

Equality and Equity

We operate under two very different economic systems. On one hand, in society the measure to which we claim a right is determined by the character and extent of our earning power. On the other hand, what is described in St. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is more like the way economics operates in a family. There, need rather than earning power determines the measure of what we might claim as our right.

Both systems are built on important, though sometimes different, values. The prominent economic system in today's world advocates equality as the value upon which it is built. This includes equal pay for equal work, but also equality of opportunity. The system Paul advocates is built on issues of equity, which recognizes that all things are not equal. It insists that those who need more should get more. Both systems also face pitfalls. This could occur when a system based on equality does not operate on an "equal playing

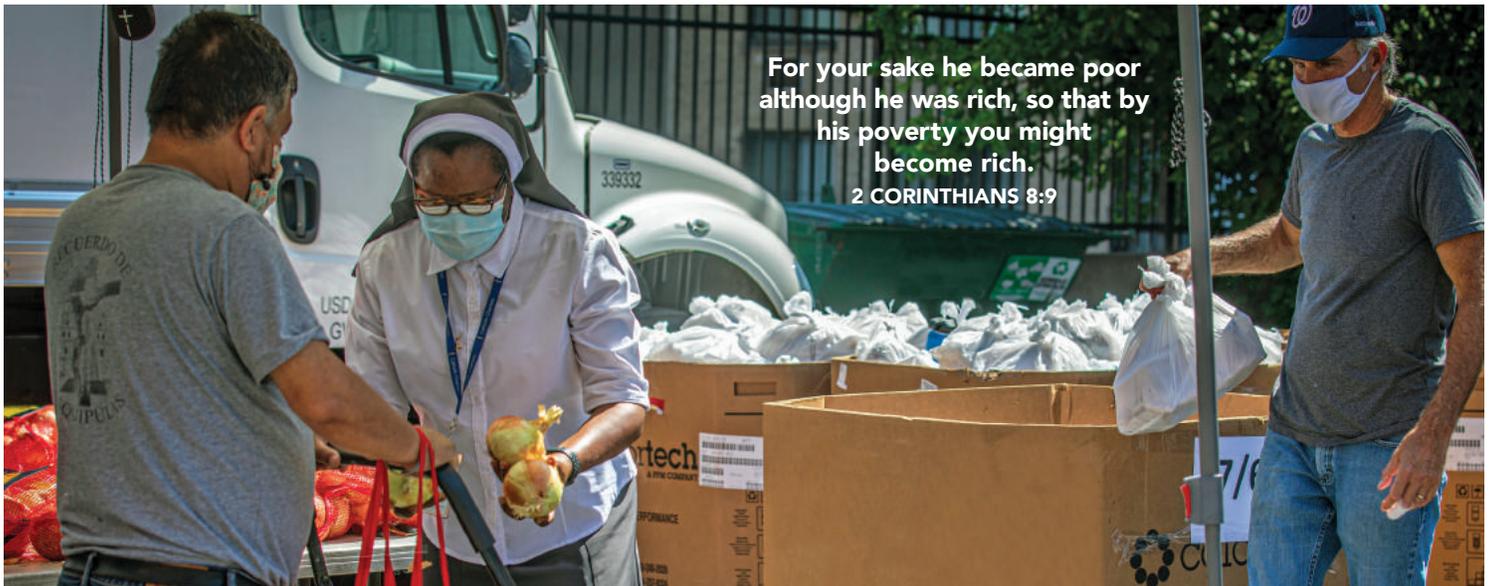
field." In such a situation, equality can lack justice. Then again, a system in which need or equity plays an important role must always be on the alert for idleness. Experience has shown that people have a tendency to take advantage of either system.

In an ideal system, both values operate. This is what Paul is actually advocating. He does not expect the rich to become poor. However, he does insist that as a matter of justice, and not charity, legitimate needs should be met. After all, we all are called to join the household of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✳ *In which of your parish or diocesan justice programs might you be able to participate?*
- ✳ *How might genuine family values improve the ministry of your parish?*



For your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9



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Weekend Masses: Vigil: 5:00pm, Sunday: 10:00am

Baptisms: by appointment 3 weeks in advance

Weddings: by appointment 6 months in advance

Vocations: Fr. Toby Collins www.vocationculture.ca



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We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS...

