



Best Friends

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Henry 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. 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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Tentative Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's – by appointment

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 19th October – 11:00 a.m.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY – Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Children's Mass – 24th November

Pastoral & Finance Council – Monday, 14th October

Monthly Coffee Social – 27th October

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Committee Team Leader

Mrs. Jane Farge
Music Ministry



Entrance:	Seek Ye First	#685
Offertory:	Mary's Song	#474
Communion:	We Gather Together	#762
Recessional:	Go Make A Difference	#739

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



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



Sunday – 20th October 2024

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of the Church
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Servers
Music

Jane Bermingham
Elizabeth Card
Justin Tavares
Kathie Ausenda
Liam Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Evelyn Pinlac, and Mary Maybury, and for Petra Caesar who is still in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12th October For the people of the Parish
Sunday, 13th October *John Moffat

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Sat. 5 th October 4:00 p.m.	4	50.00
Sun. 6 th October 8:45 a.m.	35	361.00
TOTAL:	39	\$411.00

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

SATURDAY MASS:

Fr. Vivien will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's on the following dates: - 19th and 26th October: 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd November, and on 7th December.



This is the second weekend of the month; therefore, there will be two collections - regular and maintenance.

As the "Kids & Youth Ministry" is just getting under way, we are going to postpone the Children's Mass until November.

Our Pastoral & Finance Council meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 14th October, at 7:15 p.m.



October is the Month of the Rosary, therefore, in honour of our Blessed Mother, let us try to pray the rosary every day, or, at least, just one decade. There are some nice sites on YouTube that you can follow along with.



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!

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 does not 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

Word of Life - October 13th

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

BISHOP'S CORNER – Pro Populo Mass

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 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 days 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



will be celebrated on Sunday, 20th October. This is a special day that unites all Catholics in prayer, solidarity, and support for the worldwide mission efforts of the Church. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of

"Go and invite everyone to the banquet" for this year, reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet in Matthew 22:9, this theme emphasizes two core aspects:

Going Out – Mission work involves going out into the world, reaching out to those who have not heard the Gospel, and inviting them to experience God's love. It's a call to be active and engaged in spreading the faith.

Inviting Everyone – This universal invitation reflects God's love for all. It calls each one of us to welcome everyone to the feast of the Eucharist and the ultimate banquet in the Kingdom of God. Special envelopes will be available next weekend for your contributions. Drop them into the collection basket with your Sunday offerings or consider donating online to our Butterfield Bank Account 20006060757062100 and remember to include a note in the memo field. Thank you for your kind generosity!



The Peace & Social Justice Committee of our Diocese will be hosting its 2024 Award Ceremony to honor recipients Denise Carey, Executive Director of HOME, and Arthur Wightman, Founder of HOME, on Friday, October 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall. Both recipients have worked tirelessly with the Government and other local agencies and charities to create a plan to eradicate homelessness. **RSVP to Alice Astwood-Smith at llaismith@logic.bm or 337-0751 by Monday, October 21.** This is a Diocesan event, and all are welcome. There is no charge, however donations at the door would be greatly appreciated!

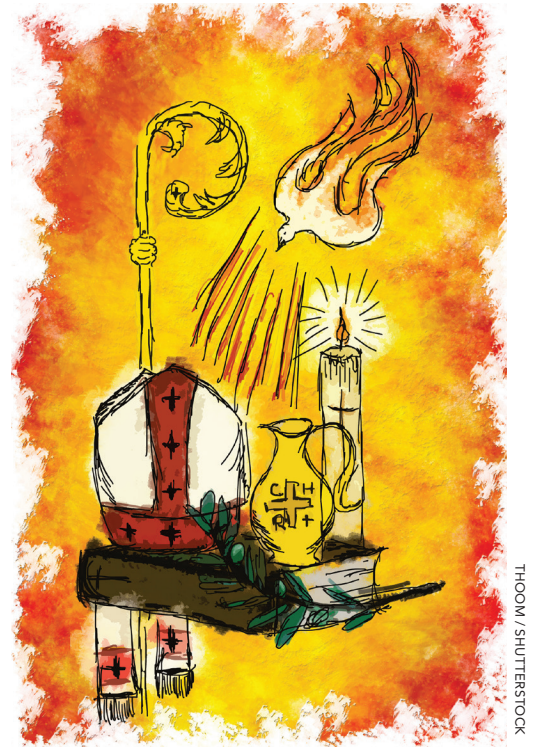
ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: The 2025 Catholic Faith & Catholic Life calendars are now on sale at the Gift Shop @ \$10:00 each.



