

## Jesus' Amazing Gift

This beautiful painting shows the great care and reverence with which Joseph, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene place the body of Christ in the tomb. Yet it is also a symbol of the delicacy and devotion with which we should receive Jesus, who comes down to us on the altar at Mass.

His Body and Blood were shed to create a New Covenant, a new pact of love between God and people. In the Old Testament, God ordered that the blood of sacrificed animals be sprinkled on the people as a way to seal a pact with him, thus gaining forgiveness of their sins. As if to say, may I be as this calf or goat if I ever fail to obey and live up to your commands.

In the New Covenant, God sent his own Son to be the sacrificial victim to seal our covenant of love with the Father. Before the blood was sprinkled, we consume his Body and Blood in the Eucharist as Jesus commanded: Do this in memory of me. Take this, all of you, and eat. Take this, all of you, and drink. If goat blood could express a covenant in the Old Testament, how much more powerful to unite us with God is the blood of his only begotten Son! How much more powerful to forgive us and communicate God's overpowering love!

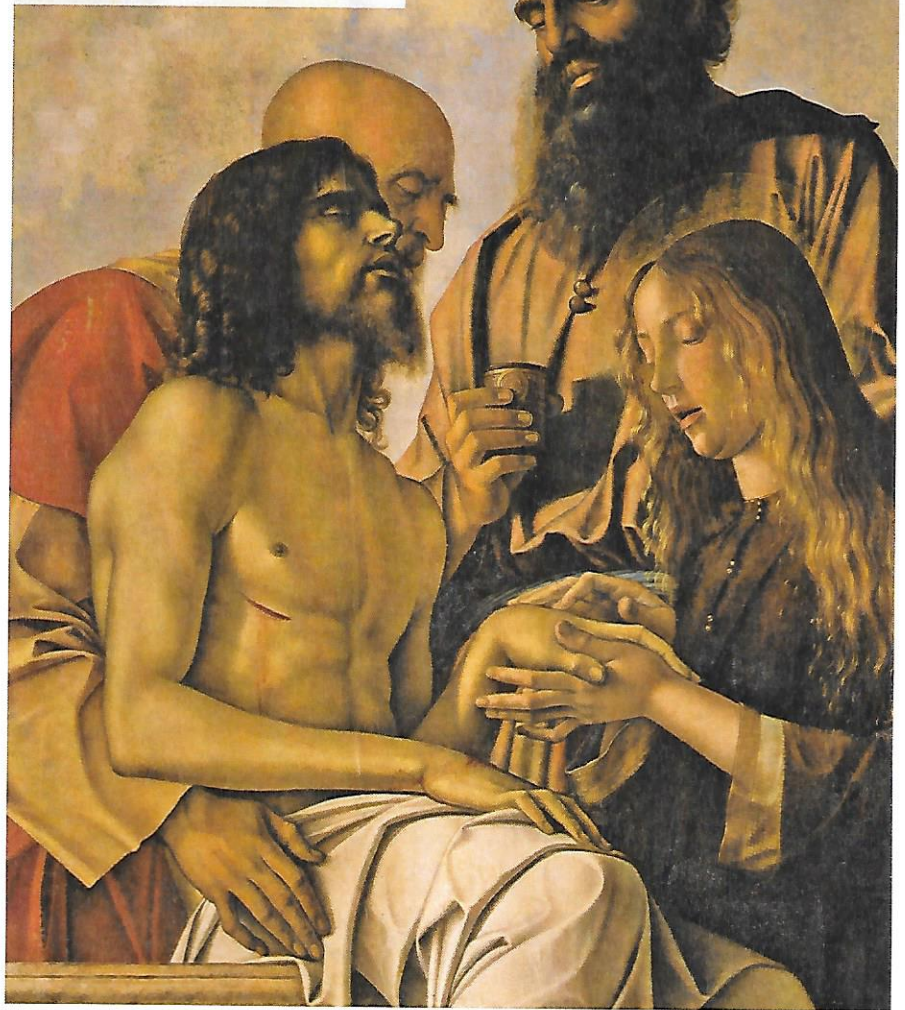
Jesus lays down his life sacramentally again in this Mass. Let us receive his Body and Blood with purity and devotion, aware of the amazing gift and the miracle that happens in our presence.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Lament Over the Dead Christ*,  
circa 1473-1476

Artist: Giovanni Bellini

Location: Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*How well do I prepare my heart and mind to receive Jesus in the Eucharist?*

*Do I take time to visit him in the tabernacle or adoration to show him my love and gratitude?*

*[Jesus said,] "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."  
Mark 14:24*





## St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1928;  
it is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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### Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m.

Portuguese Mass: Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Joseph's at 8.30 a.m. Sunday morning " "

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment - one year in advance (approx)

CCD - Sunday - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - To Resume in September.

