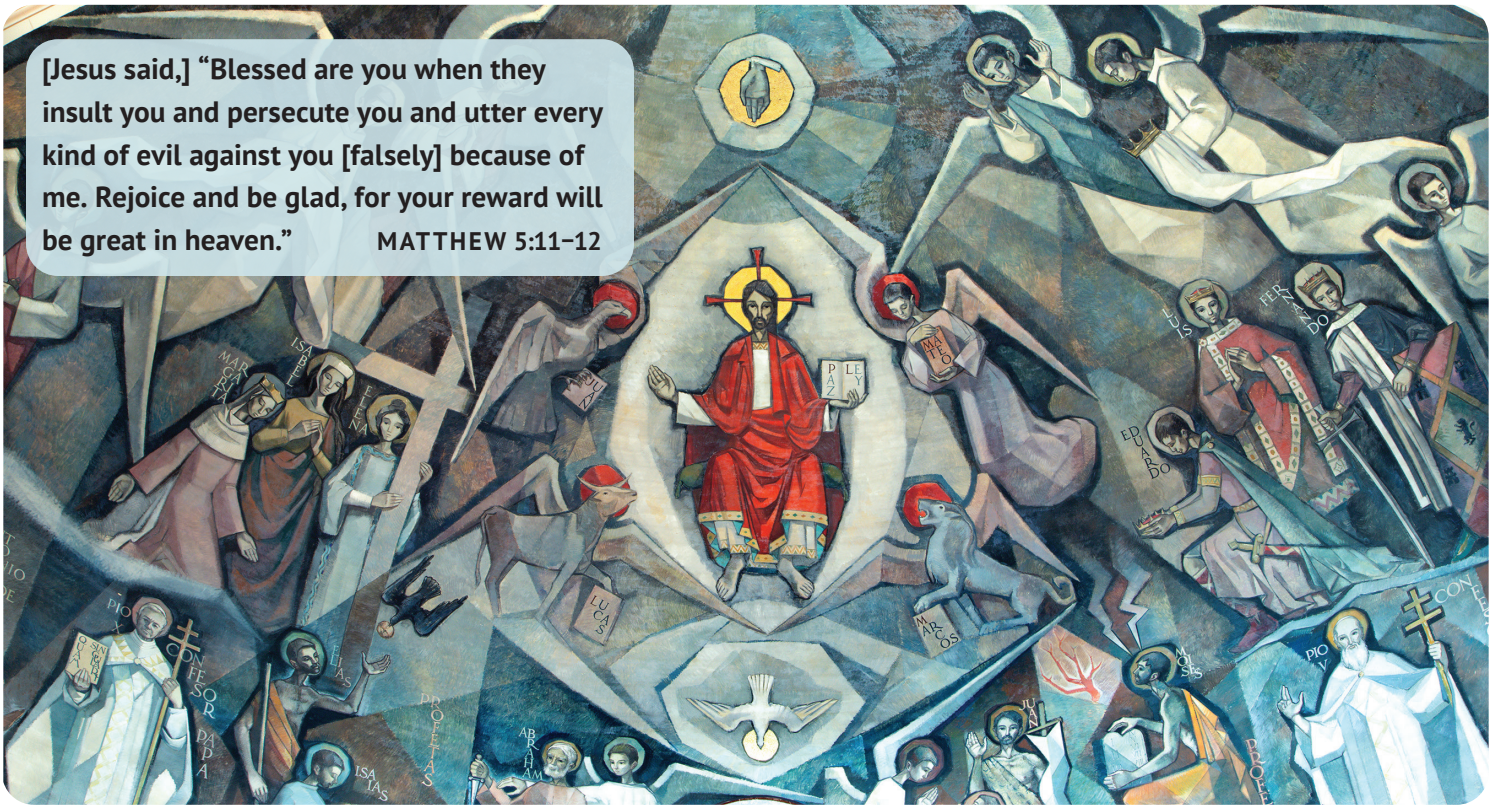
Our Parish COMMUNITY

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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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. (Final Afternoon Mass until further notice)
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	TBA
Youth Ministry & FHC	Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Youth/Family Mass	22nd November 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Coffee Social	22nd November 2026

