



Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

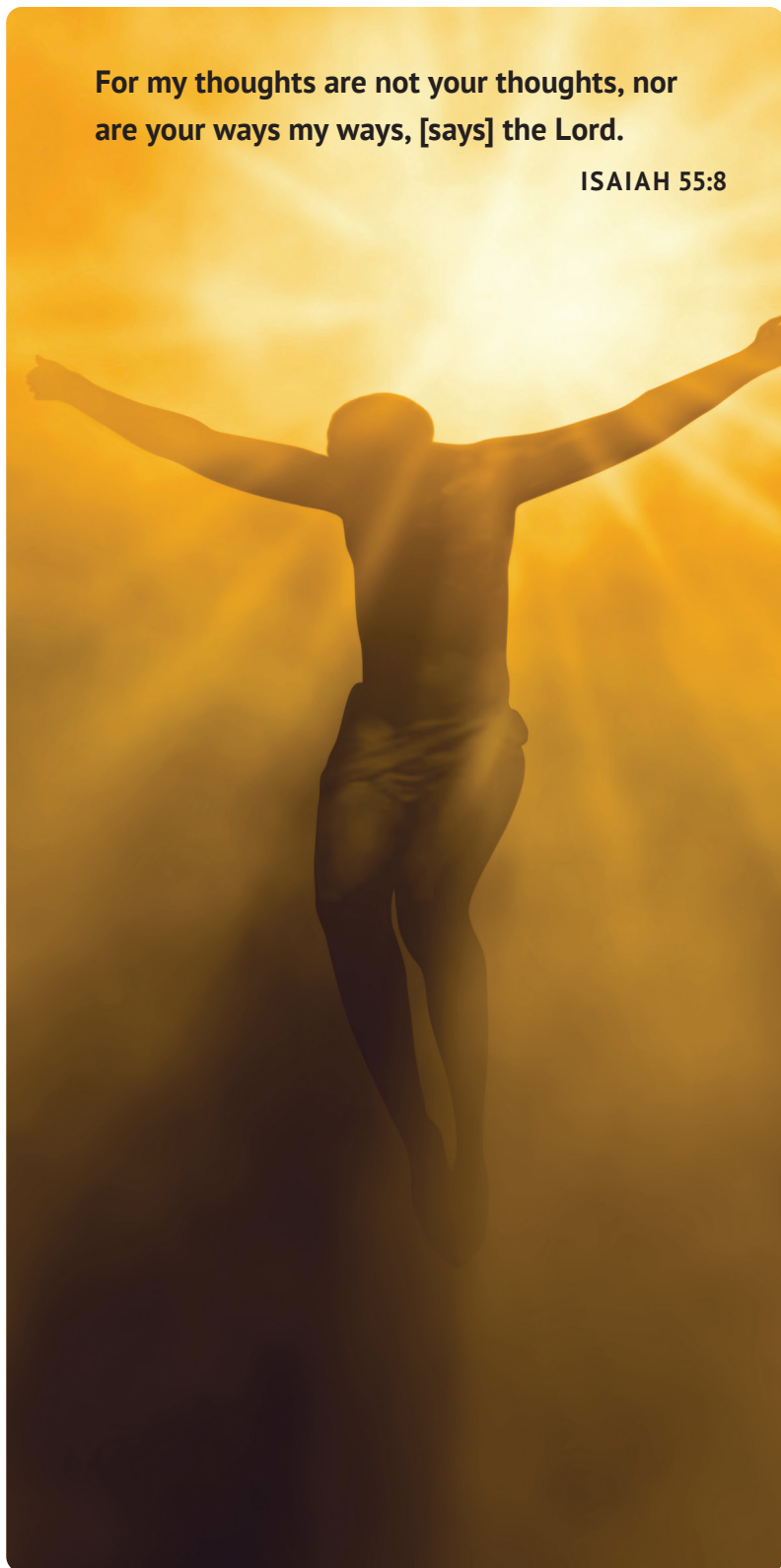


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.

ISAIAH 55:8



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?



