

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity (C)

Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A Calvin and Hobbes comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

Think of a time when life was difficult. What blessings or important lessons did you receive as a result?



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17



[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15



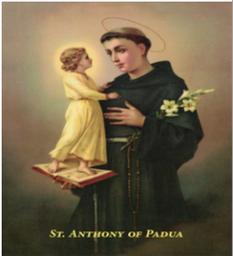
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Saint of the week: Saint Anthony of Padua

Anthony was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, although the Italian city of Padua claims him as its own. At 15, he joined the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine. For eight years he studied intensely, becoming an accomplished biblical scholar. His contact with some Franciscans inspired him to join the Franciscans. He was sent by Francis to preach and to teach his fellow friars throughout northern Italy, first in Bologna and then in Padua. His reputation drew enormous crowds, and the power of his words converted them. Ill and exhausted, he died at the age of 36; so beloved and revered, he was canonized within the year. His aid is invoked to help find lost objects.

UPCOMING EVENTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2025 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

AT ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

44 MARIAN DRIVE, PERTH-ANDOVER, N.B. E7H3A7

MENU: PANCAKES, EGGS, BEANS, BACON OR SAUSAGE, TEA OR COFFEE

COST: ADULTS: 12.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$6.00

THIS BREAKFAST IS FOR THE CHARITABLE WORKS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THAT THEY SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON WITH AUCTION 45 CARDS

MONDAY, JULY 7TH STARTING AT 12 NOON

MENU: SPAGHETTI, CESAR SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD

SERVED WITH COFFE AND TEA WITH DESSERTS

IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY STAY AFTER AND PLAY AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES

ALL THIS FOR THE GOOD PRICE OF \$10.00

COME OUT AND HAVE A GREAT MEAL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL (3710, ROUTE 108) FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Friday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Cost: \$5.00. Canteen open.

ST. PATRICK'S: (2154, ROUTE 130 DSL OF GRAND FALLS, N.B. E3Z1N3)

EVERY SATURDAY IN JUNE. NEXT SALES WILL BE ON JUNE 14TH AND JUNE 21ST FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M. CONTACT: 506-273-0419.

ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL: (3710, ROUTE 108, BLUE BELL, N.B. E7G2S4)

NEXT SALES WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH & THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. FOR JUNE ONLY.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: 506-273-2360 OR 506-553-9930.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Next gathering will be on Thursday, September 11th. Social at 3:00 P.M. Followed by a meeting at 3:30 P.M.

CONTACT: JACKIE WAYE AT 506-273-2091

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: COUNCIL 6414

GRAND KNIGHT: WALTER MACDOUGALL: CONTACT: 506-273-0499.

RECRUITEMENT/INFORMATION CONTACT: JAMES FOURNIER: 506-273-2637

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON: MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.



JUNE 14TH/JUNE 15TH: MOST HOLY TRINITY

Our Lady of Mercy Mass-4:00 PM-Sat., June 14th Fr. Gilbert

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am-Sunday, June 15th Father Gilbert

St. Theresa Mass 9:00 am—Sunday, June 15th Father Curtis

St. Thomas Aq. Mass—9:15am Sunday, June 15th Father Cecil

St. Mary's Mass—10:30am—Sunday, June 15th Father Gilbert

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, June 15th Fr. Curtis

Assumption (BB) LOTW—11:00am—Sunday, June 15th Father Cecil

St. Anne's Mass—12Noon—Sunday, June 15th Father Curtis

Intentions this Saturday and Sunday are for:
all fathers, living and deceased in all our parishes



JUNE 21ST/JUNE 22ND: MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Our Lady of Mercy Mass-4:00 PM-Sat., June 21st Fr. Gilbert
For all the faithful departed.

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am-Sunday, June 22nd Father Gilbert
+For Bernard McCarthy by Farrell McCarthy.

St. Theresa Mass 9:00 am—Sunday, June 22nd Father Curtis
For all the faithful departed.

St. Thomas Aq. Mass—9:15am Sunday, June 22nd Father Cecil
For all the faithful departed.

St. Mary's Mass—10:30am—Sunday, June 22nd Father Gilbert
+For John M. Fournier by Rejeanne and Family
+For Viola Fournier by Rita and Family
+For Kyle Doucette by Deloris Susan Michaud.

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, May June 22nd Fr. Curtis
For all the faithful departed.

Assumption (BB) LOTW—11:00am—Sunday, June 22nd Fr. Cecil
+For all the faithful departed.

St. Anne's Mass—12Noon—Sunday, June 22nd Father Curtis
For all the faithful departed.