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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:	**Glory and Praise to Our God**	**#574**
Offertory:	**I Have Loved You**	**#623**
Communion:	**Pan de Vida**	**#784**
Recessional:	**Though the Mountains May Fall**	**#682**

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



Family of Saints in Glory
This inspiring image that shows the unity of God's holy people

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

Sunday – 8th November 2026

Proclaimer of God's Word	**Cassie Tavares**
Opening/Closing of the Church	**Stephen Card**
Eucharistic Minister	**Jane Bermingham**
Collection Counters	**Kathie Ausenda**
Altar Server	**Liam/Seamus Stones**
Music	**Jane Farge**

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, 31st October For the People of St. Josephs
Sunday, 1st November In Thanksgiving

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 24th Oct – 4:00 p.m. (Reg)	5	80
Sunday, 25th Oct – 9:00a.m. (Reg)	28	309
(Donations)		240
		$629

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



CONDOLENCES:
It is with great sadness that we learnt that Jane's husband, Peter (Farge), passed away earlier in the week, after a lengthy illness. Please pray for the repose of his soul. During this time of her bereavement, please keep dear Jane in your thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen

BIRTHDAYS

Ana Frois (Pereira) 2nd November

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



To all who supported our **FALL SUPPER** in any way, we extend our heartfelt **THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO YOU.**

A special acknowledgement of **THANKS** goes out to Grace and her team of wonderful ladies, and Kathie, who managed the preparation, and well-organized "take-out" supper. The food was prepared by the Bone Fish Restaurant Bar & Grill, Grace, and Liz; it was delicious. The thirteen "dine ins" had a most enjoyable supper, that included a lot of chatter, good fellowship, and raffle vouchers.

$3,080 was deposited - it included tickets, raffles and donations) - a further D/D donation has been received and will increase this amount. **THANK YOU**.

The **"In Thanksgiving"** intention was requested by Gladys Nanud and Sean Fulton owners of Fresh Aura Bermuda, located on Trott Road, in Hamilton. They generously donated $150.00 to St. Josephs. We take this opportunity to thank them for their kindness and benevolence; it is very much appreciated.

Please mark your calendars with the following **St. Joseph's events**!!

Friday, 4th December –Annual Christmas Bingo & light Supper to be held at the St. James Church Hall
Sunday, 13th December – Our Christmas get-together at 2:30 p.m., in the Church, where we come together and have fun as a Parish Family in the Spirit of the Season!! A social to follow afterwards in the Parish Centre.

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

Thursday, 5th of November, the Lunch & Movie Event in St. Theresa's Hall - We will begin with lunch (soup and bread) at 1:00 p.m., with the Movie starting at 1:30 p.m. 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

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 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 2nd of November.

Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on Wednesdays from 5:00p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 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 2:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

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. 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 7th November 2026.

ST. ANTHONY's will hold

- a Catholic Quiz Night and BBQ Supper on Saturday, 7th November starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information contact A. Daniel 236-2438 or D. Thornhill 505-7412
- their **Annual Christmas Fair & Car Boot Sale** on Saturday, 28th November. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For further information contact prodrogu@logic.bm or 524-1026

Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore, let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

All Saints

Main Message

- God calls everyone to holiness
- The saints show us how to follow Jesus
- The Beatitudes describe a holy life
- Heaven gathers people from every nation



The Readings

- First Reading — Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14: A great multitude before God
- Psalm — Psalm 24: Seek the face of the Lord
- Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3: We are children of God
- Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12a: Jesus teaches the Beatitudes

Key Scripture

"Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5:9)

Themes To Know

- Holiness
- Communion of Saints
- Beatitudes
- Hope of heaven
- Children of God

What This Means For Us

- Choose mercy instead of revenge
- Be a peacemaker
- Stand up for what is right
- Follow Jesus in everyday choices

Try This

Choose one Beatitude to live today.

Reflection Questions

- Which Beatitude is hardest for you?
- What makes someone a saint?
- How can you bring peace today?

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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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