



[Jesus said,] “Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

LUKE 10:36–37



## The Passion of Compassion

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus’ day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus’ day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God’s compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God’s compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God’s compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

### Reflect

***When have I needed a compassionate response?  
When could I have been more compassionate?***



## St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1928.  
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.  
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### Tentative Mass Schedule Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	By date: one year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	By appointment
Filipino Mass – 28 <sup>th</sup> June 20205	TBA
Kids & Youth Ministry	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
Children's Mass	TBA
<b>Pastoral &amp; Finance Council</b>	<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 7:00 p.m.</b>
Monthly Coffee Social	TBA
Second Collection	Second Sunday of the Month

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#### Parish Team Leaders

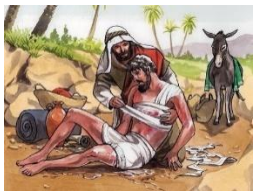
<b>Mrs. Elizabeth Card</b> – Pastoral Council Chairperson	<b>Mrs. Annette Barclay</b> St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
<b>Walette Cross</b> Stewardship Representative	<b>Natalia Walker</b> Religious Education Kids & Youth Ministry
<b>Mrs. Mary Harvey</b> - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	<b>Mrs. Jane Farge</b> Music Ministry



#### Today's Hymns

<b>Entrance:</b>	<b>Gather Your People</b>	<b>#768</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>Servant Song</b>	<b>#820</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>The Supper of the Lord</b>	<b>#774</b>
<b>Recessional:</b>	<b>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</b>	<b>#575</b>

**Leader of Song: Aidan Stones**



*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 – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

**Marisa Stones**  
**Annette Barclay**  
**Elizabeth Card**  
**Simon & Mary Stones**  
**Jane Farge**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS:**  
**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July** for the people of St. Josephs  
**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July** +Manual Edward DeSousa

#### ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July – 4:00 p.m.	19	145
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July - 8:45 a.m.	84	841
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>\$986</b>
2 Classical Concerts + Informal Musical Afternoon		<b>\$2,012</b>

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

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR PARISH?

Most churches (Catholic or otherwise) are reliant on its parishioners being actively engaged. Our parish is no different and needs your help. Please take a little time out to search your hearts to see where you can become more involved in the life of St. Joseph's. Take a good look around you on a Saturday or Sunday to see who makes up the team of volunteers!  
Saturday: Lector x 2 (75 and over):  
Eucharistic Minister x 1 (over 75)  
Sunday: Lector x 5 (2 over 75)  
Eucharistic Minister x 5 (1 under 75)  
Collection Counters x 5 (over 75)

Social Activities: This requires younger people to help to plan and see these events to fruition. The Heritage Tea is a good example, and this was a biggie, and, we are happy to say, a very successful one; however, it was a strain on the "core team" of seasoned "seniors", who executed what had to be done effectively and efficiently. Only one person on that planning committee was under the age of fifty.

Laundering of liturgical linens and altar linens; and the list goes on!! **So**

- 1) Can you give a little time to participate in one or more of the "ministries"?
- 2) Could your involvement help to build a better parish community?

If so, speak to Annette Barclay, Liz Card, or Fr. Joe.

