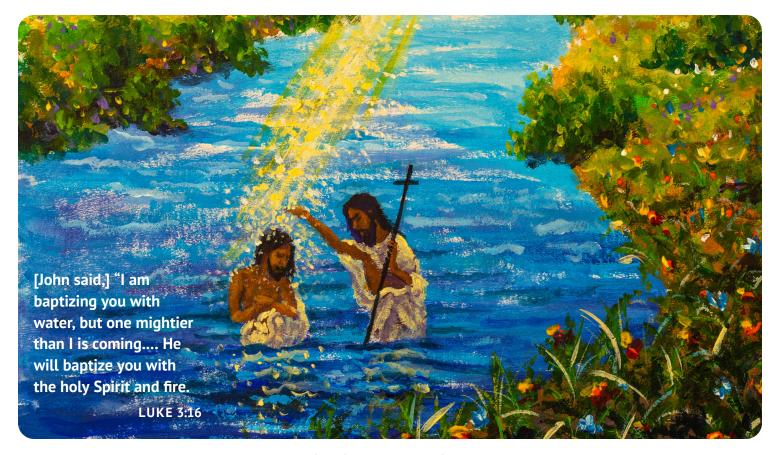
The Baptism of the Lord (C)



Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

he Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about

us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well.

-Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?



St. Anthony's Church

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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Jan	11	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
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Jan	12	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado=
Jan	14	8:30 am	
Jan	15	8:30 am	
Jan	16	8:30 am	
Jan	17	8:30 am	
Jan	18	6:15 pm	Special Intention of Mrs. Moura
Jan	19	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

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 12th

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Bulletin for January 11/January 12, 2025

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

December 28/Dec 29 \$ 3,110.00 January 4/January 5 \$ 1,007.00

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 Steve Next week: Annette and Denis

Pastor's Point

Dear Parishioners,

A Jubilee Year is a significant moment in the life of the Church in which she celebrates the year of messianic favour inaugurated by Christ through His Incarnation and Paschal Mystery [cf. Lk 4:19; John Paul II , Tertio millennio adveniente (Latin for 'As the third millennium approaches') is an apostolic letter of Pope John Paul II, promulgated on 10 November 1994, concerning preparation for the Great <u>Jubilee</u> of the Year 2000.]. Proclaimed every 25 years since the 13th century, the celebration of jubilee years typically included pilgrimages, processions, celebrations of Mass, and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These liturgical celebrations are opportunities to receive the Lord's mercy, especially through the practice of the Jubilee indulgence, and lead to the performance of works of mercy. The theme for this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope, and the Bull suggests several ways to bring Christ and His message of hope to the world, for example, by working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly - or even through the forgiveness of debts, a custom of jubilee years in the Old Testament. Each diocese will vary its focus, but here in Bermuda there will be a focus on particular groups of people which will take place at each of our 6 Churches. More details will be forthcoming as outlined in the 2025 List of Diocesan Events Calendar in the Bishop's Corner which will highlight the usual various annual Diocesan activities.

Brothers and sisters, let us make this year truly HOPE FILLED and may all of the graces this year stay with you forever. On this solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord continue to remind us of our own Baptism and may we life our life to the fullest.

God bless, Fr. Joe Morley, (Acting) Pastor Vicar General (DOHB)

Bishop"s Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I presume that the information below is generally known but I also thought that it would not be wrong to give you some further explanation into this practice.

Our Diocese, as all Catholic dioceses worldwide, is obliged to organise annually four collections that are destined to support the needs of specific sectors of the Church. These collections are known as "Pontifical Collections".

- 1. **Canon 1271 Collection:** This Code of Canon Law requires dioceses' to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See. This collection in our Diocese is usually done in January and this year it will be taken on the weekend of the 18th/19th of January.
- Collection for the Holy Land: Its target is to collect funds for support of Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land, and for the welfare of their Christian brethren and local communities. This year this collection will be taken at Good Friday services on the 18th of April.
- 3. **Peter's Pence Collection:** Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. It will be taken on the weekend of the 28th/29th June.
- 4. **World Mission Collection:** Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, beginning or poor. This collection will be taken on weekend of the 18th/19th October.

I would like to have one more Special Collection, sometime in Lent, in order to support the construction of the Pastoral Centre at the new church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Bangladesh. More information will be provided in due course.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed! 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 Collection for the Holy See – January 18th/19th

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 18th and 19th. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online to (insert your church and banking info), and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Food Drive. It was a great success and we are very grateful for your generosity. Across the Diocese, we delivered approximately 100 bags/boxes of groceries to The Eliza DoLittle Society for their food pantry, which is amazing. This will go a long way to help those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

St. Patrick's Quiz Night – January 17

Mark your calendars for an exciting Quiz Night organized by the St. Patrick's Parish Council for <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 17 at 7:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> in the Church Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun and a bit of friendly competition! Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes the entry fee, pizza and refreshments. You can form teams of up to 8 members, or you can join a team upon arrival. Please plan to be there a few minutes early to get settled before the quiz begins. Purchase tickets ASAP to secure your spot! All proceeds will support the Church so your participation contributes to a great cause! For more details and to register, contact any of the St. Patrick's Parish Council members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory



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Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. •

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13 <i>Weekday</i>	January 14 <i>Weekday</i>	January 15 <i>Weekday</i>	January 16 <i>Weekday</i>	January 17 St. Anthony,	January 18 <i>Weekday</i>	January 19 Second Sunday
Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20	Heb 2:5–12 Mk 1:21–28	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	<i>Abbot</i> Heb 4:1–5, 11 Mk 2:1–12	Heb 4:12–16 Mk 2:13–17	in Ordinary Time Is 62:1–5 1 Cor 12:4–11 Jn 2:1–11



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

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