JUNE 26/27th The THIRTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM **Lector** Willie Forbes
 10:00AM **Lector** Pat Robinson
Collection Karen Marsh

JULY 3rd/4th The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM **Lector** Willie Forbes **EM:** Peter Marsh
 10:00AM **Lector** Pat Robinson **EM:** Lucy Attride-Stirling
Collection The DeFrias

JUNE 26/27th The THIRTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++
 10:00AM The Intention of St. Michael's Parishioners

JULY 3rd/4th The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners
 10:00AM Deolinda & Antonio Carvalho ++
 Maria Rugeiro & Vito Lovecchio ++

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
 St. Theresa's - 7:30 Mon.—Fri. | St Anthony's - 8:00 Tues.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S & ST. ANTHONY'S
 Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website
 and their Facebook Page



STEWARDSHIP

The overall financial well-being
 of our St. Michael's Parish
 is so important at this time.

Sunday Collection June 19/20th: \$651.00
Second Collection for the Maintenance Fund: \$450.00

NB: \$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection
 is needed to break even each month.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION are welcomed.
 Consider making a weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction.

*When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name
 and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction."*

**ST. MICHAEL'S uses your regular collection contributions
 to support the day-to-day operations of our Parish.**

*Thank you to those parishioners who continue to
 answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.*

Online donations can be made to St. Michael's Church's
 BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*They were two very different people....Yet the closeness that
 joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations,
 but from the Lord. He did not command us to like one
 another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us,
 without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences.*

SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, JUNE 29, 2020

The Bishop's Corner



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

From Monday, the 21st of June to the end of July, the scenery at the Vatican changes, especially in the gardens and the Paul VI Hall. From now on under the windows of the House of St. Martha, where Pope Francis permanently resides, there will be more movement, noise and joy. The children of Vatican workers have started their summer camps. In Italy, summer holidays have been going on for two weeks. Young Italians will not sit at their school desks until mid-September.

The first Vatican summer camp this year is being attended by two hundred children, whom of course hope to be visited by their temporary neighbor, Pope Francis. The organization of the summer camp was entrusted to the Salesians. One of them, Fr. Franco Fontana says, "We organized the camps in the same way as last year and only the topics change. Last year, the camps were held under the slogan: "Live like the Master". This year we are guided by the motto: "You are one of us". Our goal is to create a better world together, as Pope Francis teaches us in his encyclical Laudato si'. We meet in the morning in the Paul VI Hall, from where, after praying, we go to play games and play outdoors. This year, in connection with the Laudato si' theme, we will try to make the best use of the Vatican Gardens. At the end of each camp on Friday, the oldest group of participants will plant one bush or tree in the gardens as a permanent memento of these camps. In the afternoon, the entire program will take place in the Paul VI Hall. There will be movies, stories, games and activities related to the main themes of Laudato si': environment, ecology, equality. Educational materials were prepared in cooperation with the Vatican Department for Integral Human Development."

Have a beautiful Sunday and a blessed week!

+ We: *Wesley*
 Bishop Wes



SUNDAY READINGS – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING – *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying.

For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – *Psalm 30*

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. *(R)*

Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. *(R)*

Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks. *(R)*

SECOND READING – *2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written:

Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. *Cf. 2 Tm 1:10*

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – *Mark 5:21-43 (or Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43)*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, “If I but

touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?” But his disciples said to Jesus, “You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?” Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.” And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

Dear Padre,

This week is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Why doesn't each have his own feast day?

They do. Saints Peter and Paul are united in a solemnity on June 29 to honor their martyrdom, but each has his own feast: the Chair of St. Peter (February 22) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25).

Peter’s primacy is evident in the prominence given to him by the Gospel writers and in the position of authority entrusted to him in the infant Church. Jesus promised Peter that he alone would be the foundation stone, keeper of the keys, and head shepherd (see Matthew 16:18–19 and John 21:15–17). Peter also oversaw Judas Iscariot’s replacement (see Acts of the Apostles 1:15–26).



Paul holds a position of honor for his transformation from Church persecutor to “a slave of Christ Jesus” (Romans 1:1).

