

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**HOLY SATURDAY** (30<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

**EASTER VIGIL AT 7:30 PM** (St. Anthony's  
Church)

**ALL NIGHT EASTER VIGIL** AT **11:00 PM**  
(St. Anthony's Church HALL)

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**EASTER SUNDAY** (31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)

**EASTER MASS**

**St. Joseph's 9:30 AM and St. Anthony's 11:15 AM**

# Dear Padre,

## What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus’ message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That’s when temptation “turns a corner” and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it’s been a while since you’ve been to confession or you’re not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 Jn 8:1–11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 Jn 8:31–42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3–9 Jn 8:51–59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10–13 Jn 10:31–42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21–28 Jn 11:45–56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16 Is 50:4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists’ *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to “see” and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.*

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