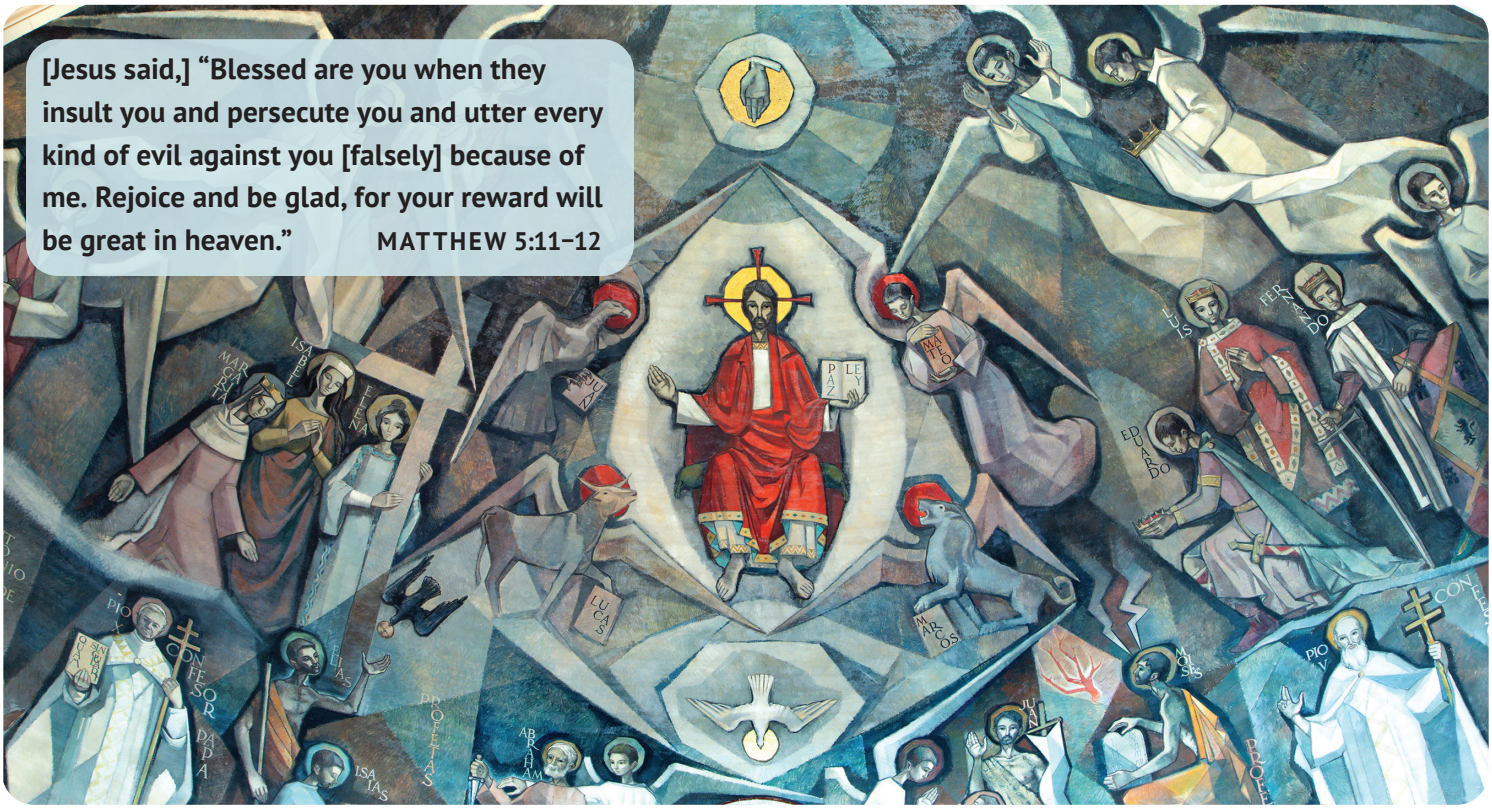
Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 1, 2026

All Saints

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12a



Come and Get It!

MIGUEL DULICK

What a lovely feast when we hear again the familiar beatitudes. Blessed! Blessed! Blessed! Are you poor in spirit? Come on down—you get the kingdom of heaven! Are you mourning? Comfort on call! Meek? This land is your land! Hungering for righteousness? Your marching days are done! Are you merciful? You ain't seen nothin' yet! What about clean of heart? That's hard to live up to, but the reward is that you get to see God! Peacemaker? "Why, you're one of my own children!" says God. And, finally…insulted and persecuted? Crowned in heaven; that is your reward!

How many saints are there? According to the Book of Revelation, "A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Pope John Paul II took that as a mandate, multiplying saints beyond the capacity of the calendar to accommodate them; he wanted every community to have a patron saint. Pope Benedict kept up the "multitude-ing," and, in 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Oscar Romero—long called *"San Romero de las Americas"* by the faithful of El Salvador since his assassination in 1980—a martyr *in odium fidei,* that is, he had been murdered out of hatred of his faith. This led to his beatification in the same year and his canonization by Pope Francis in 2018. I visited his tomb in 1985, and there were already hundreds of notes stuck on the wall, all grateful for *el milagro*—the miracle. Saints of God, pray for us. ●

Reflect

Who are my special saints? Why?