#### 6 - ACCOMPAINMENT AND CARE IN PRENATAL AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE

Beginning at conception, children suffering from malformation or other pathologies are *little patients* who medicine today can always assist and accompany in a manner respectful of life. Their life is sacred, unique, unrepeatable, and inviolable, *exactly like that of every adult person*.  
Children suffering from prenatal pathologies, which will end in death in a short period of time, must be accompanied like any other patient until they reach natural death. *Prenatal comfort care* favors a path of *integrated assistance* involving the support of medical staff and pastoral care workers alongside the constant presence of the family. The empathetic accompaniment of a child in the terminal stages of life aims to *give life to the years of a child and not years to the child's life*.  
*Prenatal Hospice Centers* provide an essential support to families who welcome the birth of a child in a fragile condition. Medical assistance, spiritual accompaniment, and the support of families who have undergone the same experience constitute an essential resource. Efforts to expand the accessibility of these centers is a pastoral duty. Providing such care helps the parents to regard their experience not just as a loss, but as a moment in the journey of love which they have traveled with their child. Unfortunately, the dominant culture today does not encourage this approach. An obsessive recourse to prenatal diagnosis, coupled with a culture unfriendly to disability, often prompts the choice of abortion. Abortion consists in the deliberate killing of an innocent human life and as such is never lawful. The use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes is contrary to the dignity of the person and gravely unlawful because it expresses a eugenic mentality. After birth, the suspension or non-initiation of care due to disability is also inhumane and gravely immoral.  
Fr. Joe Morley, Pastor & Vicar General  
Diocese of Hamilton, Bermuda  
PS: Pastoral Note based upon my person experience dealing with parishioners - Parents/guardians it is essential that you be your child(s) NUMBER ONE ADVOCATE and following the guidelines laid out by INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS which specialize in these precious little ones and strongly insist that the health care professionals locally follow these guidelines since as a small community we do not have the experiences of these major hospitals thinking perhaps that we know better. Also, the church's stance on pro-life issues is to be followed as this series of articles suggests.  
**SOURCE:** *Letter of The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, SAMARITANUS BONUS, On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life. Compendium, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2021, pages 10 & 11.*

#### BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In the liturgical calendar, most seasons make sense, such as Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. All of these seasons revolve around a particular feast and reflect specific spiritual themes. Right now, liturgically we are in Ordinary Time, there is no particular feast, and it stands out as a more "generic time" of the year. This doesn't mean that there is no "theme" to this time of year, only that it is not punctuated by a particular feast. The green colour in liturgy is usually used during this time of the year. The ordinariness of this season is further reinforced by the current name of the season, though over the centuries it has taken on different names.

The first part of Ordinary Time, that takes place after the feast of the Epiphany, originally it was simply called "Time after Epiphany" or "Epiphanytide." This marked a liturgical season until Ash Wednesday.

Similarly, the period of time after the celebration of Pentecost was a separate season called "Time after Pentecost" and lasted all the way until Advent. In 1969, when the liturgical calendar was revised, the Latin name for this season was "Tempus per Annum" or in English, "Time during the Year." The name lends itself to a more generic interpretation, focusing on the events in the life of Jesus Christ's ministry.

The English translators of the current liturgical books chose to present it as [Ordinary Time](#), which has at its root the Latin word ordo, or in English, "order." In one sense this season takes its name from the ordinal numbers by which the Sundays are known (Second, Third, Fourth, etc. Sunday in Ordinary Time).

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

Bishop Wes

**2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Grandparents and the Elderly:** We wish to advise you that on Saturday, 26th of July there will be a 2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Grandparents and the Elderly in our Diocese. At 11:00 a.m. there will be Holy Mass at St. Michael's Church in Paget, followed by a light lunch in the hall. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Chancery Office at 232-4414 or by email to [orcc.bermuda@gmail.com](mailto:orcc.bermuda@gmail.com).



# Dear Padre,

*I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?*

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 1:8–14, 22	Ex 2:1–15a	Ex 3:1–6, 9–12	Ex 3:13–20	Ex 11:10–12:14	Ex 12:37–42	Gn 18:1–10a
Mt 10:34–11:1	Mt 11:20–24	Mt 11:25–27	Mt 11:28–30	Mt 12:1–8	Mt 12:14–21	Col 1:24–28
						Lk 10:38–42



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*This is the prayer that I suggest to you today.*  
*“Lord, that I might see and have compassion just like you see me and have compassion on me”—*  
*that we might have compassion on those whom we encounter along the way, above all on those who suffer and are in need....*

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 10, 2022**

# Our Sunday Readings

DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14  
PSALM 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37  
or PSALM 19:8-11  
COLOSSIANS 1:15-20  
LUKE 10:25-37

## Carry it Out

### DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

#### Reading closely

1. What might the people have thought of God's law?
2. In what ways could God's law have felt *mysterious and remote*?
3. How is the law *near to people*?
4. How do you think people reacted to these words?
5. How confident do you think people were that they could fulfill God's law?