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	19 th September 2026: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Ministry & FHC	4 th October 2026
Youth/Family Mass	25 th October 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Coffee Social	Resumes in November
Second Collection	10 th /11 th October 2026

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak
www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

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 - Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Seek Ye First	#685
Offertory:	Open My Eyes Lord	#659
Communion:	We Remember	P
Recessional:	Glory & Praise to Our God	#574

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



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



Sunday – 27th September 2026

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

Marisa Stones
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Joanne Smith
Liam/Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, 19th September – The people of St. Josephs
Sunday, 20th September – †George Reynolds

BIRTHDAYS

Marlena Walker 21st September
Aidan Stones 25th September

ANNIVERSARIES

Gigi and Kevin Fox 21st September
Marisa & Aidan Stones 22nd September

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

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 12 th Sept. – 4:00 p.m. (Reg)	6	90
(Maint)		20
Sunday, 13 th Sept. – 9:00a.m. (Reg)	57	435
(Maint)		238
		\$783

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated.
Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number:
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THE FALL SUPPER will be held on Saturday, 24th October, in the Parish Centre.
Available Tickets: 40 Dine-In and 70 Take-out.

Take-outs **must** be picked up between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Dine-in supper starts at 7:00 p.m. (served)

Tickets: Adults \$40 - Children (12 and under) \$15.
Menu: Soup: Chicken, fish, pasta, vegetable stir-fry, spring rolls, cakes/cookies.

Tickets are available from Liz Card
RAFFLES (Dine-In only)

A strong religious education programme is highly valued by those, who, truly, believe in the Good News of Christ's gospel message, **but to be successful, it needs the full support of the parents.**

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY /RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME will resume on Sunday, 4th October, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by mid-December, and would like to register them with the programme, please contact Liz Card 234-0872 or Email: lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Dear Father Dandy,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to you for the times you celebrated Mass at St. Josephs and ministered to our Filipino community during your time on the island. Your devotion and inspiring homilies have truly been a blessing to those attending the masses. Thank you for your faithful service.

You will be greatly missed, but we promise to keep you in our prayers as you begin a new chapter in your religious life.

May God richly bless you now and always.

Yours in Christ
The St. Joseph's Parish Family.

BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

When we were finishing the Summer Lunch & Movie Programme, several people approached me and asked if there was a chance to continue this project, as it was for many a great experience of socialising and spending some time in community.

I am happy to announce that Lunch & Movie Programme will resume and continue throughout the year with a frequency of one gathering a month. We will not be able to have it on Thursdays as there is a 12:10 p.m. Mass at our Cathedral and no event should compete with Holy Eucharist.

The Lunch & Movie gatherings will take place on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning in October, with the exception of March as it is Lent. The precise dates are October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, April 6, May 4, June 1.
We will begin at 12:00pm with lunch and then we will watch a movie with an intermission for ice cream and eventually desserts. The movies will be announced week after week.

I hope that this will allow us to continue to enjoy these moments of good food and good company and inspire us to grow together as a community of Jesus' disciples.

Have a peaceful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

THE GIFT OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure.

Isaiah calls us to seek the Lord while He is near. God is patient and ready to forgive. The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honors Christ, whether in life or death. Each passage shows faith as a response to God's goodness. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules.

On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that God's mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

REFLECTION:

- How does Isaiah's call to seek God challenge your daily life?
- Have you ever struggled with feelings of unfairness in your faith journey?
- What does Paul's attitude toward life and death teach you about trusting God?
- How does the gospel parable change your understanding of God's generosity?
- Do you ever compare yourself to others in your faith or work?
- What does it mean to serve God without expecting rewards?
- How can you show gratitude for God's mercy in your daily actions?
- In what ways can you support the dignity of work and fair treatment of others?
- How does humility help you accept God's ways, even when you do not understand them?
- What step can you take this week to grow in trust and gratitude toward God?

