



[Moses said,] "If I find favor with you, Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company."
E X O D U S 34:9

God Up There, God Down Here

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force?

Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way.

Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music.

If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence.

Today's story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today's gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it. ✱

Reflect

Is your personal prayer to God "up there" or to God "walking with me"?



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

MINISTRIES ...

JUNE 3/4TH The MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Peter Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Christine DaCosta
Collection: Karen Marsh

JUNE 10/11TH THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST -

CORPUS CHRISTI

5:00PM Lector: Laura DeFrias EM: Aberta Canonneir
10:00AM Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Madelena Almeida
Collection: The DeFrias

MASS INTENTIONS ...

JUNE 3/4TH THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++
Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++

10:00AM The Intention of Our Confirmation Candidates

JUNE 10/11TH THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST -

CORPUS CHRISTI

5:00PM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners
10:00AM The First Communicants & their Families

*You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.-Fri.*

St. Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.-Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00AM Mon.-Fri.

**ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the
Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page**

Stewardship talent
commitment growing vision
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LOVE support
treasure PLEDGE giving time
faith caring
community

May 27/28th Collection: \$738

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

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

Bishop's Corner ...



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

"Towards Full Presence; A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media" is the title of the document published by the Vatican Dicastery for Communication on the 29th of May 2023. The aim of the document is to promote a common reflection on the involvement of Christians in social media, which has increasingly become part of people's lives. Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, the document offers an opportunity to begin a shared reflection on how to promote a culture of being "loving neighbours" also in the digital world.

Looking at the theme within the context of the world of social media, where individuals are often both consumers and commodities, the pastoral reflection seeks a faith-based response.

This response begins with discerning the stimuli we receive with intentional listening. Attention, together with a sense of belonging, reciprocity and solidarity, are key for creating a sense of unity that should ultimately strengthen local communities, enabling them to become drivers of change. By becoming "weavers of communion" through the creativity of love, we can imagine new models built on trust, transparency, equality, and inclusion, learning to be present in God's style and bearing witness.

Four main "chapters" of the document are: Watching out for pitfalls on the digital highways; From Awareness to True Encounter; From Encounter to Community; A Distinctive Style - The Creativity of Love.

It is not a short document but if you have some time "to waste", why not read it...?

<https://tinyurl.com/3mz7suur>

Have a restful Sunday and a good week!

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Bishop Wes



Please email stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you wish to reserve a Mass(es) for the intentions or in memory of your loved ones, or special occasion/birthdays, anniversaries etc. It can be either for the 5pm Mass or the 10am Mass.

Please advise of any specific dates you may wish. The Stipend may be paid directly to Fr. Joe on the day of the Mass or via direct deposit to the St. Michael's BNTB Bank account.

Sunday Readings

The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the Lord had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Having come down in a cloud, the Lord stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, “Lord.” Thus the Lord passed before him and cried out, “The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, “If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Daniel 3:52-56

R. Glory and praise for ever!

“Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.” **(R)**

“Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.” **(R)**

“Blessed are you on the throne of your Kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.” **(R)**

“Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.” **(R)**

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Cf. Rev 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?



ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, JUNE 12, 2022

Dear Padre,

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, “God will heal me if that is his will.” Wouldn't God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God's work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith. Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus' ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.



Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God's love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ✨

Excerpted from *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews*; © 2011 Liguori Publications / DearPadre.org

Around our Parish . . .



Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmation candidates listed below, who will be confirmed by Bishop Wes this Sunday, at the Cathedral at 2pm.

Gabriel Booth
Theresa Brière
Braxton Cooze

Matthew Copeland
Jelena Dziwenka
Mateo Marsh

May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with everything they need to continue to grow their Faith and may their life be filled with love and service. May they, and their families know they are blessed today and always.

We're never too busy to give our mother a call. A visit is even better. Last Friday two friends and I walked 10 blocks to St. Vincent Ferrer Church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, spending an hour in conversation with her. Our Lady is always keen to see us: graciously listening to our petitions and dispensing her undivided love and attention to all comers.

I'm writing of Mary, mother of the Whole Christ, given to us by her Son in his last moments on the cross. Many Catholics seek to grow in devotion to her by visiting the places where she's made her presence felt, and voice heard, on earth. At Guadalupe, Mexico; Fatima, Portugal; and Lourdes, France, she appeared to men, women and children, gently imploring them to repent, do penance and pray the rosary.

