

When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

or all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, "There's no more wine." It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel "espoused" not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God's presence. •

Reflect

Is there an area in your life where you need "new wine"?



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Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings

here or overseas

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on-line community.

DATES		TIMES		INTENTIONS	
Sat.	Jan. 18th	6:30pm		Birthday wishes for Jason, Chloe, &	
				Amanda Marie DeSilva	
Sun.	Jan. 19th	8:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soares & James Soares	
	(Portuguese)	10:00am	+	António Masinho	
		11:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda & Victor Moniz Emilia & Stanislaw Baran	
		6:0pm			
Mon.	Jan. 20th	7:30am	+	Fr. Andrew Sosnowski	
Tues.	Jan. 21st	7:30am		Healing Intentions for Victoria Pampilona &	
				Andrea Matcham	
Wed.	Jan. 22nd	7:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family	
		12:10pm	+	Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, &	
			+	Maria Encarhacao Martins	
Thurs.	Jan. 23rd	7:30am	+	Margaret Elliot	
		12:10pm	+	In Loving Memory & Gratitude for the Life of	
			+	Dennis DeSousa	
Fri.	Jan. 24th	7:30am			
		12:10pm			
Sat.	Jan. 25th	6:30pm	+	Happy Birthday in Heaven, Jacqueline Barton	
Sun.	Jan. 26th	8:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Victor Soares	
	(Portuguese)	10:00am			
		11:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family	
		6:00pm		Intention & Thanksgiving for Maurice Barreto	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: January 25th & 26th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	B. D. Knights	A. Cannonier	B. Mandocdoc
Communion	P. Whitecross	G. Lovecchio	E. Mosley	C. Sevilla
Ministers:	G. Alayon	H. Cabral	J. Alcantara	E. Dangl
	D. DeSilva	E. Cabral	C. Kieck	A. Galea
	J. Judd	O. Scarth		
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	J. Pearman	N/A	L. Niere
				E. Largo



JUBILEE 2025:



On Saturday, February 8th, we want to create an opportunity to launch our

2025 Jubilee celebrations starting with those who are sick.

There will be a special Mass for their intentions at St. Patrick's church with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00am, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual benediction, and a social following downstairs in the parish hall. If you need transportation to get to church for this event, please call your respective parish office or our Chancery Office.

Please also let us know in the same way if you or your family member is sick and either home bound or bed bound, and would like to receive a visit from the priest with the Sacraments.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Looking for a way to share and assist others?

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Direct deposit to SVDP Society – BNTB 2000 6060 4767 11100

<u>or</u> donate with use of the **SVDP** envelopes.





WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Both In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God Stewardship and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for

the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual	
Collection:	Jan 11th/12th	\$3,437.50	
Electronic offering:	Jan 11th/12th	\$2,082.00	
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 2	\$10.313.50	

Thank you for your support!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

January 19th-25th, 2025

Donation Given for Two 7- day Candles

& Two Roses

In Loving Memory of Margaret Elliot



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEE -

January 18th/19th

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection.

In Bermuda, this collection will take place this weekend, January 18th and 19th. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100, and be sure to **include** "Holy See" in the memo field.

Thank you for your stewardship!



INFORMATION SESSION:

MSA will be hosting its next INFORMATION SESSION on Thursday, February 6 at 5:30 pm

This Information Session will focus on all grades Early Learning Program to Grade 12.

Come see what our only Catholic school has to offer with a tour and time to chat with some of our faculty members.

AFTERNOON MOVIE:



Monday, January 27th marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp has become a symbol of the Holocaust. On Tuesday, January 28th at 3:00pm in St. Theresa's Hall, there will be a presentation of a recent film "One Life", starring Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Jonathan Pryce. This film tells the true story of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis on the verge of World War II. There will be coffee/tea and cake during the intermission. The film's runtime is 109 minutes.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to share with you some events that are to take place in our Catholic community in

Bermuda in 2025. I am not including the main Christian solemnities nor Government public holidays.

18th to 25th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

26th of January, Sunday – Word of God Sunday

5th of March, Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

17th of March, Monday – St. Patrick's Parish Liturgical Feast

19th of March, Wednesday – St. Joseph's Parish Liturgical Feast

26th of March, Wednesday – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's

27th of March, Thursday - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Theresa's

15th of April, Tuesday–7:30pm – Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's 26th of April, Saturday - 11:00am - Annual Mass for the Deceased at Holy Calvary Cemetery

27th of April, Sunday – 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Patrick's

13th of May, Tuesday – 7:00pm – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's

1st of June, Sunday – 1:30pm – Senhor Santo Cristo Feast at St. Theresa's

8th of June, Sunday - 2:00pm - Confirmation Mass at St. Theresa's

12th of June, Thursday – 58th Anniversary of the Establishment of our Diocese

13th of June, Friday – St. Anthony's Parish Liturgical Feast

15th of June, Sunday – 2:00pm – Divino Espirito Santo Feast at Stella Maris

29th of September, Monday – St. Michael's Parish Liturgical **Feast**

1st of October, Wednesday – St. Theresa's Feast, Patroness of the Parish and of the Diocese

4th of October, Saturday – St. Theresa's Celebration & 10th Anniversary of Bishop Wes' Ordination

13th of October, Monday – 7:00pm – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's

1st of November, Saturday - 11:00am - All Souls' Mass at St. Theresa's

12th of December, Friday – 7:00pm – Stella Maris Parish Liturgical Feast

Jubilee 2025 Events:

8th February, Saturday – Jubilee of the Sick at St. Patrick's

22nd March, Saturday – Jubilee of the Married Couples at St. Joseph's

21st June, Saturday – Jubilee of the CCD Children at St. Anthony's

26th July, Saturday – Jubilee of the Grandparents and the Elderly at St. Michael's

27th September, Saturday – Jubilee of the Migrants and Foreign Laborers at St. Theresa's

18th October, Saturday – Jubilee of the Widows, Widowers and Singles at Stella Maris

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

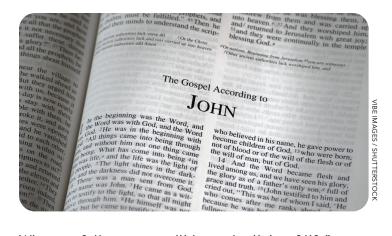
Bishop Wes

Dear Padre,

Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts.

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday		
January 20		
Weekday		
Heb 5:1-10		
Mk 2:18-22		

TuesdayJanuary 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 6:10–20 Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 7:1–3, 15–17 Mk 3:1–6

Thursday January 23 Weekday Heb 7:25–8:6 Mk 3:7–12

Friday January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 8:6–13 Mk 3:13–19

Saturday January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 Mk 16:15–18

Sunday January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer?

When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?

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