



## Bloom Where You Are Planted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to “bloom where you are planted,” sometimes we can feel as if we’ve been planted among weeds—the people we’ve been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we’ve been sent. It is in the lives we have that we

work out our salvation, for Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is at hand for you” (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we’ve been planted. ●

### Reflect

***What is the hardest part of my life right now?  
What is the most blessed?***

The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

LUKE 10:1





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St. Theresa's Gift Shop: 292-0416 Shop Hours: Tuesday's & Saturday's from 10:00am – 2:00pm

**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

**Website:** [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) – Where you can find information about our Diocese.

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. July 5th	6:30pm	Stephen DeSilva, Tracey DeSilva, & Candace DeSilva, Birthday wishes
Sun. July 6th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	Elfriede Lewnowski, Birthday wishes + Kevin Ledo, Carlos Almeida, Humberto Santos, + Rogério & Manuel Santos Bolarinho, + José & Amelia Andrade Almeida Special Intentions of Evin S. Mosley Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Gil Mello
Mon. July 7th	7:30am	Elfriede Lewnowski, Birthday wishes
Tues. July 8th	7:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
Wed. July 9th	7:30am	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay
Thurs. July 10th	7:30am	+ Rosa Goetz
Fri. July 11th	7:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sat. July 12th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. July 13th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Joe & Theresa DoCouto St. Theresa's Parish Family

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : July 12th & 13th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	A. Machado	K. Scarth	V. Turner L. LeFevre	C. Duqueza
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	S. Booth A. Donaghy J. Judd A. Machado	I. Brackstone H. Cabral E. Cabral B.D. Knights	E. Mosley J. Alcantara P. LeFevre	C. Sevilla A. Galea D. Robiso
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	B. Barreto-Hogan	M. S. Brackstone	K. Judd	O. Anderson

## PLEASE NOTE OUR GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Closed:

From Cup Match, 31st July to  
15th August.

Open Saturdays only:

16th/23rd/30th August

Resuming Tuesdays & Saturdays:

9th September onward



## 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!

## ONLINE TRANSFER PAYMENTS:

Please be aware when coordinating any online transfers to our **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100**, could you **please send an email** to the Rectory office to **advise** of the incoming funds and **how** they should be **allocated**. Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details do not always appear on our end. *Thank you!*

## 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



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

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:** Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmut on, [fgwohlmut@logic.bm](mailto:fgwohlmut@logic.bm) to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.





### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	June 28th/29th	\$3,825.00
Electronic offering:	June 28th/29th	\$1,533.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 27	\$160,105.00
Peter's Pence collection	to date	\$540.00

*Thank you for your support!*



### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

July 6th—12th, 2025

Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles  
and 2 Roses

For the Intentions of the Brackstone family

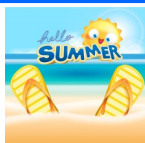
**FOCUS:** If we share in Christ's suffering, we will share his joy.

Paul tells the Galatians that it is no longer circumcision or uncircumcision that sets God's people apart. Instead, at our baptism, we were marked for Christ with the sign of the cross. This indelible seal sets us apart to share in Christ's mission, but also in his suffering. We have hope that we who have died with Christ will also rise with him to live in the new Jerusalem, comforted in the arms of our loving God.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Please be advised that we are now into the Summer schedule. This means that there are **no 9:00am Portuguese Masses, followed by adoration, on Saturdays** at St. Theresa's. There are also **no 12:10pm Masses on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** at St. Theresa's. Finally, there are **no evening Portuguese Masses on Wednesdays** at St. Patrick's.

All masses will resume in September.



### PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Come join us for Coffee and baked goods  
On **July 13th, 2025, after the 11:30am Mass**  
Location: **Church Hall**

\*If you are a baker and want like to donate to the social, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave goods in the Church Hall before Mass.



### 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 x3.



### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This year, Christians around the world commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, a foundational moment in Church history and a catalyst for a centuries-long conversation about Christian unity, what we today call ecumenism. Convened in 325 in the city of Nicaea (modern-day İznik, Turkey), the Council sought to resolve doctrinal disputes threatening the coherence of the Church in a rapidly changing empire. Most famously, it confronted the teachings of Arius, who denied the full divinity of Christ, and produced what we now know as the Nicene Creed. But beyond theological declarations, the Council represented the first-time bishops from across the known Christian world gathered to settle matters of faith, making it in historical terms, the first "ecumenical" council.

Seventeen centuries later, the word ecumenical has taken on new meaning. Originally describing a council of united believers, it now refers to the effort to build unity among Christians who remain divided across Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant lines. This shift reflects a painful truth; while the early Church sought unity, it has long lived with division.

The Council of Nicaea allows us to "see in a different light the points that still separate us," Pope Leo XIV told participants of a recent Catholic-Orthodox symposium at the Vatican. The Pope told his guests that he was "convinced" that by returning to the Council of Nicaea, "a common source" for the Catholic, Orthodox, and Eastern faiths, it would be possible to see that division in a different light. He proposed that the anniversary could help us better understand "the mystery that unites us" and move toward "the restoration of full communion."

Have a serene weekend and a blessed week!

*Bishop Wes*

### PETER'S PENNCE COLLECTION:

We will continue to take up funds for the Peter's Pence Collection for the **next 2 weekends**, to help support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Special envelopes are still available for your donation or you can also contribute via an online donation to BNTB #2000 6060 4827 32100. Be sure to include "Peter's Pence" in the memo field, or send a confirmation email.



### CHANCERY OFFICE-CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:

The Chancery Office will be migrating to a new Email address. The new address is:  
[orcc.bermuda@gmail.com](mailto:orcc.bermuda@gmail.com)

Please update your records accordingly.



# Dear Padre,

***At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?***

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. ●

**Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***The disciples were sent two by two, not individually....  
Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to  
collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions  
together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside  
us and taking into account their point of view; whether  
we do so in community, not by ourselves.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022**

## Monday

July 7  
Weekday  
Gn 28:10-22a  
Mt 9:18-26

## Tuesday

July 8  
Weekday  
Gn 32:23-33  
Mt 9:32-38

## Wednesday

July 9  
Weekday  
Gn 41:55-57;  
42:5-7a, 17-24a  
Mt 10:1-7

## Thursday

July 10  
Weekday  
Gn 44:18-21,  
23b-29; 45:1-5  
Mt 10:7-15

## Friday

July 11  
St. Benedict, Abbot  
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30  
Mt 10:16-23

## Saturday

July 12  
Weekday  
Gn 49:29-32;  
50:15-26a  
Mt 10:24-33

## Sunday

July 13  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 30:10-14  
Col 1:15-20  
Lk 10:25-37