



A Gift for All People of All Times

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When reading aloud today's passage from **Acts of the Apostles**, do you stumble over the names of **the peoples gathered as I do?** "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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Reflect

***Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?***



[The Jews] were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?"

ACTS 2:7–8



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Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

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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. May 23rd	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros Special Intention of Gabriella Medeiros
Sun. May 24th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay
	10:00am	+ Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, + Maria dos Santos Medeiros, Filomena Da Mota, + Maria do Rosario Medeiros, Norberto Garrafa, + Gabriel Garrafa, Miguel Franco, Manuel Garrafa, + Manuel Sousa Medeiros, Daniel Garrafa, + Emanuel Garrafa, Frederick George Eatherley Sr.
	11:30am 6:00pm	+ Eugene Woods & Jenneth Woods Special Intention of Lemuel Urieta
Mon. May 25th	7:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Tues. May 26th	7:30am	
Wed. May 27th	7:30am	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay
	12:10pm	
Thurs. May 28th	7:30am	+ Herman Medeiros
	12:10pm	
Fri. May 29th	7:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
	12:10pm	+ Souls of the dearly departed Donaghy & O'Shea + Families
Sat. May 30th	6:30pm	Special Intention of Max Wiesniewski
Sun. May 31st (Portuguese)	8:30am	Special Intention of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
	10:00am	
	11:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
	6:00pm	Intention in thanksgiving of Maurice Barreto

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : May 30th & 31st 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	N. Medeiros	K. Scarth	L. LeFevre A. Cannonier	H. Velasco C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	S. Booth C. Maiato J. Judd C. Carreiro	O. Scarth G. Lovecchio H. Cabral E. Cabral	G. Edwards P. LeFevre E. Mosley	C. Sevilla J. Sevilla S. Gusi
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Happy Bermuda Day to all!



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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st 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



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral. Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.

They look forward to seeing you!



ADORATION:

Saturday Adoration 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:

Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Please contact Franz Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: The Holy Spirit empowers us to answer God's call. On this Feast of Pentecost, our readings reveal the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit drives out our fear, giving us courage to go out into the world. The Spirit inspires us to make connections with others. He empowers us to do the work God is calling us to do. May we open our hearts to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	May 16th & 17th	\$4,480.00
Electronic Offering:	May 16th & 17th	\$1,720.00
Senhor Santo Cristo:	May 17th	\$3,133.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 21		\$129,191.54

Thank you for your support!

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God monthly group meeting will be held on this **Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm.**



We hope to see you there!



BAPTISM:

We welcome **Adelyn Marie Rego Thompson**, child of Samuel & Ciara Thompson, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, May 24th, 2026.**

Welcome to the Church Family Adelyn!

A DINNER BINGO NIGHT:

Trish and Debbie are hosting a Welcome Summer Dinner Bingo on **Saturday, May 30th at 7:30pm**

Tickets are \$30 for adults, includes water or a soft drink
Children under 12 years are FREE

Tickets can be purchased at weekend Masses at St. Anthony's or by email to Debbie at newdebnik@gmail.com or Trish at pschrah@gmail.com...no tickets at the door!

Bingo cards \$5 each.

Donations of prizes are welcome!

Hope to see you there!



MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting an informal fun afternoon of music, singing and dancing, for all ages, on **Sunday, June 14th, at 2pm.**

Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center.



CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting a Classical Music Concert on **Sunday, June 21st & 28th at 5pm.**

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for seniors and children.

For tickets, please contact Liz at 234-0872 or lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or Jane at 747-4060.

Proceeds to be shared with PALS and St. Joseph's Church.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Nestled among the vineyards of a hilly valley south of Rome in the Castelli Romani region of Italy is the town of Velletri. With a population of about 50,000 it has fully embraced the colors of Mary every May for decades. During the first weekend of May, its historic center exudes a distinct, unmistakable atmosphere. It isn't just the arrival of spring that fills the townspeople with joy, but the feast of their patroness, Our Lady of Graces.

The scents of camellias, hydrangeas, and star jasmine mingle in a uniquely Marian fragrance. Balconies display blue banners and drapes proclaiming "VV Maria". The cobblestone streets are covered with sky-blue cardboard, every shop window features a small altar dedicated to the Madonna, and thousands of people flock to the long evening procession holding three-foot candles. This tradition of paying homage to Our Lady of Graces dates back more than 400 years. According to municipal archives, the earliest records of this celebration date back to May 1613. While many rural customs have fallen by the wayside, the deep affection for their beloved Image, depicted in an ancient icon believed to date back to the 8th century hasn't wavered. For her annual outing in May, the painting is mounted in a frame studded with rivers of precious stones. Devotees dressed in the traditional garb of ancient brotherhoods take turns carrying the heavy frame for several miles. In the dead of night, the singing procession winds through the narrow streets, passing in front of every church in the historic center.

This candlelit march is a true phenomenon. Shopkeepers leave their doors open until the Madonna passes by, even if it's midnight. Thousands of people gather in the streets. As the painting goes by, the most enthusiastic devotees shout out, "Viva Maria!" and the crowd joins in the chorus. Surrounded by these ovations and welcomed like a star, the Icon journeys up and down the steep slopes of the city. Alongside her, the faithful walk over large sheets of cardboard rolled out along the route. While these conveniently catch the hot wax dripping from the candles, they also highlight the community spirit of the festival. The children of Velletri spend the entire morning decorating the cardboard, sitting in the streets and chatting away among colorful crayons.

Have a serene weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a **Summer Lunch & Movie in the St. Theresa's Hall.**



The event will take place on **Thursdays in July and August**, starting with July 2nd and ending on August 27th.

This event will include lunch (soup + sandwiches/bread, + ice-cream + coffee/tea) at 12pm, with the movie starting at 12:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organization of the lunch. If you want to commit for the entire program time, or just for a part of it, please send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com.

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27

Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28

Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29

Weekday
1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30

Weekday
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

May 31

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18