



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***



**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8



St. Anthony's Church

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Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance

Weddings: By Appointment –A year in advance

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sept 13	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Sept 14	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sept 16	8:30 am	
Sept 17	8:30 am	
Sept 18	8:30 am	
Sept 19	8:30 am	
Sept 20	6:15 pm	Jose Francisco Linhares+ & Maria Connie Cabral+
Sept 21	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 Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

Words of Life --- September 14th

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

WELCOME FATHER JACOB SWAPAN GOMES

St. Anthony's Parish welcomes new Pastor, Father Jacob Swapan Gomes who arrived in Bermuda this weekend and are very pleased to have him join our parish community at St. Anthony's. At next weekend's Sunday coffee social, we will formally welcome Father Jacob and encourage all parishioners of St. Anthony to attend and take the opportunity to meet and greet our new Pastor of St. Anthony's Church.

Bulletin for September 13 / September 14, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Aug 30/Aug 31	\$ 809.00
Sept 6/Sept 7	\$ 808.00

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 the month

Counting Schedule:

This week: Annette and Anna
Next week: Annette and Gabby

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

"Charlie Kirk, the conservative activist and Turning Point USA co-founder who energized a generation of young voters, was shot and killed on the afternoon of Sept. 10 during a college event in Utah, President Donald Trump said on social media." (Catholic Vote, by Elise Winland on Sept. 10, 2025). This some have said is a "political assignation the day before the 24th anniversary of 9/11 which saw thousands die (along with 2 Bermudians) and about 48,000 who have died from the fallout and who continue to die today. Unfortunately the above caption and some stats, but not surprising as Scripture warns us and society experienced initially, we continue to witness Christ crucified in the world through various mechanisms of oppression. In Jesus' time, the cross was a barbaric instrument of torture. Yet it has been transformed into the cultivate symbol of hope springing from Jesus' victory over death. The cross serves as a never-ending source of hope for us today in the face of so many seemingly hopeless situations of violence, separation, and injustice. As Jesus challenges us to see Him reflected in others, we can also see Jesus crucified in the faces of people suffering today and throughout history. We sometimes even participate in Jesus' crucifixion through our actions/inactions toward others. Established to

commemorate the finding of the true cross of Jesus by St. Helena in the fourth century, this feast invites us to meditate upon the redemption won for us by Christ. On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we proclaim the Good News that God transforms suffering and death into new life. Our God reigns victorious, even over the evil of death. As Judaeo-Catholic Christians, today we rejoice in the mystery of the cross, which bring about our freedom, salvation, and life. Let us remember that DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL SAY, SATAN IS DEFEATED (he is a fallen angel who does not have that much power - as he is #6 in line after: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Mary, St. Michael the archangel). For us mere mortals - one thing you have to say about today's terrorists/assassins is that they are willing to die for what they believe. The tragedy is that terrorists/assassins are more willing to pay a price and are more willing to die for a lie than some Christians are to live for the truth. Let us be bold, be faithful, be Catholic, be hopeful and be courageous like Christ. Amen.

God bless,

Fr. Joe Morley, Vicar General (DOHB)

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In a landmark cultural and spiritual celebration, the Vatican is preparing to transform St. Peter's Square into a stage for a one-of-a-kind concert, bringing together global music stars and a powerful message of fraternity. Promoted as a first-ever event, the concert will stream live worldwide on Disney+, Hulu, and ABC News Live starting on the 13th of September at 3pm ET/12pm PT.

For the first time, St. Peter's Square will host a public musical spectacle, co-directed by the unlikely duo of Pharrell Williams and Andrea Bocelli, with the blessing of the Vatican. The concert not only caps the third World Meeting on Human Fraternity but also serves as a joyful highlight of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025. The Vatican describes the evening as designed to be a mix of music, reflection, visual storytelling, and as a moment of global unity.

Perhaps most striking is the collaboration at the helm with Pharrell Williams, the American pop hit-maker not generally associated with Church events, and Andrea Bocelli, Italy's world-famous tenor, have co-directed the concert. Speaking about the project, Williams said: "This is a rare cultural moment where the world stops and collectively tunes in. It is a message of unity and grace for all of humanity." Bocelli echoed the sense of mission, stating: "Let us shine a spotlight on humanity with music from the very heart

of Christianity and the most important spiritual square, reaching the entire world with a single message of brotherhood and peace."

Their words highlight not only the uniqueness of the concert itself but also the deeper symbolism of two very different musical worlds joining forces to promote fraternity.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

Jubilee Mass for Migrants and Foreign Labourers:

On **Saturday, September 27th** there will be a 2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Migrants and Foreign Labourers in our Diocese. At **11:00 am** there will be Holy Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral in Pembroke, followed by a light lunch in the Cathedral hall. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Chancery Office at 232-4414 or by email to orcc.bermuda@gmail.com

Special Celebration

There will be a celebration dinner for the Feast of St. Theresa and the 10th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Wes on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at 7:45pm in St. Theresa's Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting from next weekend, September 13/14, from St. Theresa's Parish Council Members. Tickets will also be available for purchase from the Rectory Office; Adults: \$40.00 and Children 12 and under: \$20.00.

Volunteers Needed

St. Joseph's Church is looking for volunteers to paint the outside of the church on Oct. 4th. If you can help, contact Justin Tavares on 516-4326. Lunch will be provided.

CCD / SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school, which is known as **ST. ANTHONY'S FRIDAY CLUB**, will start Friday October 3rd at 6:30pm. All children from 5 years and up are welcomed to join us. If you have an older child needing community service, we can use their help. Our class is from 6.30-8pm every Friday with a break at times. Please email me at stanthonycdd@yahoo.com or give me a call on 236-2438 if you wish more info.

Thanks. Anna Daniel

STELLA MARIS CHURCH - FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT

Stella Maris Church will be holding a Dinner/Bingo to help raise funds for their church maintenance fund on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30PM** in the St. Theresa's Church Hall. Tickets: Adults \$25 and Children \$15 (10 & under). For tickets please contact Susanna at 535-3195 or mlandscaping@northrock.bm

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

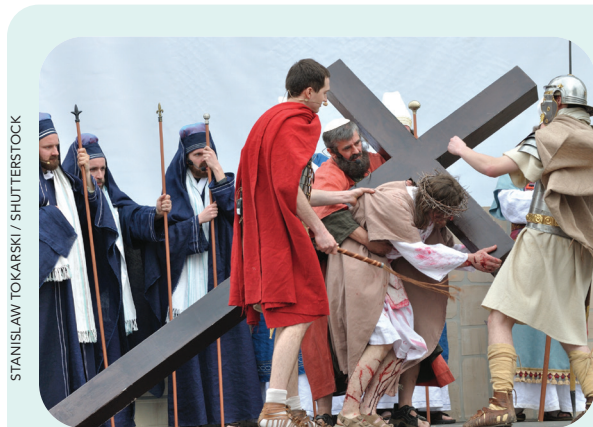
Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

**ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
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