#### Living the word

6. Do you think it's easier to know or to follow God's law?
7. Have you ever used ignorance as an excuse for not following God?

*The neighbor... is not the one I find in my path, but the one in whose path I place myself...*

—Gustavo Gutiérrez,  
*A Theology of Liberation*

### THE FIRST READING

#### Given again

*Deuteronomy* comes from the Greek words for *second law*. The book contains updated versions of the commandments given at Mount Sinai. These updated laws guided new generations of Israelites who were living under different circumstances than those of their ancestors.

The laws in the Book of Deuteronomy are also presented as part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites. (His death is recorded at the end of this book.) The people are about to move into Canaan, the land God had promised to give them. Before they move forward to receive this gift of land, Moses reminds them that they must uphold God's law.

#### No excuses

Moses makes it clear that the people have the strength to uphold the Sinai Covenant. God's laws are neither difficult to understand nor impossible to obey. On the contrary, the people completely know what God wants. All they have to do now is act on it.

## LUKE 10:25-37

### Reading closely

1. What might the scholar think of Jesus?
2. What might the scholar think about himself?
3. Who might be with the scholar? How might their presence affect his behavior?
4. What outcome might the scholar want from this exchange?
5. Why does the scholar question Jesus further?
6. As Jesus tells the parable, what might people feel toward the man who is attacked?
7. How might people feel about the way the priest and Levite act?
8. How might the (Jewish) listeners feel about the Samaritan's actions?
9. What level of care does the Samaritan provide?
10. How do you think the scholar regards Jesus by the end of this parable?
11. How might people have reacted to this story?

### Living the word

12. How does the parable affect you?

## THE GOSPEL READING

### Common ground

As Jesus continues his journey to the cross, he runs up against persons of authority who question his ministry. The man in this passage tries to pull Jesus into a legal debate. Rather than square off against him, Jesus honors his knowledge (v.26), then agrees with him (v.28), then changes the tone of the confrontation by telling a story — and everyone loves a good story!

### Strong storytelling

The more we know about the parable, the more compelling it becomes.

- The circumstances are quite real: people traveling alone were easily attacked and robbed.
- Jesus' listeners might have thought that the two Jewish men were avoiding contact with a corpse. Such contact kept them from their religious duties until they ritually cleansed themselves. However, the man isn't dead, and if he were, Jewish law permitted contact with the dead for the sake of proper burial.

- People probably expected the third person to be an ordinary Jew. They would have been startled when Jesus instead brings a Samaritan into the story. Samaritans descended from Abraham, but their cultural and religious practices had become so different from that of the Jews that the Jews regarded them as worse than pagans.

### Extravagant compassion

The Samaritan's actions are an example of overwhelming love.

- The Samaritan approaches what the others crossed the road to avoid
- In taking time to treat the man's wounds, the Samaritan risks being attacked by robbers, too
- The Samaritan takes the man to an inn, spends the night caring for him, and promises to pay for whatever else the man might need

### Do this

When the scholar asked, "Who is my neighbor?" he wanted some kind of religious debate. Jesus shifts the discussion back to actual behavior.

Jesus also challenges the scholar's point of view. The scholar wanted to know whom he should regard as a neighbor. The story invites him to consider instead how he should be a neighbor to others.

Finally, Jesus completely erases the boundaries between "us" and "them." A neighbor is anyone who responds to others with love regardless of who the other person is.

## PRAYER

by Mother Teresa

Make us worthy, Lord,  
to serve our fellow men and women throughout  
the world who live and die in poverty and hunger.  
Give them through our hands this day  
their daily bread,  
and by our understanding love,  
give peace and joy.  
Amen.

# LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH



## *We Are Companions on the Journey*

*Dear friends,*

I'm sure by now most of you have seen the message about mental health issues at the bottom of the weekly church bulletin and you might be wondering what this is all about.

