



The Path to Faith

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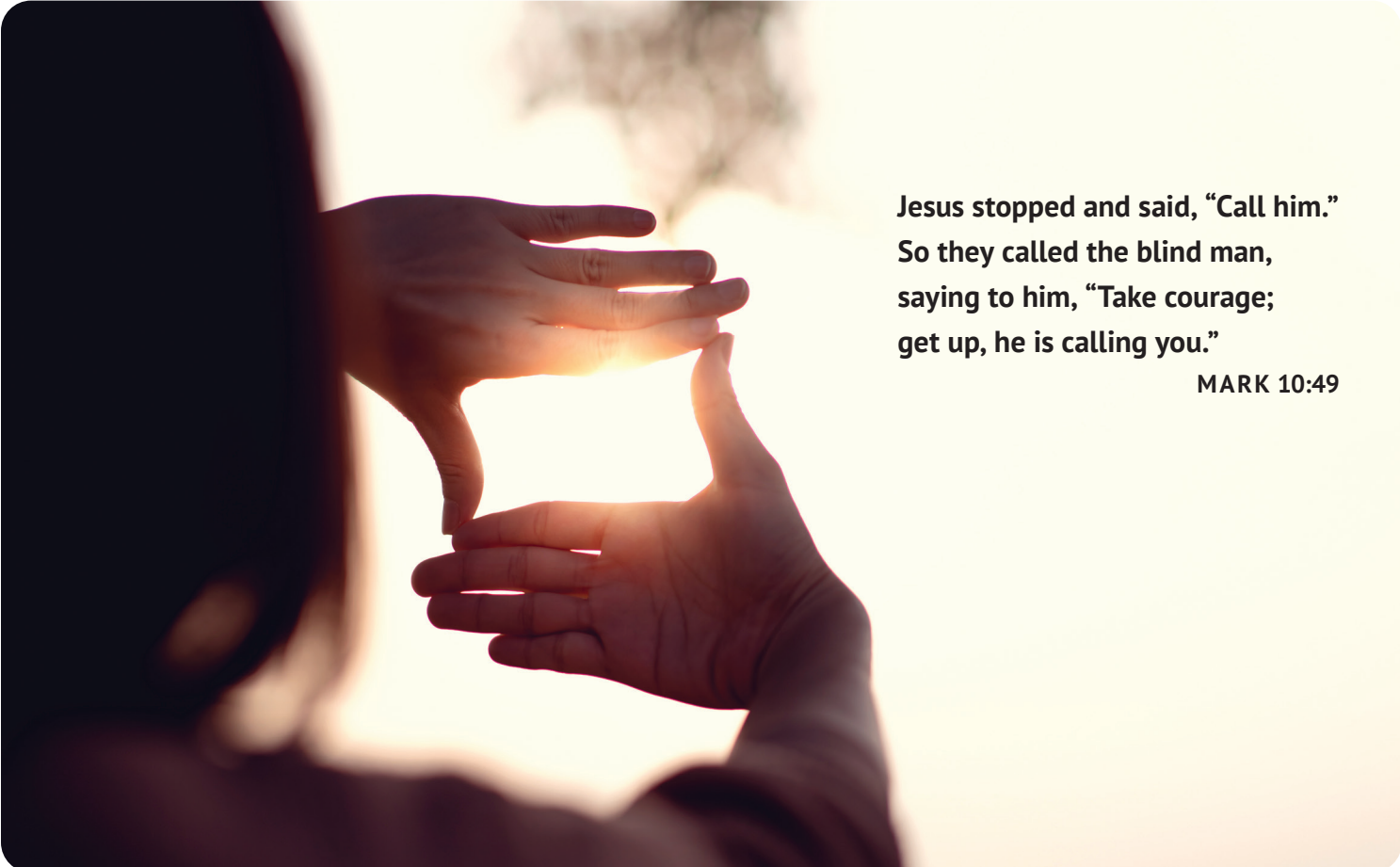
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?

A photograph showing two hands reaching towards each other against a bright, hazy sunset background. The hands are positioned as if about to clasp or support each other, symbolizing faith, hope, or divine assistance.

**Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man,
saying to him, "Take courage;
get up, he is calling you."**

MARK 10:49



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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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Oct 26	6:15 pm	Ernest Marshall+
Sun	Oct 27	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Tues	Oct 29	8:30 am	
Wed	Oct 30	8:30 am	Mrs. Marquerite Wong+
Thurs	Oct 31	8:30 am	
Fri	Nov 1	8:30 am	
Sat	Nov 2	6:15 pm	Manuel & Anna Reis++
Sun	Nov 3	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 15th of October to the 22nd 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 26/October 27, 2024

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

October 13/Oct 14 \$ 1,321.00

October 20/Oct 21 \$ 1,263.00

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 Gabby

Next week: Annette and Pat

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

The readings this week show life with God as a journey along “the way.” In the Old Testament readings, “the way” is a journey home from exile in Babylon. God gathers his displaced people and brings them back to the land of Israel. It's a familiar road. The Jews first walked it weeping after Israel's defeat by Babylon. Now it is a path of joy and laughter as they set their hearts toward home.

As the Gospel reading indicates, early Christians sometimes referred to the lifelong journey of following Jesus as “the way.” After the blind beggar Bartimaeus receives his sight again he follows Jesus “on the way.”

When Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus has a simple answer: “I want to see.” In Scripture, sight often has a double meaning. It means to see with one's physical eyes, but it also means to see with the heart and the mind - to perceive or understand. Bartimaeus receives both kinds of sight. He is no longer physically blind and does not need to beg on the side of the road anymore. But he also sees correctly that Jesus is the Son of God.

Just before Jesus heals Bartimaeus, he tells him, “Go you way: your faith has saved you.” The same Greek word is used for “heal” and “save,” and Jesus has done both: healed Bartimaeus and saved him. Instead of following Jesus' instructions to “Go your way,” Bartimaeus does the right thing - he goes Jesus' way instead, taking up the role of the disciple by following Him.

This is a great example of “faith in action.” Are you doing the same thing in your life by following Jesus the way Bartimaeus chose to do?
God bless and have courage in practicing your faith daily,
Fr. Joe Morley, Pastor & Vicar General DOHB

Bishop’s Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I missed this topic when it was published in May. I have learned about it now and want to share it with you, as I find it is very important.

Better collaboration between schools and mental health providers, an emotional skills programme tailored for Bermuda, and the promotion of healthy behaviours are among priority areas being explored to address high levels of depression and anxiety symptoms among Bermuda’s young people.

Daniel Cavanagh, a PhD student at the University of Melbourne, and Shawnee Basden, a Psychologist, conducted a survey in the [last academic year](#) involving seventy six per cent of middle and high school students. The study of students aged ten to nineteen showed that thirty one per cent of those surveyed had “moderate to severe” symptoms of depression or anxiety. This figure is about five to six per cent higher than global averages during the Pandemic. The study also identified an urgent need to remove the stigma attached to mental health as seventy three per cent of those who reported symptoms said they would try to deal with depression or social anxiety on their own. Of those, sixty two per cent cited being too embarrassed to get help as the main reason.

Mr. Cavanagh told The Royal Gazette: “A big recommendation for us is that we have to improve the social and emotional skills of young people to deal with modern-day stresses. We need a culturally adapted programme to the Bermuda context that teaches adolescents, and also educates parents, about mental health and how to develop certain social and emotional skills. The biggest thing was prevention efforts; we need to target the cause as opposed to targeting the symptoms. That’s why a culturally adapted programme is a good idea as well as targeting healthy behaviours. It requires a whole community effort to really tackle the problem. Schools need to be working out how to promote healthy behaviours, service providers need to develop anti-stigma campaigns, the working group needs to assist in promoting healthy behaviours, and the research team needs to continue working in this context and help with the next phase.”

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!
Bishop Wes

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.

Bingo for Seniors

Bingo for Seniors: On Friday November 22nd bingo for seniors (50+) will resume from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. A list of possible prize donations for the bingo is located in the back of the church. **Please sign up for a donation prize.** Deadline for donations is November 17th. If you have any questions, contact Annette Boyle at 236-7759.

WORD OF LIFE: October 27, 2024

“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary’s witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection

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.

St. Anthony’s Club

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

Additional Bulletin Notes

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: prodrigu@logic.bm**.

