



## Best Friends

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**H**enry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

### Reflect

***Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?***

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

MARK 10:21



## St. Anthony's Church

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**Reconciliation:** By appointment

**Baptisms:** By Appointment – One month in advance

**Weddings:** By Appointment –A year in advance

**Organist:** Jane Farge

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**St. Vincent de Paul Rep:** Pat Rodrigues

**St. Vincent de Paul – 525-1191**

### Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Oct 12	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sun	Oct 13	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Tues	Oct 15	8:30 am	
Wed	Oct 16	8:30 am	
Thurs	Oct 17	8:30 am	
Fri	Oct 18	8:30 am	
Sat	Oct 19	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sun	Oct 20	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. if you can assist, kindly let Father Joe know.

### Mass Schedule for St. Anthony's

Starting from 15<sup>th</sup> of October to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2024 the morning **weekday** Mass at St. Anthony's will commence at 8:30 am. **Please be aware that St. Anthony's Church will be open prior and closed after each Mass.**

### Bulletin for October 12/October13, 2024

#### Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Sept 28/Sept 29 \$ 1,048.00

October 6/Oct 7 \$ 1,246.00

**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 i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that 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 in the collection baskets.

#### Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

Counters this week: Annette and Alice

Next week: Annette and Anna

#### Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading, a rich man believes he must do many things to inherit the kingdom of God and that he has done all of them. Jesus, however, teaches that only one thing is necessary: to follow Jesus. One cannot carry heavy baggage around while following Jesus. One must travel light. This is what the rich man cannot do. He wants to have his possessions (plus security and prestige) and have Jesus too. Scripture also says: You cannot serve both God and mammon. (Matthew 6:24)

Still, Jesus looks at the rich man and loves him. In Hebrews, the Word of God discerns the thoughts of the heart. The Word is both Scripture, through which God continues to speak, and Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate (as in John 1:14). No creature is concealed from Jesus; we are all exposed or laid bare to his eyes. But the eyes that fully see us look at us, and into us, with love.

The disciples are amazed. How could it be that a man who has faithfully kept God's commandments cannot enter the kingdom of heaven simply because he has many possessions that he doesn't want to give up? Peter protests that the disciples have done what the rich man could not; they have given up everything to follow Jesus. They preferred Jesus to all earthly riches (see Wisdom 7:8-10). Jesus reassures them that they will receive a hundredfold reward for their sacrifice. Jesus is the only one who keeps his promises. As in Wisdom, "all good things"

come to the disciples in his company. The surprise is that they will receive it "in this present age" - perhaps through the fellowship and care of their new brothers and sisters in Christ (see Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-35). The catch is buried quietly in the last line: "with persecutions." Following Jesus is an abundant, overflowing life, but not one free from suffering. Do you relate to these Scriptures or not?

God bless,

Fr. Joe (Acting) Pastor and Vicar General

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### Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

It was recommended by "a higher power" that I remind the priests who minister in our diocese about the regulation of Canon Law that is quoted below. But I believe that it is good to make it known to all of our faithful, as perhaps not everybody has had a chance to learn about certain Church rules and their consequences for the functioning of our churches:

Canon 534

1. Every parish priest (pastor or rector) is obliged to apply a Mass for the people entrusted to him on each Sunday and holy day of obligation in his diocese. If he is legitimately impeded from this celebration, he is to apply it on the same days through another priest or on other days himself.
2. A pastor/rector who has the care of several parishes is bound to apply only one Mass for the entire people entrusted to him on the days mentioned in #1.
3. A pastor/rector who has not satisfied the obligation mentioned in #1 and #2 is to apply as soon as possible, as many Masses for the people that he has omitted.

Regarding #2, "the only one Mass for the entire people entrusted to him" does not forbid the priest from celebrating the Pro Populo Mass separately in each parish he ministers.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

Bishop Wes

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### House Sale at Rectory

There are still some household items for sale in the rectory. Kindly see Pat Rodrigues for assistance.

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### Bible Study

**EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY** - looks at the 3 Scriptural readings for the upcoming weekend with questions for discussion after each reading with those present. It is a very good way to prepare for the Scriptures with other parishioners. This is a free Bible Study and all of the information will be provided. It will be taking place at St. Michael's on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome. For further information please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

**ST. CHARLES "GOING DEEPER" BIBLE STUDY** - which goes into greater detail virtually line by line for the upcoming Scriptural readings at Mass. This is a NEW free Bible Study and all of the information will be provided. It will be taking place at St. Michael's starting on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome. For further information please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

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### Bingo for Seniors

**Bingo for Seniors:** On Friday November 22nd bingo for seniors (50+) will resume from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bingo cards will sell for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. A list of possible prize donations for the bingo is located in the back of the church. Please sign up for a donation prize. All those who attend are asked to bring a tray of sandwiches or a dessert. If you have any questions, contact Annette Boyle at 236-7759.

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### WORD OF LIFE: October 13, 2024

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

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### Catholic Faith and Life 2025 Calendars

The Catholic Faith and Life 2025 calendars are now available at the St. Theresa's gift shop for \$10 each.

