



Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

ANN M. GARRIDO

Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●



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Reflect

Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th of January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Afternoon - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	1 year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m.
Filipino Mass – Saturday	20 th June 2026: 11:00 a.m.
Kids & Youth Ministry	End of year 14 th June 2026
Youth/Family Mass	28 th June 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	22 nd June – 6:30 p.m.
Coffee Social	28 th June 2026
Second Collection	14 th June 2026

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Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiewak
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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	Natalia Walker & Justin Tavares Religious Education - Kids & Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Gather the People	#766
Offertory:	Servant Song	#820
Communion:	On Eagles Wings	#671
Recessional:	God Has Chose Me	#815

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones

Eleventh Sunday in



The St. Joseph's Parish family takes this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May our loving Lord always be with you and your families.



Sunday – 21st June 2026

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music

Walette Carter
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Annette Barclay
Liam/Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Andrew Card, Eleanor Correia and Mary Maybury.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday 6 th June	4	60
Sunday 7 th June	72	627
TOTAL:	76	\$687

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, 14th June

The People of St Josephs

BIRTHDAYS

Natalia Walker

18th June

May God, our loving heavenly father bless you with many more "special" days

Today we will conclude our 2025/2026 Kids & Youth Ministry programme by having breakfast in the Parish Centre for the children, and we extend a warm welcome to those who would like to come over to join us.

We will celebrate a Family/Youth Mass on Sunday, 28th June, this will be followed by our monthly Coffee Social.



TODAY is the second weekend of the month, therefore, there will be two collections, regular, and maintenance.



As June is the month of the "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus" Fr. Jacob has offered to have Benediction and Adoration at St. Joseph's on Friday, 26th June 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

JUNE EVENTS at St. Joseph's Church

Sunday, 21st June Classical Music Concert **5:00 p.m.**
Sunday, 28th June Classical Music Concert **5:00 p.m.**

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Both evenings will present the same programme.

Featuring:

Steve Crawford (Guitar)
Jane Farge (Classical Contralto Opera Singer)
Johanna Pino Gonzales (Viola & Violin)
Andrea Hodson Patton (Piano)

Tickets: Adults \$30 – Seniors/Students/Children (5-18) \$15 Available from Liz Card at 234-0872 or WhatsApp 335-2077, or Jane Farge at 747-4060

CCD STUDENTS' COMMUNITY FUN DAY -

SATURDAY, 27th JUNE from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church Hall. There will be a fun castle, games, including BINGO, followed by Mass and then lunch. Siblings of CCD students may attend, and Parents are welcome to attend Mass with their children. The Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you there! St. Joseph's parents please RSVP to Liz Card – lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or WhatsApp 335-2077 by Monday, 22nd June.

BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

During the meeting "Weaving Networks with the World of Culture, Art, Business, and Sport," held in Madrid during Pope Leo XIV's pilgrimage to Spain, Antonio Banderas spoke. I must admit that his address touched me deeply.

The artist said that a common language strengthens dialogue. He noted that, on many occasions, this common language has been art, whose relationship with the Church has been extraordinarily fruitful and immensely significant. He emphasized that the Church has been the greatest patron of the arts in human history: "At the heart of the creative impulse stands someone who has united styles and cultures for centuries. He is perhaps the most frequently portrayed figure in the history of art - Jesus Christ. The great protagonist of the film of life. An icon of love, peace, and self-sacrifice, surrounded by an inexhaustible mystery." The actor pointed out that art is not only about beauty. It is also about questioning, reflection, contrast, and the tension between what we know and what we intuitively feel. He stressed that art must be a mirror reflecting life. It should challenge beliefs that lead us to forget love and tolerate injustice. It should be an alternative to every form of violence. "All people are confronted with the great questions of our existence," Banderas said. "Who are we? What is the meaning of life and suffering? What does it mean truly to love our neighbour as ourselves? In a world that rushes forward, that is falling apart, that at times oversimplifies reality, art helps us recover the depth and soul that artificial intelligence is taking from us. AI should serve humanity, not the other way around. Wherever people dare to question themselves, a journey begins that may lead us toward the spiritual and toward

nothing other than the fraternity that beats in the heart of every human being and in the mysterious heart of God."

The actor concluded with a personal confession: "Holy Father, I am here because of "Godspell." It is a musical created in your homeland. The Spanish translation of the title "Godspell" is "El hechizo de Dios" - 'God's charm' or 'God's enchantment.' Today I am here to confess that I myself have fallen under that divine enchantment."

Enjoy your long weekend!

Bishop Wes

Due to Bishop Wes' trip to Poland for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of priesthood of Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski CR, there will be NO Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 17th June, nor at St. Theresa's on Saturday, 20th of June. The 10:00 a.m. Portuguese Mass on Sunday, 21st of June will be presided over by Fr. Dandy.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

On 27th/28th June, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV carry out his charitable works.

These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Special envelopes will be made available for your donation or consider making an online donation to (St. Joseph's Account 20006060757062100 – Peter's Pence) and send an email notification of your deposit to Mary Harvey (mkharvey@northrock.bm) for proper distribution of your funds.

Please be generous!

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE MORLEY

There is a parishioner who needs a studio apartment and this single man is hoping to rent for a maximum of \$1400 a studio or one bedroom, with washer and dryer, plus electricity included. The rent is paid directly into the landowners account by financial assistance. He does not have any pets, is quiet and not a smoker or drinker. He would prefer any area, hopefully not on a hill and that this place is safe. Hoping to move at the end of August. If you have such a place, please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

Dear Padre,

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, “Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will” (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, “I think, therefore I am,” but it can also be said that “I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people” (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart “is the place of encounter” with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it’s “a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him” (*DN* 57). “More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus” represents “his boundless love” (*DN* 48). Therefore, “any act of love or worship of his heart is thus ‘really and truly given to Christ himself,’ since it spontaneously refers back to him and is ‘a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ’” (*DN* 50). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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CRISTIAN GUTIÉRREZ, LC / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025