All feedback and suggestions are welcomed. Thank you.

International Dinner Thank You

On behalf of St. Anthony’s Parish Council, we would like to thank everyone that attended, provided delicious food and assisted in any way to make our International Dinner last Saturday such an enjoyable and delightful event. Thank you also to the Portuguese and Filipino Dancing groups for the lovely dancing performances and entertainment. It was truly an amazing response of community and friendship. Thank you.

St. Joseph’s Annual Fall Supper

St. Joseph’s Church in Somerset will hold its annual fall supper on Friday November 15th at the parish hall.

Tickets: \$25 for adults

\$13 for children under 12

There will be 50 designated “eat in” tickets and 70 designated “take out” tickets available.

For more information contact Liz Card at 234-0872 or email lizatstjosephs@gmail.com

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE

During the 2024 Advent season, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to support a "Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive". How does it work? Each day of Advent, add one item, from a list that will be provided at a later date, to your collection box. By Christmas, you will have a food basket which will be donated to those in need in the New Year. This is a great way to get the whole family involved in the Advent season and demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas! Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks. Any questions can be forwarded to Elaine Kelly at ekelly@ibl.bm

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH BINGO

St. Patrick’s Church will be holding a Soup (Red Bean) and Sandwiches Bingo on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 from 3pm – 5pm in their Church Hall, in recognition National Sandwich Day! Tickets are \$10 which includes one bingo card. MC for the bingo will be Ronnie Lopes. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses from Parish Council Members.


World Mission Collection


World Mission donations can still be collected this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible.


St. Anthony’s Christmas Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th


CHRISTMAS FAIR 


 **Signs are now up by the roadside and are getting a lot of attention from the Car Booters! Church tables for the boot sale are \$25 each or \$20 if you bring your own**


 **This year we are having an "in house" raffle...tickets will soon be sold before and after masses, as well as at the coffee social and on the day! We welcome donations of raffle prizes.**

 **Prizes for BINGO or the SILENT AUCTION are desperately needed...please help!**

 **Monetary donations towards purchasing prizes are very welcome !**

 **Turkey/Ham hamper sign up sheets will soon be placed at the back of the church for donations of food items for these raffle baskets.**

 **Any unwanted "treasures" suitable for White Elephant can soon be dropped off.**

 **Baked goods for the bake stall are always popular**

Please sign up to help on the day 

Call Debbie 7370107 or Trish 5050702 if you can help 

All Souls’ Day Mass

An All Souls Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 2nd at 11am in St. Theresa’s Cathedral**, those who died in the past year. The name of your loved one will be called, their picture shown and a candle lit for them. Please join us for this special Mass. All family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The 9:00 am Mass with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will **NOT** take place on that day.

MSA Information Session

Mount Saint Agnes Academy will be hosting an INFORMATION SESSION on **Wednesday, November 6th, 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 or call 292-4134

Autumn Dinner at St. Theresa's

St Theresa's will be holding an Autumn Dinner with Karaoke on **Saturday 16th November, 2024** at 7:30pm at St Theresa's Hall.

Tickets: Adults \$35 Children (5-12) \$25.

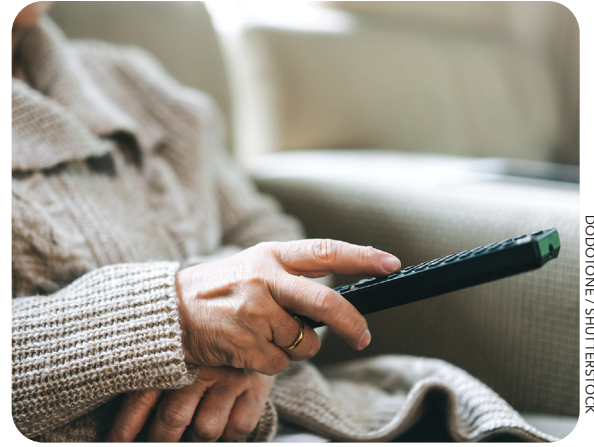
If anyone is able to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Please advise by 10th November, 2024.

Dear Padre,

I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30	Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40	Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus hears [Bartimaeus’] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 28, 2018