



Never Big Enough

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Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





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Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Oct 4th	6:30pm	For Our Diocese Intentions
Sun. Oct. 5th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Ann DeSilva, Birthday in Heaven
	10:00am	Special Intentions of Natalie & Marshall Yokell
		Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa & family
		+ Kevin Ledo, Carlos Almeida, Humberto Santos,
		+ Rogério e Manuel Santos Bolarinho, Miguel Franco,
		+ Filomena da Mota, José e Amelia Andrade Almeida,
		+ Daniel Garrafa, Gabriel Garrafa, Norberto Garrafa,
		+ Manuel Garrafa, Manuel Sousa Medeiros,
		+ Merrill Hess, Frederick George Eatherley,
		+ Emmanuel Garrafa
	11:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
	6:00pm	+ Richard Warren Hill
Mon. Oct. 6th	7:30am	+ Juanita, Michelle, & Maida Baluyot
Tues. Oct. 7th	7:30am	
Wed. Oct. 8th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Thurs. Oct. 9th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Fri. Oct. 10th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Sat. Oct. 11th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Oct. 12th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : October 11th & 12th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Donaghy	A. Farrell	L. LeFevre G. Edwards	C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva J. Judd C. Carreiro C. Johnson	T. Sinclair I. Brackstone H. Cabral E. Cabral	E. Mosley C. Kieck M. Tan	A. Galea D. Robiso C. Sevilla
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	L. Consolacion



SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100** and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes** to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. **Thank you** for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral!

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



PORTUGUESE MASSES:

The Portuguese Mass and Adoration on **Saturday mornings** has resumed at **9am** in St. Theresa's, and the Portuguese Mass on **Wednesday evenings** at **7pm** in St. Patrick's has also resumed.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Looking for a way to share and assist others?

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the SVDP Society.

Direct deposit to SVDP Society – BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4767 11100 or USD # 8400 7847 30010 or use the **SVDP envelopes**.



LECTIO DIVINA: Will resume on **Monday, October 6th** at 7:30pm via Zoom. To join, please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm.

Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

FOCUS: Faith is a gift that demands a response.

Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Sept. 27th & 28th	\$4,008.50
Electronic offering:	Sept. 27th & 28th	\$2,005.00
2025 Collection to Date:	Week 40	\$238,080.00



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
October 5th-11th, 2025
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
And Two Roses
Intentions of the Brackstone Family

ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

CCD will be commencing on,
Saturday, October 11th from 9am-10:30am



All NEW students need to register for the program. Registration forms are available from the Rectory office or by emailing sttheresasccd@gmail.com.

Children who attended the program last year do not need to register. If your contact information has changed, please send that information to the email address provided.

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Come join us for Coffee and baked goods
Sunday, October 12th, 2025, after the 11:30am
Mass in the Church Hall



FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT:

Stella Maris Church will be holding a Dinner Bingo to help raise funds for their church maintenance on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30PM** in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall. Tickets: adults \$25 and kids \$15 (10 & under). For further information, please contact Susanna at 535-3195 or mlandscaping@northrock.bm



MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

Calling all men who want to reconnect with God and other men for a monthly gathering entitled, "Thank God It's Tuesday" (a monthly encounter with Men of God). **Every 4th Tuesday of the month** at St. Theresa's Hall at 7pm. For more info, please call Fr. Dandy Traje at 292-0607



KIDS (Children) SERVICE AT HOLY MASS:

Every 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm

Calling Children to serve as: Lector, Altar Server, &/ Choir

If your child/children is interested in volunteering, please e-mail: dytecp@yahoo.com; or eveloum@outlook.com



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose feast day is the 1st of October, is the youngest Doctor of the Church. Having endured life-threatening illnesses when she was an infant and a child, and the heartbreaking loss of her mother when she was only four, Thérèse had to overcome crushing adversity with her powerful faith and determination. She sought to enter Carmel while still a young teenager, and achieved this goal at the age of 15. She was not a martyr or a missionary in the conventional sense, but she offered every small act for love of God, and her teachings have spread far and wide through her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. Thérèse taught "the little way," which is not about striving for great deeds but rather, doing everything, even small things, with great love.

These small acts make up a lifetime, and make the ordinary extraordinary. St. Thérèse explains how forgiving a slight against you, smiling genuinely when you would rather complain, or even picking up a pin from the floor with love, any of these things can have great worth before God. It all depends on love. In her words: "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." This Saint of love died in 1897 at the age of twenty-four.

Did you know that 2025 marks St. Thérèse of Lisieux's 100th year as a saint? That is 100 years of roses from heaven, as St. Thérèse is known for granting those who request her intercession, signs of her assistance through flowers. St. Thérèse, known as the "Little Flower," famously said that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth and that, "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens."

What a beautiful Patroness we have at our diocese! St. Thérèse, the "Little Flower", the "Roses Sender", pray for us!

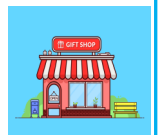
May your weekend be peaceful and your week blessings-full!

Bishop Wes

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Our Gift Shop has a great selection of cards, and gift &/or home ideas, for all of your special occasions—all at a great price!

Do support our little store!



PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you and your family registered? Is your contact information up-to-date? If not, please contact the Rectory office and request a Parish Registration Form, or download it via the Diocesan website, www.romancatholicbermuda.bm under the "Useful Links" section. By being registered, it gives the Priest &/ Church the ability to speak on your behalf. Being registered can be very useful in many different ways. For example, if you and your family will receive any Sacraments here or overseas, if you are going to be a Godparent or a Sponsor, etc. All information sent in will be kept according to the PIPA ACT.

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 12

Twenty-eighth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025