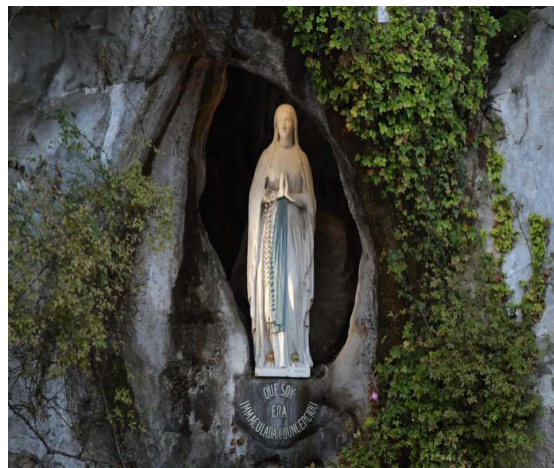
Such pilgrimages are a privilege, drawing the faithful ever closer to our spiritual mother. Yet it'd be a mistake to believe that we can do likewise only by traveling overseas and only in May, the month the Catholic Church dedicates to her. For the necessary and perennial obligation of deepening in friendship with Our Lady, one needs at most a pair of sneakers, some blessed beads and a sanctuary.

Wall Street Journal, Morning Editorial Report
The all day's Oioin Headlines.

Our midday Manhattan pilgrimage brought this to mind. The journey was simple and the plan inspired by St. Josemaría Escrivá (1902-75), the Spanish priest who founded Opus Dei. He created this peripatetic tradition in May 1935, and his model was our guide—pray one rosary en route to a shrine of the Blessed Mother, another on arrival, and one more on the way back.

And so we did, starting at 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, spiritually walking in what Pope John Paul II referred to as “the school of Mary.” To meditate on the mysteries of the rosary—a compendium of the Gospel, the central events in our Lord's life—is to “contemplate with [her] the face of Christ.”

To do so on the streets of New York is a way of bringing the faith into sharp view. It is to witness those whom we're called to love on every street corner: the immigrant, the homeless, the elderly, babies in strollers, the unborn. With Christ on our mind and Mary as our aid, it is to see him in everyone who passes by.



*A statue of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes, Frances,
Nov. 5, 2019.*

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Stops and starts punctuated our trip, as did shouts and sirens, but the steady repetition of our prayer was enough to quiet the mind and lift it upward. As the pontiff wrote in 2002: “How could one possibly gaze upon the glory of the Risen Christ or of Mary Queen of Heaven”—the glorious mysteries—“without yearning to make this world more beautiful, more just, more closely conformed to God's plan?”

At the church's Marian altar we knelt beneath an image of Mary bestowing the rosary to St. Dominic. That brought two parting thoughts. First, Our Lady wants us to pray using the gift she gave us several centuries ago. It helps us come to know and love her, and Christ in turn, for wherever she is, he is too. Second, our

parishes' side chapels aren't merely ornamental; they're meant to be used, to be prayed at, to be traveled to.

Neither should be confined to a particular month. The beads, and the Blessed Mother, await no matter the hour.

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Around the Diocese . . .

► **ST. PATRICK'S** welcomes everyone each Wednesday morning at 10:00am to recite the Holy Rosary.

Bishop Wes celebrates a **Portuguese Mass each Wednesday at 7:00pm**, preceded by a devotion; the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass.

Please join us Thursday evenings for the Holy Rosary and Adoration at 7:00pm.

► **LECTIO DIVINA takes place** every Monday evening at 7pm via zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

► **12:10PM MASS** is celebrated at the Cathedral each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Come Join us.

► **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP** IS OPEN SATURDAYS from 10am to 2pm.

All Invited to Attend

We invite everyone from all walks of life – married, single, divorced or widowed individuals, who would like to deepen their relationship with God to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) offered by Couples for Christ & Family Ministries Bermuda. The Couples for Christ and Family Ministries is a community of faithful, anchored in the Catholic Church which offers a family-oriented support system for individuals to deepen their spiritual life.

The CLP will be held for 2 Saturdays – June 24th and July 1st from 11:00am-3pm on both days at the St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall. Please come for a restful day with God and fellowship with a vibrant community, listening to powerful sharing and testimonies and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments will be served. If interested, please RSVP to George & Grace Alayon at cfcbermuda@gmail.com or call/text 704-0125.

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