

Piece: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit* (detail), 1609  
Artist: Guido Reni  
Location: Vatican Museums

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that had been given to them through Moses hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon they had lost so much.

Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's

truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Rediscovering God's Love

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card. When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law of God

### *For Reflection*

*Is there any aspect of God's word or truth that I have ignored or forgotten?*

*How can I rediscover and accept that truth again?*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*Luke 4:18*



# 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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Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli



## Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m.

Portuguese Mass: Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Joseph's at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning " "

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)

CCD - 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 27<sup>th</sup> January: Host Team 1

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak

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#### Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card - Pastoral  
Council Chairperson

Mrs. Annette Barclay  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
representative

Walette Cross  
Stewardship Representative

Mrs. Mari-Ann Widhalm  
Parish Catechetical Leader

Mrs. Mary Harvey  
Parish Administrator & Finance  
Committee Team Leader

Mr. Tony Bari  
Music Ministry

Mrs. Liberia Aguiar -  
Portuguese Representative on  
Pastoral Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
(contact Annette)



#### Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Gather Us In	Paper Sheet
Offertory:	Open My Eyes	#659
Communion:	Pan De Vida	#784
Recessional:	Sing A New Song	#598

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



- 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019

Greeters

Proclaimer of God's Word

Collection

Gifts

Eucharistic Minister

Collection Counters

Opening/Closing of Church

Music

Lucille Dixon & Iliene Bremar

Hugh & Sheelagh Hassell  
volunteers

Tony Bari

If you would like to participate in one of the above mentioned ministries please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intention - 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

9.00 a.m. - +Tammy Barclay

20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Attendance: 96 (approx)

#### Collection

\$902:00 Regular

10:00 St. Vincent de Paul Alms box

10:00 Holy See

\$922:00 Total

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Banking information: Name: St. Josephs Parish - Account Number: 20006060757062100 at Bank of NT Butterfield and Son

### PARISH

**Prayers:** Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda; also Phyllis Ahern, who is still in KEMH, but thankfully is now recovering on a general ward.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mario Correi who passed away earlier in the week. Also keep Val (his Mum) and his son D'Mariano in your prayers during this time of their bereavement. Mario's funeral will be held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's; interment will take place at Holy Calvary Cemetery in Devonshire.

#### Birthdays

Lucille Dixon (90 <sup>th</sup> - away this week)	28 <sup>th</sup> January
Steven Faries	30 <sup>th</sup> January
Kate Robinson	30 <sup>th</sup> January
Kathie Ausenda	31 <sup>st</sup> January

May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you all with many more special days

Our 2nd Annual Royal Afternoon Tea and Parade of Hats and Fascinators will be held in the MSA Auditorium on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tickets: \$30 each or \$200 for a table of 8, can be purchased by calling Liz Card at 234-0872 or Mary Harvey at 234-1258; they are now available. A **February special** is once again being offered, so if you want to give someone a Valentine's gift (other than chocolate) a limited quantity of the tea tickets will be available at the price of \$25 if purchased between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February, and will come with a little gift card.

Please note (above) the additional contact number listed for Fr. Attilio, and a new email address for St. Joseph's.





**Please join us in the Parish Centre after the Mass this morning for our monthly COFFEE SOCIAL; this will be hosted by Team 1 (Liz, Sally, Andrea, Liberia, Sue, Jackie & Dennis, and Chloe).**

**Our Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting** will be held tomorrow, Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, at 7:15 p.m., in the Parish Centre.

**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:** Dear friends,

In the First reading we hear about the first “Liturgy of the Word of God” reported in the Bible. When people were exposed to an extensive proclamation of the readings of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) they were touched in the heart and begun to cry so much, the leaders of the people had to tell them that in truth that was a day in which they should be joyful, because the presence of the Lord was manifest within them. This is echoed also in the Gospel, where people felt amazed at the proclamation of the Word by Jesus. The Word of God reaches with power those who listen to it with an open heart. The Second Vatican Council clearly teaches that the renewal of the Church, as well the personal renewal that is always needed, begins with the Word of God, that is why one the main document of the council is the “Dei Verbum” (literally Word of God). The Holy Spirit then seals the action of the Word within us through the Sacrament. The Word of God acts with power; it is not there just to teach, or to tell us stories or laws, or to give us some sort of good advice for life like a self-help book. The word of God does things within us, allows the Spirit to work within us and has the power to transform us: it reveals to our heart the Love of God, it makes us perceive the meaning of the things that are happening in our life and shows us that life has a direction, it reveals to us the hidden things of our heart that we hide to ourselves. If we expose ourselves to the Word on a regular basis, our life changes and our family life changes. Pope Francis invited us several time to have a Gospel book with us and to read a small passage every time that we have a free moment. If we have the Bible with us and we wait for somebody who is coming late to an appointment, instead of being anxious and upset we can fill the time reading and meditating a little passage from the Gospel, for instance. Read the Word of God, meditate it, keep it with you and within you and let it do the work for which it has been sent to us, then the Word of Jesus in Nazareth: “Today this Word is fulfilled in your hearing”, will become fulfilled also in our life. God Bless You All. Fr. Attilio

**DIOCESE**

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Most Reverend Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Spiewak

**Liturgical Activities of Bishop Wes** - Please review our website:

[www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) and click on: **Bishop Wes Spiewak, CR Schedule.** This will advise where and when Bishop Wes will be celebrating various liturgical events throughout the Diocese.