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 - Hosts, Team 2

#### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Śpiwak

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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

**Mrs. Mari-Ann Widhalm**  
Parish Catechetical Leader

**Mrs. Mary Harvey**  
Parish Administrator & Finance  
Committee Team Leader

**Mr. Tony Bari**  
Music Ministry

**Mrs. Liberia Aguiar** -  
Portuguese Representative on  
Pastoral Council

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
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#### Today's Hymns

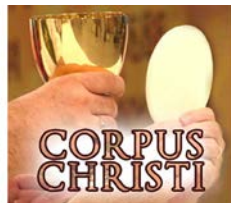
Entrance: His Banner Over Me Is Love

Offertory: Jesus The Very Thought of You #455

Communion: Lord, Who At Thy First  
Eucharist #804

Reflection: Oh, How I Love Jesus

Recessional: With One Voice #814



- 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Greeters**  
**Proclaimer of God's Word**  
**Collection**  
**Gifts**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Collection Counters**  
**Music**

**Lucille Dixon & Iliene Bremar**  
**Laurel Hudlin**  
**Hugh & Sheelagh Hassell**  
**Volunteers**  
**Joanne Smith**  
**Kate Robinson & Mary Barnes**  
**Tony Bari**

If you would like to participate in one of the above mentioned ministries please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intentions - 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

9.00 a.m. - \*John (Jack) MacDonald

27<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Attendance: 68 (aprox)

Collection: \$ 628.00 Regular  
44.75 Votives  
70.00 St. Vincent DePaul (Poor box)  
\$742.75

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated

#### PARISH

**Prayers:** Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda, Petra Caesar, and Mary Maybury, who is now recuperating at home. Also for Liz, who will be going into hospital tomorrow for a hip replacement.

#### Birthdays

Gabriella Osborne

6<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

This morning, **Alisa Lightbourne (CCD), Steven Muso (MSA), and Liam Stones (MSA)**, will received the Eucharist for the first time. Yesterday they made their First Penance. Please keep these youngsters and their families in your prayers.

**Our Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting** has been cancelled for this month. We will resume in September.



**Next Sunday** is the second Sunday of the month; therefore, there will be two collections - regular and maintenance.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S FUND RAISER - Beef/Chicken/Vegetable Pies and Egg Rolls

At the last Coffee Social some of you were able to sample a piece of a delicious beef or chicken pie, made by Grace (Smith). Grace would like to undertake to sell these pies as a fund-raiser for St. Joseph's. The pie is large and sells for \$35 if bought alone, OR if combined with 15 of her delectable egg-rolls, the package will be \$50. Egg rolls alone are \$15. **SO this is how it is to work:** - To place and order for a pie, or pie and egg-rolls, or egg rolls, you email Grace at [gracedsmith14@gmail.com](mailto:gracedsmith14@gmail.com) or email Liz Card [ajcard@northrock.bm](mailto:ajcard@northrock.bm), or see them after Mass. The date for next delivery will be **Sunday, 24th June** (at the next Coffee Social), so

you need to place your order **before the 10<sup>th</sup> June**. At the moment it is preferred that the delivery is made in bulk and not just one here and one there (this may come later). This is quite an undertaking for an individual parishioner so we hope that Grace will receive lots of support. OH!!: if there is anyone who does not know how to bake a pie - Grace or Liz will be happy to provide you with instructions (smile)!

Again, we would like to thank Grace for undertaking to act as the liaison person for St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's, in preparing for the very successful **Flores de Mayo and Santacruzán Festival** held last Sunday at St. Theresa's.

## DIocese

### THE BISHOP'S CORNER

My dear fellow-Catholics,

Before Fr. Paul Voisin departed from Bermuda last year, he informed me that his friends wanted to donate a statue called the "Homeless Jesus" to be placed in the grounds of our Cathedral in order to raise the consciousness of homelessness. I believe that their action was also inspired by their awareness of the St. Vincent de Paul's "Loaves and Fishes Programme" as well as the involvement of Bermuda Catholics in feeding the homeless as volunteers of the Salvation Army soup run programme.

It took a while to bring the statue to Bermuda and finally, a few days ago, it was installed near the entrance of our Cathedral near Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We offer a special thank you to Mr. Manuel Baron for assisting us in this installation.

This is a life-size sculpture depicting Jesus as a homeless person sleeping on a bench which was created by the Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz. Although the shrouded figure is fairly anonymous, the wounds in the feet show it is meant to be Jesus. The sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, was inspired to create this statue when he saw a homeless person on a bench in Toronto. He named the statue Matthew 25, in reference to a quote from that Gospel, "Amen I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Castings of the statue are placed around the world, mainly near churches of various Christian denominations. In March 2016 a cast was placed near Vatican City outside of the Papal Office of Charities.