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

WISDOM 7:7-11
 PSALM 90:12-17
 HEBREWS 4:12-13
 MARK 10:17-30 (or 10:17-27)

Possessions

WISDOM 7:7-11

Reading closely

1. How does the speaker elevate wisdom?
2. How confident is the speaker in his claims?
3. What happens to the speaker?
4. If the speaker were writing today, what all might he list as not being comparable to wisdom?
5. How do you think the speaker sought wisdom?
6. How would you define *wisdom*?

Living the word

7. What does our culture value?
8. Does our culture value wisdom?
9. How do you seek wisdom?

THE FIRST READING

King Solomon

Although the Book of Wisdom was written during the second to first century BC, at times the author writes in the person of King Solomon, who reigned during the tenth century BC. Solomon became renowned for his wisdom because he transformed Israel into a dominant economic and military power. The religious and cultural life of Israel flourished during his reign.

Having it all

In this passage Solomon prays for wisdom, which he declares is better than anything else he could possess, including...

- his reign (v.8a)
- gems, gold, and silver (vv.8b-9)
- health and beauty (v.10a)
- a long life (v.10b)

Compared to wisdom, these things have no value and are impermanent. Moreover, by living wisely, Solomon gained power, prestige, and material wealth (v.11).

Lady Wisdom

In the Bible wisdom is personified as a woman, Lady Wisdom. The reason for this is much of the biblical wisdom tradition was written for men, especially young men who were making their way in the world. A young man was to seek Lady Wisdom just as he would seek an intelligent and upstanding woman to be his wife.

MARK 10:17-30

Reading closely

1. Why do you think the man approaches Jesus?
2. Why do you think the man kneels?
3. Why do you think Jesus doesn't want to be called *good*?
4. How might the man feel when Jesus cites the commandments to him?
5. What all might Jesus think about the man?
6. Why do you think Jesus tells the man to give away everything he has?
7. What all do you think the man feels when he hears he must poor and follow Jesus?
8. Do you think the man ever gives up his wealth?
9. Why do you think Peter says he and the other disciples have given up everything?
10. How do you think the disciples react when they hear what Jesus promises?

Living the word

11. Why does wealth make it hard for people to follow Christ?
12. How is wealth a stumbling block for you?
13. What has been hard for you to give up?
14. How sincerely are you following Jesus?

THE GOSPEL READING

Scary prospects

Last Sunday, while talking about children, Jesus made it clear that eternal life is a gift from God and not something we earn. The same point runs through this story of an upstanding Jew who is genuinely respectful of Jesus and eager to grow in his spiritual life.

Back then (and rather like today) wealth enhanced a person's social status and ensured that a person's needs and wants were met. People also thought that wealth was a sign of God's favor.

When the rich man declares that he has always followed God's law, Jesus calls him to a new way of life. Jesus invites the man to give away his social status, his economic security, and the notion that God has favored him over others. Jesus wants the man to receive God's kingdom as a child, as one who has nothing and so is more attuned to all that God offers.

Note: "Why do you call me good?"

We don't know why Jesus didn't want to be called *good*. Maybe he was simply being humble. Maybe he wanted the focus of his ministry to be on God and not on himself.

What's down is up... (vv.23-27)

The rich man seems too dependent on or trusting of his wealth to give it up. He can't accept what Jesus has said about God's kingdom: God's kingdom is a gift, and if God favors anyone, he favors the weakest, poorest members of society.

The disciples are equally startled when Jesus warns them against wealth. Jesus' vivid hyperbole turns conventional wisdom on its head. There is no lasting security in wealth. Money doesn't prove God's favor and certainly can't buy it. Wealth can even prevent us from whole-heartedly following Jesus, as the rich man's reaction shows.

A new family (vv.28-30)

Although it may seem like we only lose if we give up things and even relationships in order to become disciples, we actually gain far more. Jesus promises that his followers will gain a new family that is founded on him. Unlike relationships that are established through wealth, this new family doesn't require payment. Better yet, our new family is ours forever.

PRAYER

adapted from Wisdom 9

God of our fathers,
 LORD of mercy,
 with you is Wisdom, who knows your works
 and was present when you made the world.
 Send her forth from your holy heavens,
 and from your glorious throne dispatch her,
 that she may be with us and work with us.
 May she guide us so that we will know your will.
 May she counsel us so that we will make just and
 holy choices.
 May she accompany us in all that we do so that
 our feet will not stray from the way of our Lord,
 Jesus Christ. Amen.