



[Jesus said,] “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

MATTHEW 22:21

Sidestepping Side-taking

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God’s law.

“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” they asked. It was a trap. If he answered “no,” the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered “yes,” the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a “yes” or a “no,” instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, “Are you with us or are you against us?” as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—“battle hills worth dying on.” Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we.●



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Reflect

When confronted, do I prefer to “take the bait” or find common ground?



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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. October 17th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. October 18th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade + Fransica do Rosario, Jose Fernando Pimentel + Maria Fernanda Oliveira, Joao Carlos Frias + Manuel Medeiros Amaro St. Theresa's Parish Family Birthday Intention in Thanksgiving and Good Health of Maurice A. Baretto
Mon. October 19th	7:30am	Bishop Wes, Birthday Wishes
Tues. October 20th	7:30am	Special Intention of Bishop Wes
Wed. October 21st	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Robert Sinclair, Birthday in Heaven James Donaghy, Birthday Intentions
Thurs. October 22nd	7:30am 12:10pm	Special Intention of Karen Scarth + Margarita Madeiros, Birthday in Heaven
Fri. October 23rd	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Steven W. DeSilva, Birthday in Heaven Special Intention of Evelou Mosley + Ann Lindo
Sat. October 24th	6:30pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sun. October 25th	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Jorge Mario Bergoglio + Dr. Clifford Maxwell

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: October 24th & 25th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	K. Scarth C. Scarth	V. Turner A. Cannonier	CFC Kids
Communion Ministers:	C. Carreiro S. Booth C. Maiato	G. Lovecchio E. Cabral H. Cabral	C. Kieck G. Edwards M. Butler	M. Billones M. Tan A. Tan
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	J. Pearman	A. L. Garina	CFC Kids

VISITING THE SICK: Do you know of anyone who is sick, infirm, or homebound? Would they like to be visited by our priest? If so, please call our office at 292-0607 ext. 2, or send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm to arrange a visit or to receive the Anointing of the Sick.



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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 4th Saturday 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

St. Michael's Church

4:30pm Every Sunday



SATURDAY MORNING HOLY MASS:

The Saturday Holy Mass will be held in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Chapel at **9am**. This Holy Mass, in Portuguese, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration. **Benediction** will be at **10:15am**.

LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM:

Monday's at 7:30pm.

To join, please contact Franz Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm.



ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

The CCD Program will begin on **Saturday, October 24th from 9am-10:30am.**

Registration forms are available by emailing sttheresasccd@gmail.com.



CONFIRMATION 2026-2027:

Miss Maura Almeida will hold classes on **Mondays from 4pm – 5:30pm** beginning on November 2nd.

Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on **Wednesdays from 5pm – 6:30pm** beginning on November 4th. Both classes will be held at the St. Theresa's Hall.

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, contact the Chancery Office to register at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com.



FOCUS: We belong to God and to God's kingdom first.

As the Father and Creator of all, God is above all powers on earth. God has called each of us by name in baptism and has entrusted us with building his kingdom in faith, hope, and love. We owe God what belongs to God – our obedience and work of faith – because we belong to God and to God's kingdom before any earthly power.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	October 10th & 11th	\$4,026.00
Electronic Offering:	October 10th & 11th	\$820.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 42		\$248,874.04

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
October 18th—24th, 2026

Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
For Good Health and Intention of Maurice Barreto

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

World Mission Sunday has always been an occasion to express our support of the missionary work of the Catholic Church through prayer and a special collection. Proceeds are collected in the envelopes found at the entrance tables in the Cathedral. This collection will be taken this weekend, **October 17th & 18th**.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Bermuda Public Services Union Retirees Committee will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on **Sunday, October 18th**. As part of their calendar of events, they will be attending a church service, and they have chosen St. Theresa's Cathedral for this occasion.

Please be aware that **this Sunday, at 11:30 a.m.**, we will be hosting a group of approximately 70 members of the BPSU, including retirees and members of the Executive Committee.

RCIA PROGRAM:

Please be informed that the schedule for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program has now been finalized.

The program will begin on **Tuesday, November 24th** at either **5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.** Once we have a complete list of those wishing to participate, we will determine which starting time is most convenient for the majority.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings at the St. Theresa's Hall and will last 90 minutes. The first part of the program will be based on the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire.

The program is also open to those who are already Catholic but would like to deepen their faith or refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Church.



MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God monthly group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 27th at 7pm.**

We hope to see you there!



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



Six months ago I informed you that our Diocese has arranged a Liturgical Retreat/Workshop.

As we are getting closer and closer to this event, I am happy to share with you this gentle reminder.

The Workshop title is "Our Sacrifice of Praise – celebrating the mystery of our redemption."

It will take place from November 17th to 19th, 2026 (Tuesday to Thursday), at St. Theresa's Hall. Each day, there will be two identical sessions: one from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and another from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Our Workshop facilitator will be Ms. Christina Ronzio, M.A., Director of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops English-Language Office for Liturgy and the Sacraments.

The purpose of this Workshop is to help us deepen our spirituality by gaining a better understanding of the liturgy of the Holy Mass, including the meaning of its various parts and symbols. The lens for this is how to participate in these sacred mysteries – the point being it is not just a formula to follow but entering into the life of God.

I strongly encourage especially those who are involved in ministries in our Parishes: Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Song Leaders, Organists, to attend the Workshop. It is also hoped that this will guide us in developing a unified Ordinary of the Holy Mass for the entire Diocese.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

ALL SOULS' MASS:

A Mass for all the faithfully departed in the past year, will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 31st at 11am** in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

There will be no Portuguese Mass on this day at 9am nor Eucharistic Adoration that usually follows the Mass.



ALL HALLOWS EVE CELEBRATION:

A celebration of all the Saints will take place at St. Michael's Church from **3-4:30pm** on

Saturday, October 31st.

Bring a picture of a deceased loved one to decorate in a frame.

This is a free event, and all are welcome!



ANNUAL FALL SUPPER:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting their Annual Fall Supper on **Saturday, October 24th.**

Take out available between 5:30-6:30pm.

The dine in supper begins at 7pm followed by raffles.

Adults: \$40 Children Under 12: \$15

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Liz Card at lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or call 234-0872.



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: The shop has various cards, bibles, rosaries, holy water bottles, statues, frames, and many other gift ideas, all at a great price!

Do support our little Gift Shop!



Dear Padre,

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that “The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25
<i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:1–10 Lk 12:13–21	Eph 2:12–22 Lk 12:35–38	Eph 3:2–12 Lk 12:39–48	Eph 3:14–21 Lk 12:49–53	Eph 4:1–6 Lk 12:54–59	Eph 4:7–16 Lk 13:1–9	Ex 22:20–26 1 Thes 1:5c–10 Mt 22:34–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice. This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between “us” and “them”—those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 8, 2026

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