OUR LADY OF MERCY: MEMORIAL WREATH

If you wish to have a light shining for someone. Please, contact Doreen Roach: 506-273-3020.



St. Anne's: Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Mass is for all the sick.

St. Mary of the Angels: Feast of the Sacred Heart.
Mass will be at 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary of the Angels: First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m. Next Mass is on July 4th.

PRAYER LIST: MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: PRAY FOR US.



Anne Marie Levesque, Katie Ruff, David W. Baker, Jean Brayall, Robert Baker, Jeffrey Nyman, Marshall Fournier, John Paul Fournier, Martina McQuade-Searles, Marsha Lang, Adena Robinson, Lois Baker, Angela & Reid Perley, Anne Lewis, Viola Bernier, Jacqueline (Jackie) Van Kessel, Jeannine Babineau, Mark Wertepny, Gerald London, Derek Winzar, Douglas Canam, Janet McIntosh,

Mac Paris, James Joseph Fournier, Noella St. Peter, Kirk St. Peter, Elaine Lagace, Irene & Maurice Dionne, Lidia Borst, Barb & Philip Roach, Eileen McLaughlin, Ella Deschenes, Ann & Paul Babineau, Anne Dickson, Helena McCarthy, Helen McLaughlin, Rose Finnemore, Ginette McCarthy, Agathe & Cecil Morrissey, Judy Doucette, Jeannine Babineau, Shirley Gamblin, Gary Sappier, Rita Petersen-Goodine, Arlene Sappier, Ab & Jean Beaulieu, Desiree Burke, Cybil St. Amand, Mary Pelletier, Ruth Knox, Sehria Perley, Eric & France Levesque, Fern Dee, Lyn Clark, Geraldine Morin, Eveleigh Watson, Patricia Black, Blair Goodine, Jack Sullivan, Linda Hoyt, Zoe Michaud, Duane Campbell, Sharon Eagan, Clovis "Sonny" Pelletier, Randy Pirie, Bradley Labonte, Natalie Michaud, Andre Michaud, David Brown, Leroy Durepos, Patricia Levesque, Mary Ann Agnew, Martha Burden, David Simpson, Margaret Wells, Mrs. Judy Theriault, Lawrence Allen, Celina Landry, Sandra Nicholas, Adeline Roy, Frances LeBlanc, Hilda Dionne, Michael Mackay, Carol & Roger Robinson, Richard Levesque Sr., Narcisse Ouellette, Irene Green, Noella Merritt, Judy Theriault, Charles Rossignol, Michelle Dixon-Dee, Mark Ouellette, Braelyn Rossignol, Myra Eva Geneau, Geneva & Frank Pirie, John L. Fournier, Rose Jeppesen, Kellie Carmichael, Barry Nicholas, Tammy Bourgoin, Chester Godreau, Marlene Dubee, Ildefonso Cortes, Claudette Koling, Chris Michaud, Theresa Giberson, Raymond Ferguson, Brooklyn Amber Odgen, Sr. Almyre Doucet & Sr. Evangeline Poirier, r.h.s.j. & Brandon Bartlett i.v.Dei.

LET US PRAY ALSO FOR ALL OUR CAREGIVERS.

Saint Peregrine: Patron Saint of Cancer Patients:



God, who gave Saint Peregrine an angel as his companion, the Mother of God as his teacher, and Jesus as the physician for his illness; grant, we ask You, that we on earth may intensely love the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Saviour, and in Heaven bless them forever. Grant that through St. Peregrine's intercession, that those suffering from cancer will have a healing physically or spiritually & to accept the will of God, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

SAINT ANNE: BLESS MY FAMILY:



O Good Saint Anne, my family is the heart of my life. It is my little Church. Watch over us and protect us from all physical and spiritual danger. Love was at the centre of your family. You shared this love with your husband Joachim & your daughter Mary. You later shared this same love with your son-in-law Joseph and with your beloved Grandson Jesus, our Saviour. May your family inspire us. May mutual support, dialogue & respect prevail in my home. If my family is broken by separation or divorce, remain for us the Saint of tenderness and hope, and lead us to God. Saint Anne, you were a wife, mother, and grandmother. Bless every member of my family & keep us faithful to the Lord. May we also remain attentive to the needs of other families. Protect them as you protect us. AMEN:

GOOD SAINT ANNE: PRAY FOR US.



Ven. Alfred Pampalon: For those who are suffering from addictions:

Good Father Alfred: You are the patron of alcohol and drug addicts, of all who have an addiction of any kind. You are their hope. Please intercede to Jesus that one may be free from these addictions. AMEN.