Also visit our [Facebook](#) page.

**THE BISHOP’S CORNER**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education since 1974. This year it will take place from the 27th January to the 2nd February. The theme for this year’s National Catholic Schools’ Week is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Through various events, the school will focus on the real value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the Church, the communities and the nation.

Catholic education has been present in Bermuda since 1890 through Mount St. Agnes Academy which was founded and led throughout many years by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Generations of Bermudians, not only Catholics, went through this School. For many of them MSA was the springboard to further education, careers and achievements.

The Catholic Schools Week creates a very good opportunity to renew our awareness of the importance of Catholic education and, at the same time, to be thankful for the good that was and is the fruit of the mission pursued by Mount St. Agnes Academy in our Diocese. I also encourage you to take interest in the curriculum proposed by MSA and to consider the education opportunities of our young generation there.

Have a good weekend and blessed last days of January!  
Bishop Wes

**Special Collection for the Holy See - TODAY**

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, **this collection will take place today.** Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or make a contribution online and be sure to include “Holy See” in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

**Caritas House of Prayer: “Quiet Wednesdays” Caritas House of Prayer “Quiet Wednesdays”** Wednesday, 30th January: Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 10:30 a.m., and will be followed by exposition until 11:40 a.m. Evening Prayer will take place at 5:30 p.m. We are now in Ordinary Time with our prayer focusing on the day’s gospel. All are invited.

**Lectio Divina** will take place on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, at 7:00 p.m., in St. Theresa’s Hall. All are welcome.

**Looking Ahead:** The next presentations of Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius will take place on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

**BERMUDA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP : Adoration with the Catholic Youth Group.** The Bermuda Catholic Youth Group invites you to join us in adoration this Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Theresa’s. All are welcome to attend!. We hope to see you all Thursday! **Stay tuned for more information regarding the Youth Group fellowship coming at the end of March.** Check us out on Facebook at BermudaCatholic YouthGroup and on Instagram @catholicyouthbda for any and all updates.

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Heb 9:15, 24–28  
Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
Heb 10:1–10  
Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 31  
St. John Bosco,  
Priest  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

FEBRUARY 1  
Weekday  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 2  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40 or  
Lk 2:22–32

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 3  
Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13 or  
1 Cor 13:4–13  
Lk 4:21–30

# Dear Padre,

## What is the symbolic relationship between the altar and the Eucharist?

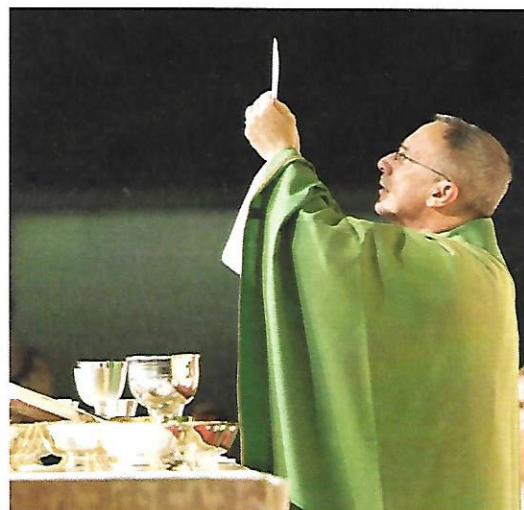
The altar, also called the table of the Lord, is not just a piece of furniture. Many generations ago, our earliest Christian ancestors gathered at dining-room tables for the Eucharist, and through the centuries that simple piece of furniture came alive with deep meanings.

It is from the altar that we share in the Eucharist, and the altar resonates with the presence of Christ. The altar is consecrated by a bishop and anointed with chrism, just as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.

The gestures and rituals of the Catholic Church shape the expression of our faith and our hearts. We bow and genuflect to express reverence, honor, and devotion. These gestures are used not only by Roman Catholics and other Christians, but by people of other faiths, including Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists.

After the priest raises and shows the consecrated host and chalice to the assembly, he genuflects, and any concelebrants bow to the host and chalice. Norms exist for bowing to the altar and, at some points of the eucharistic celebration, kissing the altar. The kiss is an intimate act of showing reverence and honor.

The altar is a tangible sign of Christ and his sacrifice. We bow to the altar during the eucharistic liturgy and outside of the Mass as well, because for Catholics it's the central place of our encounter with Christ and with the great communion of saints.



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### *A Word from Pope Francis*

*We have before us Jesus hidden yet present in the Eucharist....On the altar, we worship the flesh of Jesus; in these our brothers and sisters, we encounter the wounds of Jesus. The Christian adores Jesus, the Christian seeks Jesus, the Christian can recognize the wounds of Jesus.*

—Greeting the sick at Fátima, May 13, 2017