I hope that this artistic installation will be a constant reminder to us of our Christian call to be charitable and compassionate and also remind us of Fr. Paul Voisin's dedicated ministry to our Diocese.

Please say a little prayer for the children of our Diocese who receive their First Holy Communion today, and for their families.

Have a great and blessed week!  
Bishop Wes

## **Feast of St. Anthony's, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

The parishioners of St. Anthony's would like to invite you to join them as they honor their patron saint, St. Anthony. We will be celebrating in both Portuguese and English at a special Mass on Sunday, 10th June, at 1:30 p.m., and hope that as many of you as possible will join us on this joyous occasion! Directly after the mass there will be a procession through the streets accompanied by the Somerset Brigade Band! Festivities will follow from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m., in the church hall and on the patio, with entertainment, food, games, fun castle, Portuguese Donuts, raffles and more....

We are looking for donations of gifts that are new or very gently used (from toys to household items) that can be given for either raffle or game prizes. Any organizations that would like to help sponsor the event by making a monetary donation will be recognized with their company name printed in the special program as well as in any advertisements. Prizes can be dropped at the back of the church at any time.

**Caritas House of Prayer** – "Quiet Wednesday", 6th June: the Recitation of the Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until noon. Evening prayer, "The Gift of the Eucharist" will take place at **5:45 p.m.** Why not consider joining us for prayer to let go of the day's stress before heading home? All are welcome.

**Looking Ahead:** "On Quiet Wednesday", 13th June, we will have Mass at 6:00 p.m., with Father Vladimir as the celebrant. Again all are invited to join us for this Mass around the dining room table, so much like the First Eucharist.

**Lectio Divina** takes place at 7:00 p.m., on Mondays at St. Theresa's Hall.

### **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 11:30 a.m., mass that day.**

Contact Joe Fagundo at 536-4288 for additional details. Thank you, On behalf of the St. Anthony's Church Parish Council

**Peace and Social Justice Ministry** - The Peace and Social Justice Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church will be hosting a series of **One Day Workshops** for our adult church community (those 18 years and older) **to raise awareness on racism, racial injustice**, and our call as a church community to solidarity, in doing something to help heal these injustices.

These workshops are a part of a larger anti-racism summit which will culminate with international speakers, experts on this topic, who will join us in November to further expound upon how we as Christians can address and help heal, by taking a progressive stand to address this delicate issue.

The workshops will be held in EACH church parish – preferably on a Saturday from about 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - with a lunch break in between. We ask that you support our whole church community in this initiative and sign up to attend your parish workshop on the date specified.



### **June 3, 2018 -Feast of Corpus Christi**

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.



## Calendar

### Monday

June 4  
Weekday  
2 Pt 1:2-7  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday

June 5  
*St. Boniface,*  
*Bishop and Martyr*  
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday

June 6  
Weekday  
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday

June 7  
Weekday  
2 Tm 2:8-15  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday

June 8  
*Most Sacred Heart*  
*of Jesus*  
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9  
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19  
Jn 19:31-37

### Saturday

June 9  
*Immaculate Heart of the*  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Tm 4:1-8  
Lk 2:41-51

### Sunday

June 10  
*Tenth Sunday*  
*in Ordinary Time*  
Gn 3:9-15  
2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
Mk 3:20-35

# Dear Padre,

## What is the Catholic belief in the Real Presence of the Eucharist?

Our belief in the Real Presence goes back to Jesus himself. Saint Paul describes the Last Supper: Jesus took bread and said, “This is my body.” He took wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.” The Catholic Church has always believed that Jesus meant exactly what he said.

When confronted, Jesus did not water down his statements, although they were difficult to accept and beyond human understanding. Even Peter did not claim to understand. He simply accepted them on the authority of Jesus, who had “the words of eternal life.”

Catholics have always believed in the Real Presence of Jesus, known traditionally as transubstantiation. This means that the “substance” of the bread and wine becomes the “substance” of Christ’s Body and Blood, while the appearances of bread and wine remain. When we receive Communion, we truly receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity, of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1373-1381).

Not all Christians believe in the Eucharist as Catholics do. Some deny that Christ is present at all, contending that the bread and wine only symbolize the spirit and teachings of Jesus. There are many variations, and Catholics should carefully distinguish our Church’s teaching from other opinions.

Bread and wine are changed by Christ into himself in a miracle of love we Catholics call, with awe and affection, the Blessed Sacrament.

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### *A Word From Pope Francis*

*The Lord breaks his Body and pours out his Blood for all. Truly no division can withstand this sacrifice of communion; only the attitude of falsehood, of complicity with the evil one, can exclude one from it. No other indefensible gap can withstand the power of this broken Bread and this shed Blood.*

—General audience, November 11, 2015