

Piece: Sarcophagus (detail of Jesus healing the blind man), fourth century

Artist: Unknown

Location: Pius-Christian Museum, Vatican



## A Church of and for the Poor

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I have a heart for the poor as Jesus did?*

*How can I express that real preference in practical ways?*

*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.*

*James 2:1*



# 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 - Resumes on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - Resumes in September.

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Hosts, Team 1

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak

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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  
(contact Annette)



#### Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Amazing Grace	#680
Offertory:	Open My Eyes	#659
Communion:	Pan de Vida	#784
Recessional:	I Sing The Mighty Power of God	#618

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



- 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

Greeters

Lucille Dixon & Iliene Bremar

Proclaimer of God's Word

Laurel Hudlin

Collection

Hugh & Sheelagh Hassell

Gifts

volunteers

Eucharistic Minister

Annette Barclay

Collection Counters

Mary Harvey & Kathie Ausenda

Opening/Closing of Church

Elizabeth Card

Music

Tony Bari

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

Mass Intentions - 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

9.00 a.m. - \*Monica Greene

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018

Attendance: 50 (approx)

Collection:	\$528.00	Regular
	\$300.00	Donation
	<u>\$828.00</u>	

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, also for Lucille Dixon who is overseas for medical reasons.

### Birthdays

Paul Widhalm  
Cecilia Fampulme  
Eladio Pereira

3<sup>rd</sup> September  
9<sup>th</sup> September  
10<sup>th</sup> September

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



**Today is the second Sunday of the month;** therefore, there will be two collections: Regular and Maintenance. Let us reflect on what our dear Fr. David asked of us during his time as pastor at St. Joseph's. **"Please try to give your first hour's pay per week to the collection."**



**Our Annual Church Pot-Luck Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at Somerset Long Bay** from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please come out and enjoy the afternoon with your Parish Family.



**Dedication of Hymnals:** The forms are at the back of the church for this **fund-raising project that will continue until the end of October.** - \$25 to dedicate a hymnal in memory of a loved one, or loved ones. When you have completed the form please give it to Sue (Moench) or put it in the collection basket.

**Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude** to the parishioner who so kindly donated \$300 from the monetary gifts they received on their birthday. Your benevolence is most gratefully appreciated. God bless you.

**CCD resumes on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.**

Contact Mari-Ann Widhalm ([mmwidhalm@yahoo.com](mailto:mmwidhalm@yahoo.com)) if you have a child that will be 5 years old before December.

**The Commissioning of Catechists** will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, during the 9.00 a.m. Mass. All catechists should be in attendance for the Commissioning.

## DIOCESE

### THE BISHOP'S CORNER

My Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Another year has blown by quite quickly and here we are ready to celebrate again the Patronal Feast of our Diocese and of our Cathedral. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October we will commemorate St. Theresa of Lisieux to whose protection and intercession the Catholic Community in Bermuda has been entrusted.

I am happy to announce to you that the Most Reverend Jason Gordon, Archbishop of Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, and Vice President of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, has agreed to be our presider and preacher, and will join us for these solemn ceremonies.

The celebrations will follow the usual scenario:

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30 p.m. – a Festive Mass, followed by a banquet at the Cathedral Hall with Archbishop Gordon's presentation on his Diocese.

Tickets will be soon available at the Cathedral's Office. Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – the Festive Masses officiated by Archbishop Gordon.

With this announcement I am extending my invitation to each of you, my dear Friends in Jesus Christ, and I express my hope that we will gather as a community of faith to praise God and to pray together for every PIECE of this mosaic that is our Diocese.

St. Theresa, pray for us!

Bishop Wes

**THE NOONDAY MASS AT ST. THERESA'S CATHEDRAL** resumed on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Caritas House of Prayer** – "Quiet Wednesdays" will resume on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September."

**Lectio Divina** will resume on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** The Gift Shop will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued patronage.

**The Peace & Social Justice Ministry** will be hosting discussion on Systemic Racism in Education and Employment - **A Bermuda View**

**Date:** Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:30pm

**Venue:** St. Theresa's Church Hall, Laffan Street.

### GUEST PANELISTS:

Dr. Leonard Astwood, Psychologist

Dr. C. Julie Dunstan, Developmental Psychologist

Cordell Riley, CURB

Robert Stubbs – Economist

Sara Clifford – Human Rights Commission

All are encouraged and welcome to attend and join in the discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

**ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE!!!** is scheduled for **Saturday, 24th November;** it is earlier this year.



**September 9, 2018 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**

### Time\_

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.



## Calendar

### Monday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

### Tuesday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

### Wednesday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

### Friday

September 14

*Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

### Saturday

September 15

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Cor 10:14–22

Jn 19:25–27

or Lk 2:33–35

### Sunday

September 16

*Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Is 50:5–9a

Jas 2:14–18

Mk 8:27–35

# Dear Padre,

## No one talks about mortal and venial sin any more. What is the difference?

A mortal sin, as its name suggests, is a serious or “deadly sin.” Venial sins are less serious. We can judge the seriousness of a sin in two ways. The first is based on the matter of the sin, or what I actually did. For example, it is obviously more serious to assault a spouse than it is to lie about how fast I was going when I got stopped for speeding. Some things by their nature are

objectively worse than others.

A second way to assess sin is subjectively so that the intent is more important than the act itself. Even if an act is relatively minor, it can be a mortal sin depending on why I do it. For instance, I might fail to lock the front door of a friend’s house, which is not



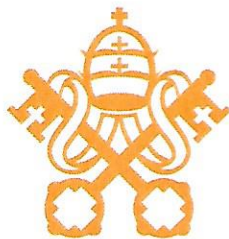
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a serious sin in itself. It becomes serious if my intention in failing to lock the door is to leave the home open to burglary by an accomplice.

On the other hand, I might do something objectively serious (like betray an important confidence); but if I do it under coercion or without full understanding, my own moral culpability might be quite limited. The matter is mortal, but my own sin or moral responsibility is venial. Confessors often sort out the matter from the intent. It is not just what I do, but my freedom, understanding, and purpose in doing it.

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### *A Word From Pope Francis*

*The proclamation of the Gospel is destined for the poor first of all, for all those who all too often lack what they need in order to live a dignified life. To them first are proclaimed the glad tidings that God loves them with a preferential love...Go to the poor first of all.*

—Diocese of Rome ecclesial convention, June 17, 2013