



The Already and the Not Yet

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The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

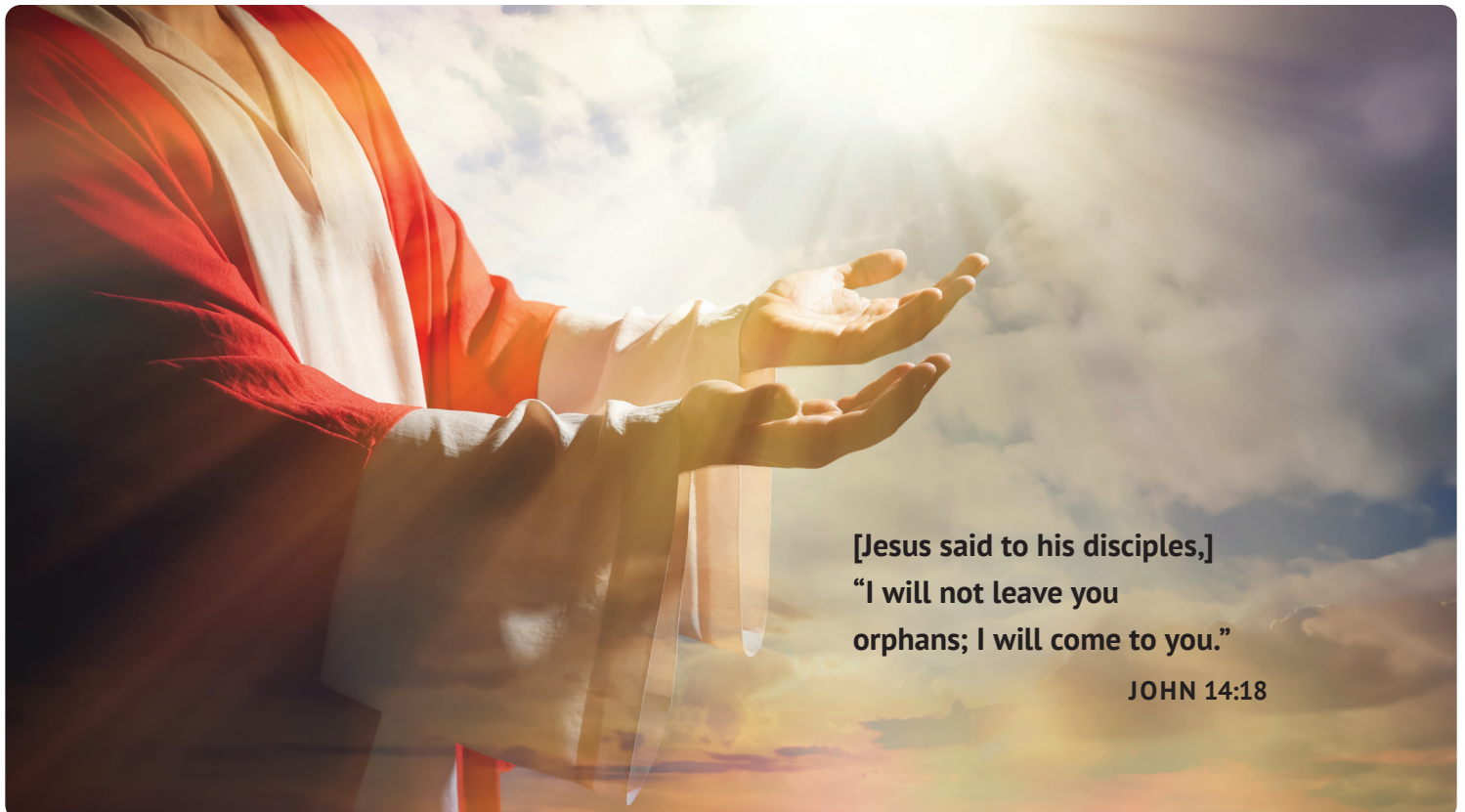
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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Reflect

Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18



St. Anthony's Church

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Reconciliation: By appointment

Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance

Weddings: By Appointment –A year in advance

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St. Anthony's Club (CCD): Fridays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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St. Vincent de Paul Rep: Pat Rodrigues

St. Vincent de Paul No. 525-1191

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

May 9	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
May 10	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado+ and Herminio Soares Furtado+
May 12	8:30 am	
May 13	8:30 am	
May 14	8:30 am	
May 15	8:30 am	
May 16	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
May 17	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin – May 9/ May 10, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

April 24/April 26	\$ 1,139.00
May 2/May 3	\$ 1,058.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of each month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting May 10: Annette and Jackie
May 16: Annette and Denis

Saturday May 9

Lector: Alice Astwood Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Raynae Fleming & Delia Mendonza
Collection: Pat Rodrigues & Anna Daniels
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday May 10

Lector: McKenna De Sa
Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday May 16

Lector: Jackie Tailford
Eucharistic Ministers: Raynae Fleming & Delia Mendonza
Collection: Alice Astwood Smith & Anna Daniels
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday May 17

Lector: Vernaisi Lualala
Eucharistic Minister: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford and Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Here we are on Mother's Day again, and again I allow poetry to speak.

Her hands by Maggie Pittman

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath.

Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.

Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.

Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.

Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show.

Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.

Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way.

Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.

Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.

Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work,

Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.

Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.

Her hands are the reason I am me.

Happy Mother's Day!

A blessed weekend and week to all!

Bishop Wes

Feast of Santo Cristo

The Feast of Santo Cristo will be held on May 16 and May 17 at St. Theresa's Cathedral. On Saturday May 16 at 7:45 pm a Mass will be celebrated to commence the feast and to move the statue out of the chapel. On Sunday May 17 at 1:30 pm a Mass will be celebrated and the procession will follow after the Mass onto Dundonald St. then to Laffan St. and then back to the Cathedral.

DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM (DORC) is open for anyone - converts, reverts, life-long Catholics, the curious, those interested in the faith, those questioning the faith - and is based upon 88 common questions with many answers by using the Sacred Scriptures (SS) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). We will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30 pm starting on May 27 at St. Michael's Church (South Shore) in the Pastor's Office. This is based upon the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in a casual group discussion setting, Contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236 for further details.

Important Messages

On the 13th of May there will be a Mass at St. Patrick's for Our Lady of Fatima.

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a Summer Lunch & Movie Thursdays in St. Theresa's Hall. The event will take place on Thursdays in July and August, starting with the 2nd of July and ending on the 27th of August. This event will include lunch (soup + sandwiches/bread + ice-cream + coffee/tea) at 12:00pm, with the movie starting at 12:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organisation of the lunch. If you want to commit for the entire program time, or just for a part of it, please send an email to

sttheresas@northrock.bm or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com

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A DINNER BINGO NIGHT

Trish and Debbie are hosting a
Welcome Summer Dinner Bingo
on Saturday, May 30th at 7:30pm

Tickets: **\$30** for adults, includes water or a soft drink
Children under 12 years are **FREE**

Tickets can be purchased at weekend masses 🍌

Bingo cards **\$5** each

Donations of prizes are welcome

Hope to see you there 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

Debbie & Trish

***** St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebration *****

During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi 2026, St. Anthony's Feast Day celebrations will commence on **Saturday, 13th June, 2026** with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Confessions will available prior to Mass at 10:45 am.

There will be a Buffet Lunch at Four Ways Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the lunch can be purchased this weekend from Parish Council members. Cost \$84 includes grats. and a soft drink. Please join us for this celebration which is the first of five celebrations taking place during 2026 at St. Anthony's Church.

We look forward to your participation and support.

Dear Padre,

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,
JUNE 12, 2025

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Monday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Thursday

May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

Tuesday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Friday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Wednesday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Saturday

May 16

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28