Prayer

Lord, your ways are higher than ours. Help us to seek you with humble hearts. Teach us to trust in your wisdom and rejoice in your mercy. Let us serve you without seeking rewards. May we welcome others with kindness, just as you welcome us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Source: Young Catholics 2026



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Main Message

- God's ways are greater than our ways.
- God welcomes everyone who turns to him.
- Grace is a gift, not something we earn.
- We can rejoice when others receive mercy.



Key Scripture

Are you envious because I am generous?

Matthew 20:15



The Readings



First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord. His ways are greater than ours.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful to all.



Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

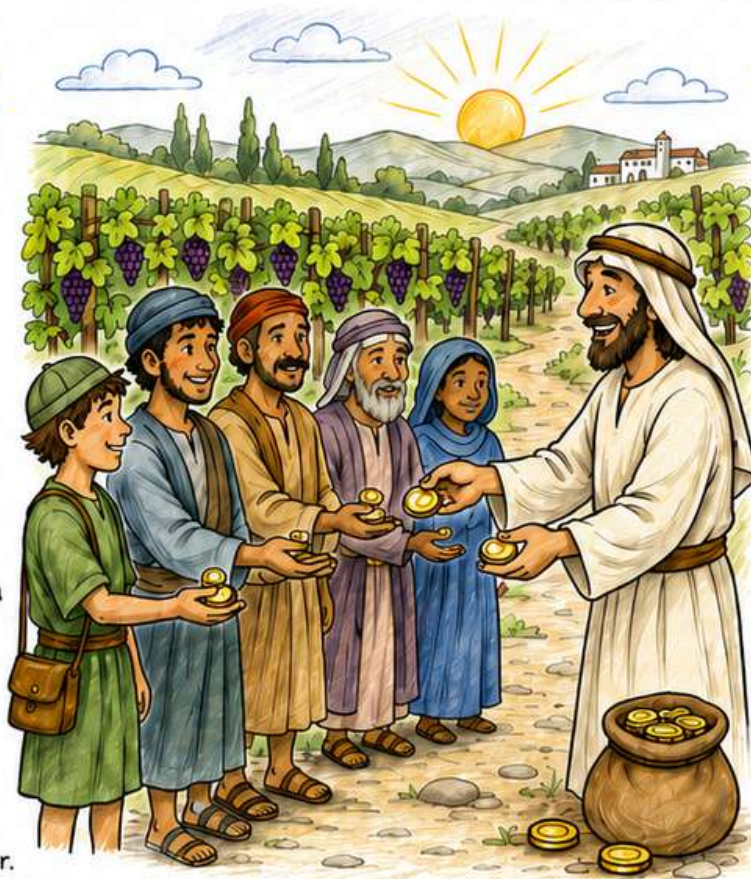
Live in a way worthy of the Gospel.



Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a

The landowner gives generously to every worker.



Themes to Know

- God's generous mercy
- Grace for everyone
- Trusting God's goodness
- Letting go of envy
- Welcoming those who feel left out



What This Means for Us

- God's love cannot be measured by comparison.
- Another person's blessing does not lessen ours.
- No one comes too late to receive God's grace.
- We are called to celebrate God's goodness.



Try This

Encourage someone who feels left out.

Remind that person that God's love is always near.



Reflection Questions

- When do I compare myself with others?
- Can I rejoice when someone else receives something good?
- Who might need to feel welcomed this week?



ST. JOSEPH's CHURCH ***in Somerset***

Will Hold its **ANNUAL FALL**
SUPPER
at the Parish Centre,
45 Somerset Road,
Sandys Parish MA 03.

SATURDAY

24th

OCTOBER

**TAKE OUTS
AVAILABLE**
but must be
collected
between 5:30
and 6:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$40 Adults
\$15 Children (12 and
under)**

**Soup, chicken, fish,
vegetable stir-fry, pasta,
spring rolls.
cakes/cookies**

**THE DINE IN
SUPPER**
begins at
7:00 p.m.
- Raffles -

For more information and to reserve tickets

Email:
lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com

Or Call: Liz Card
at 234-0872
or WhatsApp
335-2077

Dear Padre,

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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