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### St. Anthony's Club

Our Friday Club (CCD) will start on November 1st from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the hall. Email Anna Daniel at [stanthonyccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stanthonyccd@yahoo.com) for registration or any questions. Thanks.

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## [Additional Bulletin News](#)



### [Our Lady of Fatima Feast](#)

This weekend, you are invited to the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima at **St. Patrick's** on **Sunday, October 13** at **7:00 p.m.** It will begin with a candlelight procession in the parking lot (weather permitting) where the Rosary will be recited and continue into the Church for Mass celebrated in Portuguese by Bishop Wes Spiewak. All are welcome!

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### [IMPORTANT NOTICE – Your feedback is necessary.](#)

The Diocesan Pastoral Council members received a homework assignment to “investigate” in our parishes whether the attendees of our Masses, see their spiritual needs as being met or unmet? If unmet, what needs to improve? For your feedback, please contact St. Anthony's representative: **Patricia Rodrigues** on **524-1026** or email: [prodigu@logic.bm](mailto:prodigu@logic.bm).

All feedback and suggestions are welcomed. Thank you.

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### [Peace and Social Justice Committee](#)

On Friday, October 25, 2024 from 7pm to 10pm in St. Theresa's Hall, The Peace & Social Justice Committee of our Diocese will be hosting its Award Ceremony honoring Ms. Denise Carey Executive Director of Home, and Mr. Arthur Wightman Founder of Home as this year's recipients! They have worked tirelessly with the Bermuda Government and other local agencies and charities on island to create a single plan to eradicate homelessness in Bermuda. This is a diocesan event and all are welcome!

Please RSVP your attendance by contacting Alice Astwood-Smith via email [lajsmith@logic.bm](mailto:lajsmith@logic.bm) or phone 337-0751 (leave a message), no later than **Monday, October 21, 2024**. There is no charge to attend however, if you wish to make a donation at the door it would be greatly appreciated!

## [International Dinner at St. Anthony's](#)

An international dinner will soon take place in St. Anthony's hall on October 19 at 7:30 pm. Each person attending is asked to bring a dish of their favorite international food.

Price: Adults -- \$20

Children -- \$10

Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend.

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## [St. Anthony's Christmas Fair](#)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th** 🎄 🎄 🎄

The annual Christmas Fair and Car Boot sale is fast approaching. We welcome any ideas or offers of help. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and we would be thrilled if everyone was involved 😊 Please help! If you have any questions, please reach out to either Trish or Debbie.

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### [World Mission Sunday](#)

The third Sunday of October is annually celebrated as World Mission Sunday. This year it falls on the 20th of October. It has always been an occasion to express our support of the missionary work of the Catholic Church through prayer and a special collection. Envelopes will be available next Sunday in all our churches. The collection will be taken on the weekend 19th/20th of October.

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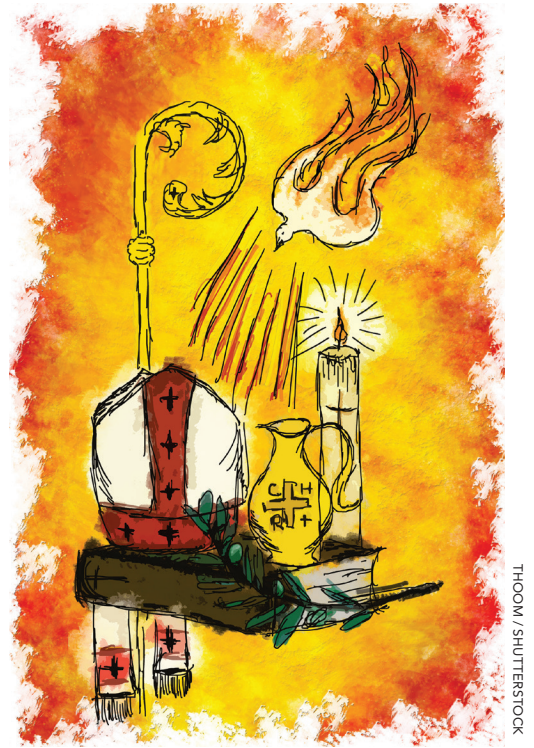
### [MSA Information Session](#)

Mount Saint Agnes Academy will be hosting an INFORMATION SESSION on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30pm**. This Information Session will focus on the MIDDLE SCHOOL years. Come out to see what our only Catholic school has to offer, with a tour and opportunity to speak with some of the faculty members. Please RSVP to email; [msaoffice@msa.bm](mailto:msaoffice@msa.bm) or call 292-4134.

# Dear Padre,

***When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.***

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
October 14 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1 Lk 11:29–32	October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Gal 5:1–6 Lk 11:37–41	October 16 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 5:18–25 Lk 11:42–46	October 17 <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i> Eph 1:1–10 Lk 11:47–54	October 18 <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> 2 Tm 4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9	October 19 <i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Eph 1:15–23 Lk 12:8–12	October 20 <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 53:10–11 Heb 4:14–16 Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”***

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