Saint Augustine wrote that they share a solemnity because, even though they didn’t suffer on the same day, they suffered as one. On different days of presumably the same year, 67, Peter was crucified and Paul beheaded.

Their esteem coupled them in the early Church’s devotion. Hence, the solemnity Mass preface states that “each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr’s crown.”

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

1. **EMMAUS JOURNEY (EJ)** is a Catholic evangelization and discipleship ministry, conducted primarily in and through Catholic parishes. EJ has embraced Goal One of Go and Make Disciples, "To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others."

You are invited to St. Michael's Parish Hall from 7:30 - 8:30 pm on each Tuesday. We will be physically distanced. Please bring a mask, hand sanitisation and "track and trace" sign up sheets will be available. This particular bible study is based upon the upcoming Sunday readings. It is FREE OF CHARGE with all of the materials provided by Fr. Joe. Invite someone else, as you learn and grow together in your faith on an ongoing basis.

2. **ROSARY, ADORATION, BENEDICTION** - Saturdays after the 5:45 pm Mass starting at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Church. We will be physical distancing, wearing mask, hand sanitizing and "track and trace" sign up sheets will be used, we will be finishing at 8:00 pm sharp. All are invited to attend as you enhance your ongoing personal spirituality.

BIBLE STUDY. EACH TUESDAY, AT 3:00 PM

If interested, speak to Fr. Joe at 705-0236 for the Tuesday Bible Study.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AT MASS IN CHURCH!

COVID regulations permit us to have 156 attendees at each Mass.

MASSES are held Saturday, at 5PM and Sunday, at 10AM.

Masks MUST be worn at all times. Sign up sheets for tracking and tracing at the verandah entrance.

Temperatures will be taken and hand sanitizing must be done.

Please continue to physically distance, at all times

Communion is under one species, and please approach the Altar in single file, maintaining one pew between you and the person in front of you.

Calling all 5:45/5:00pm Mass attendees.

Parish Council is attempting to determine which time best suits our Saturday evening Mass attendees. Would you prefer the original time of 5:45pm Mass or remain with the 5:00pm Mass.

Please email Karen, at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com with your response. You must email or call Karen (799-0842) if you wish a say in the Saturday evening Mass time.

We will be assuming the Summer schedule as of July 10/11th, which will include the preferred Saturday Vigil Mass time, and will continue the 10am Mass on Sunday.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Food Drive



Hunger does not take a break for the Summer!



Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Bermuda,
A Roman Catholic Charity

in collecting canned goods and non-perishable items

- boxes of macaroni and spaghetti
- pasta sauce
- box of rice
- canned tuna and chicken
- vienna sausages
- canned corn
- canned soup
- canned fruit
- peanut butter

All donations will go towards the Salvation Army Food Pantry and the St. Patrick's Food Program

Please drop off items to your local parish on the weekends of June 26th/27th and July 3rd/4th

or drop off to St Patrick's Hall on two Wednesdays, June 23rd and June 30th 4 – 7pm

For more information or to make a monetary donation
Contact: Karen svdp@northrock.bm or Sandra 331-8485

PLEASE BE GENEROUS and contribute to those less fortunate.

Bring in your bags of groceries from the list this weekend or next weekend
Also you can take them to St. Patrick's Church Hall on the dates indicated.

If you have any questions, please email or call Karen Marsh
at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com or. 799-0842

The Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda

Bishop Wes live streams the weekday Masses and the weekend Masses from the Cathedral and then posts them for viewing on the websites and the Diocesan Facebook page.

Please visit: www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To all students, teachers, parents and all who worked so hard to complete yet another very challenging school year.

God Bless all your efforts. God's blessings on a wonderful, safe, and happy Summer for you all.

*God has a reason
for allowing things to happen.
We may never understand his wisdom,
but we simply have to trust his will.*

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

Peter's Pence Collection Be a Witness of CHARITY

THIS WEEKEND (June 26 and 27), we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Special envelopes have been provided for your donation or consider making an online donation to: **St. Michael's Church BNTB Acct. # 2000 6060 081824 100**, and be sure to include 'Peter's Pence' in the memo field. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.