Hello, my name is Daniel Pereira and most of you know me as Danny. Last year our family suffered an unimaginable tragedy when one of our beloved members took his own life, leaving everyone of us in deep shock and total disbelief. And it left me asking myself the question "why didn't I see this coming?" since we spent quite a lot of time together at family events. My son-in-law was kind, compassionate and a loving father who loved family, food and fun. Yet deep down he was obviously dealing with some strong emotions/feelings that he kept well hidden. Had we known then what we learned about his life, I am sure that things would have turned out differently.



After months of prayer and guidance it became clear to me that there must be a better way to reach out to people who are struggling on a day-to-day basis. While there is a stigma attached to the words "Mental Health" those words actually take into account so many different problems that each one of us will face at some point, often without us realizing how much they affect our lives. To quote a favorite author of mine "to do nothing is not an option" when we are faced with a problem. After finding out that there was not much help available through the church, I set out looking for likeminded people who were willing to have a conversation to help our parish community, with the hope of branching out to the other parishes. Hence, we set up a Think Tank comprising of eight people from in and outside of our parish, including others who have endured the same trauma and a well-known Clinical Psychologist.

Some of the group members have taken the Mental Health First Aid Course which is offered by the Bermuda Hospitals Board. This is a course to make one aware of what signs to look for in individuals that may be struggling with issues and how to approach that person, how to ask the right questions, how to know when to simply listen or when to guide them to resources and/or professional help.

I am pleased to say that the team is committed and we meet on a regular basis. Our main goal is to open the conversation around Mental Health in the St Patrick's community, with the hope that anyone who is struggling will know that you are not alone and that there is help available. As a first step, we are planning to have an insert in the bulletin each month, highlighting the many different areas of Mental Health.

We hope you find them helpful and can possibly use them as a catalyst for conversation with family and friends.

*Peace and Blessings,*

***Danny***



# What is Mental Health?



The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines “mental health” as “a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stressors of life, can work productively and fruitfully and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.”

Mental Health is seen as a continuum, ranging from good mental health to having a mental disorder or illness. Some people may only have one episode of mental illness in their lifetime, while others have multiple episodes with periods of wellness between. A small minority have ongoing mental health problems.

## How Common are Mental Health Illnesses/Disorders?

According to WHO, almost 1 in 2 of us will suffer from a mental health illness at some point in our lives. In 2019, 1 in every 8 people, or 970 million people around the world, were living with a mental disorder, with anxiety and depressive disorders being the most common. In 2020, the number of people living with anxiety and depressive disorders rose between 26-28% because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anxiety disorders – including panic, separation and social anxiety disorders - are the most common, affecting 20% of us at some point in our lives. Mood disorders – such as depression or bipolar (where a person’s mood can switch rapidly from “up” to “down”) - are the next most common, with up to a 19% lifetime prevalence. Depression can increase the risk of suicide.

Mental illness often impacts a person’s behaviour, directly impacting loved ones, friends and colleagues. Many people with a mental health disorder also experience stigma and discrimination.

Effective psychological treatment exists and, in some cases, medication may also be considered.

## You are not alone

- If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, help is available:
- Speak to your GP and, if needed, be referred to a mental health professional
- Walk into Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute Acute Clinic (MWI), weekdays, 8am to 5pm, for immediate help or call 236-3770.
- Call the 24-hour MWI Crisis Line at 239-1111.
- Go to the Emergency Department at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital.
- If you are with someone who you believe may have attempted suicide, call 911 *immediately*.



## What can I do to help?

Family and friends are a very important source of support for someone struggling with their mental health or suffering from a mental illness. They can help by having an understanding of the illness and providing the same support as they would if the person had a physical illness.

Consider taking the **Mental Health First Aid Course** run regularly by Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute (MWI). For details, go to: <https://bermudahospitals.bm/organizer/mhfa-and-mid-atlantic-wellness-institute/>

Attend the **Bermuda Hospitals Board Family Support Group** - free drop-in meetings twice a month for people who have family members or loved ones with mental health issues. For more information call 236-3770 or email [family.support@bhb.bm](mailto:family.support@bhb.bm)