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Oct	31	11:00 am	Filipino Mass
		6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Nov	1	11:30 am	Herminio Soares & Maria de Lourdes Furtado++
Nov	3	8:30 am	
Nov	4	8:30 am	
Nov	5	8:30 am	
Nov	6	8:30 am	
Nov	7	6:15 pm	Ernest Marshall+
Nov	8	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Collection Counters, Parish Council members, 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 them in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Bulletin – October 31 /November 1, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Oct 17/18	$	970.00
Oct 24/25	$	902.00

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, British or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – this weekend

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry Nov 1: Annette and Pat
Nov 8: Annette and Anna

Saturday October 31

Lector: Pat Rodrigues
Eucharistic Minister: Pat & Levy Rodrigues
Collection: Anna Daniel and Jackie Tailford
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday Nobember 1

Lector: McKenna De S
Eucharistic Ministers: Annabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday November 7

Lector: Jackie Tailford
Eucharistic Minister: Delia Mendonca
Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues
Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday November 8

Lector: Mrs. Bean
Eucharistic Ministers: Annabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizien
Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine
Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Catholics traditionally observe November as a time dedicated to praying for the dead. On the 1st of November, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, and on the 2nd of November, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

I strongly encourage each one of us to make a resolution for this month to pray daily for our deceased family members, friends, benefactors, members of our parishes, and all the departed. Just a short prayer but daily. Like this one:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Visiting cemeteries is a great practice for November. Even if your loved ones are not buried in Bermuda, it would be spiritually useful, according to me, to visit at least once, one of our cemeteries in order to pray for the souls but also to remind ourselves that we are mortal. It helps us to gain some perspective on various matters and issues.

Have a good and blessed week and month!
Bishop Wes

Confirmation Classes

Preparation classes for Confirmation will start at the beginning of November. There will be two options:
Miss Maura Almeida will hold classes on Mondays from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 2nd of November.
Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 6:30pm also in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 4th of November.
Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 16th of May 2027, at 2:00pm in St. Theresa's Cathedral.
If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. Please contact the Chancery Office to register for classes at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com if you have not already been contacted by them..

Barbecue Dinner & Cathoic Quiz -- November 7

The barbecue dinner and quiz on your knowledge of the Catholic faith will be held November 7 after the 6:15 mass. Kindly bring any portable barbecue grills that we may use that night. Adults: $25. Children under 12 -- $15.

CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAR BOOT

The Annual Christmas Fair & Car Boot is on Saturday, November 28th, 9am-4pm. Please put this date in your diary & come out and support this Church Fundraiser! Any help before, during or after will be gratefully accepted!

PLEASE HELP!!!!!

- **CAN YOU BRING IN WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS?**
- **CAN YOU SIGN UP TO HELP ON THE DAY?**
- **CAN YOU DONATE BINGO PRIZES?**
- **CAN YOU DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES?**
- **CAN YOU OFFER TO BAKE FOR BAKE STALL?**

We are now accepting, with thanks, any raffle or Bingo prizes as well as names of helpers Thank you.
Please contact Trish 5050702 or Debbie 7370107

RCIA Programme

Please be informed that the schedule for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme has now been finalized. The programme will begin on Tuesday, 24 November, at either 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m in St. Theresa's hall. Once we have a complete list of those wishing to participate, we will determine which starting time is most convenient for the majority. The sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings and will last 90 minutes. The first part of the programme will be based on the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire. The programme is also open to those who are already Catholic but would like to deepen their faith or refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Church. To register, please contact the Chancery: 232-4414 or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com before 7 November 2026.

Lunch and Movie Programme

Thursday, 5th of November, the Lunch & Movie Event in St. Theresa's Hall - We will begin with lunch (soup and bread) at 1:00pm, with the Movie starting at 1:30pm.
The Movie will be the 2014 film "St. Vincent", written and directed by Theodore Melfi, starring Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy, Naomi Watts. Maggie, a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year-old son, Oliver. Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbour, Vincent, a retired curmudgeon with a desire for alcohol and gambling.
Length: 102 minutes
Rated PG-13

Dear Padre,

Growing up, I was never taught how to pray, just how to recite prayers. After a lot of reading about prayer, I find myself conflicted about to whom I pray. At church, we pray to Jesus. But, on the other hand, God is the Almighty One who gave me life. And to make it even harder, there are Mary and the saints. So, to whom do I pray?



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A person can end up reciting long formulas of prayers or decades of the rosary without being mentally present. Distraction in prayer is a major problem. Real prayer is conversation with God. God appreciates having our full attention.

If you really look at the prayers of the Mass, you'll see they are all directed to God the Father, with the exception of a prayer that is said to Jesus before Communion. We pray *through* Christ *in* the Holy Spirit *to* God the Father in all the other prayers. However, the Persons of the Blessed Trinity are not jealous of one another. To honor the Father brings immense pleasure to the Son, and vice-versa.

And praying to Mary and the saints is better understood as asking them to pray *with* us. Jesus said that when two are in agreement about anything they pray for, God will grant that prayer. (See Matthew 18:19.) We exercise the option of praying with others when we invoke the saints.

The great thing is that any genuine prayer is a tremendous help to one's spiritual life. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The mystery of the communion of saints…reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together…admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ…. How this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

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Monday
November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 6:3–9
Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday
November 3
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday
November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday
November 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday
November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday
November 7
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday
November 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12–16
1 Thes 4:13–18
or 4:13–14
Mt 25:1–13

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