Our Parish community

January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21





The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Very family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life.We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories.

Reflect

What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?



St. Anthony's Church

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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

Jan Jan Jan Jan Jan Feb Feb	25	6:15 pm	Tony Bari+
Jan	26	11:30 am	Morris Figueiredo+
Jan	28	8:30 am	Benny Sousa+
Jan	29	8:30 am	
Jan	30	8:30 am	Deolinda Carvalho+
Jan	31	8:30 am	Wanda & Edward Spewiak
Feb	1	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
Feb	2	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. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for the Christmas and New Year's masses.

Mass Schedule for St. Anthony's

Weekday masses will be held at 8:30 am going forward. Please be aware that St. Anthony's Church will be open prior and closed after each Mass.

Word of Life Jan 26th

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <u>http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion</u> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Bulletin for January 18/January 19, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

January 11/January 12 \$ 949.00 January 18/January 19 \$ 710,00

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

This week: Annette and Alice Next week: Annette and Anna

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

This is a continuation of the Structure and Theme of Jubilee Celebrations based upon the announcement of Pope Francis announcement last year.

Several aspects of the bull touch more directly upon - the liturgy and a summary of those points is presented over the next several weeks: for this week on baptismal fonts, and future weeks on the Holy Doors and indulgences, the common date of Easter, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Missionaries of Mercy.

BAPTISMAL FONTS

Christian hope is rooted in the saving work of Christ and our participation in that work through the Sacrament of Baptism: "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope" (no. 20). In this light, the Jubilee Year is an opportunity fo the Christian faithful to appreciate the gift of Baptism more deeply, and the Holy Father proposes the baptismal font as an object for further reflection. In particualr, the ancient custom of building eight-sided fonts manifests the Sacrament of Baptism as a work of creation and resurrection. In the words of the Holy Father, "Baptism is the dawn of the 'eigth day,' the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage" (n. 20). May we continue on a daily basis to fully apply the Baptismal commitment that we made and may such commitment deepen as we age since our time here on planet earth is only temporary. Our final destination is heaven.

God bless,

Fr. Joe, Vicar General and Acting Pastor

Bishop"s Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January, the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. For the year 2025, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. They are inviting us to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

The Sixth Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated in St Peter's Basilica in the presence of Pope Francis on Sunday, 26th January 2025, as an integral part of the Jubilee Year. The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative with which Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. The motto chosen by the Pope for the 2025 edition, within the Jubilee Year, is a verse from Psalm 119, "I hope in your Word". It is a cry of hope; man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

May your weekend be restful and your week successful! Bishop Wes

Jubilee Prayer for 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Special Event at St. Theresa's

Monday the 27th of January marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp has become a symbol of the Holocaust. On Tuesday, **28th of January at 3:00pm in St. Theresa's Hall**, there will be a presentation of a recent film "One life", starring Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Jonathan Pryce. This film tells the true story of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis on the verge of World War II. There will be coffee/tea and cake during the intermission. The film's runtime is 109 minutes.

Jubilee Celebration for the Sick

On Saturday, 8th of February, we want to create an opportunity to launch our 2025 Jubilee celebrations starting with those who are sick. There will be a special Mass for their intentions at St. Patrick's church with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 am, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual benediction, and a social following downstairs in the parish hall. If you need transportation to get to church for this event, please call your respective parish office or our Chancery Office.

Please also let us know in the same way if you or your family member is sick and either home bound or bed bound, and would like to receive a visit from the priest with the Sacraments.

MSA Information Session

MSA will be hosting its next **INFORMATION SESSION** on **Thursday, February 6 at 5:30pm.**

This Information Session will focus on all grades; Early Learning Program to Grade 12.

Come out to see what our only Catholic school has to offer, with a tour and an opportunity to chat with some of our faculty members.

Please RSVP to admissions@msa.bm or call 441-292-4134.

Dear Padre,

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website-usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual-some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master-not the other way around. The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
Weekday	St. Thomas	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco,	Weekday	The Presentation
Heb 9:15,	Aquinas, Priest	Heb 10:11-18	Heb 10:19–25	Priest	Heb 11:1–2,	of the Lord
24–28	and Doctor of	Mk 4:1-20	Mk 4:21–25	Heb 10:32-39	8-19	Mal 3:1-4
Mk 3:22–30	the Church			Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	Heb 2:14–18
	Heb 10:1–10					Lk 2:22–40 or
	Mk 3:31–35					2:22-32



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor. HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022

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