

## A Real Force of Nature

**O**ne of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. (“The sea was no more,” Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God’s absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn’t simply recount a display of Jesus’ extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today’s Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus’ authority over the storm. They declared, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Spend some time thinking about how Jesus has protected you from harm.*
- ✦ *Pray for the grace to trust in God.*



*He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was great calm.*

MARK 4:39



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	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Jun 19	6:30 pm	+	Ben DeSilva & Intentions of Stephen DeSilva
Sun.	Jun 20	8:30 am	+	Ben DeSilva & Intentions of Paul, Stephen, Jason & Brandon DeSilva
		10:00 am	+	M. de Medeiros, H. Frias, V. & E. Mendonca
			+	C. Chibante, M. de Jesus Andrade, M. Franco, L. Pimentel, M. Aguiar, Maria do Rosario Medeiros, D. Franguinho
		11:30 am	+	Larry Dennis
		6:00 pm	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Jun 21	7:30 am		
Tues.	Jun 22	7:30 am		
Wed.	Jun 23	7:30 am	+	Stan
Thurs.	Jun 24	7:30 am		
		10:30 am		Intentions of MSA Graduates & Their Families
Fri.	Jun 25	7:30 am		In Honour of Our Lady (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady in Medjugorje)
Sat.	Jun 26	6:30 pm		Intentions of Sr. Dolores
Sun.	Jun 27 (Portuguese)	8:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		10:00 am		
		11:30 am	+	Matilde David
		6:00 pm	+	Roy Thomas

### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! A FATHERS' DAY PRAYER**

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

### **SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES**

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield **Acct #20-006-060-4** and include "Sunday Offering" or "Special Collection" 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 support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral during this difficult time due to the Covid-19 restrictions.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**  
*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy." (Sirach 35:8)*

**Steward's Sharing of Treasure**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Collection:</b>	June 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 6,262.00
	To Date: Week 24	\$ 79,188.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**



20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**Donation Given for 2 Votive Candles & 2 Roses**  
**"For the Intentions of Hubert Faries & Family"**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Nature is a powerful force, and yet with three simple words, *Quiet! Be still!* Jesus showed that his power was greater. Jesus is here for us, too, to calm the storms in our lives and to draw us closer to him. We do our part by nourishing our faith and strengthening our relationship with Jesus as we journey with him toward the kingdom of God.



**WEDDING:** Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Ryan Rebello and Brittany Ricca**, who will be married this Sunday at St. Theresa's Cathedral. May God continue to bless you on your special day and always!

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:**

**Next weekend, June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>**, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Special envelopes have been attached to your bulletin for your donation or consider making an online donation to: **Butterfield Bank Account No. 20006060482732100** and be sure to include **"Peter's Pence"** in the memo field. Please be generous. For more information, visit: <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

**FEAST OF SENHOR SANTO CRISTO IN BERMUDA:**

The celebration of the Feast of Senhor Santo Cristo in Bermuda is scheduled on **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm and on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in St. Theresa's Cathedral**. The committee members are currently selling raffle tickets at \$10 each for wonderful and numerous prizes to be won. Tickets are available from the committee members or by email: [santocristobermuda@gmail.com](mailto:santocristobermuda@gmail.com). At 4:30 pm following the Sunday Mass, the raffle draw will be held in the Cathedral Hall. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you at one of the masses.

**SVDP FOOD DRIVE – Hunger does not take a break for the Summer!**



Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Bermuda, a Roman Catholic Charity, in collecting canned goods and non-perishable items i.e. boxes of macaroni and spaghetti, canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, peanut butter, pasta sauce, box of rice, vienna sausages, canned corn and canned fruit. All

donations will go towards the Salvation Army Food Pantry and the St. Patrick's Food Program. Please drop off items to your local parish on the weekends of **June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>** or drop off to St. Patrick's Hall on two Wednesdays, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. For more information or to make a monetary donation, Contact: Karen at [svdp@northrock.bm](mailto:svdp@northrock.bm) or Sandra at 331-8485.

**BISHOP'S CORNER**



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Fabrice Hadjadj, French philosopher, playwright and convert, father of nine children, and past member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, expresses to the Famille Chrétienne weekly newspaper about his latest book, *Etre père avec Saint Joseph. Petit guide de l'aventurier des temps post-modernes - Being a father with St. Joseph. A small guide for the adventurer in the postmodern era*.

Hadjadj talks about the crisis of fatherhood, but makes an observation that the most problematic models and stereotypes of fatherhood and parenthood in general, are collapsing today. So it does not necessarily have to be lamented. Looking for designs in the figure of St. Joseph, however, needs to be freed from excessively superficial and unreal ideas about him. It has come to the point that the family in which the Incarnation took place is often seen as the most disincarnated family.

He notes that in the biblical world, fatherhood, or the family in general, is not just a well-functioning mechanism, but an adventure that has its ups and downs. Parents are not primarily educators but those who hand over life with all that it brings. So the basic issue is accepting that we live because to live is to react to an event. For a man, fatherhood is the first and strongest adventure. Birth is a happy event, admits the French philosopher, and yet a being emerges who will suffer and have to confront injustice. "My child is exposed to evil and I agreed to it, and I am responsible for this vulnerability. How do I not experience a crisis in this situation? It must be remembered that in life, here on earth, joy and anguish, fullness and poverty always grow together."

Fabrice Hadjadj, who grew up in a Jewish family before his conversion to Catholicism, reminds us that in the biblical tradition a child is not one who simply obeys the law, but enters the living Word and traditions passed on to him by his parents. Today there is a danger of seeing parents as parenting experts who are not simply supposed to receive their children but to produce an excellent child that will not make mistakes. Meanwhile, even in Paradise, where the Father was perfect, "the fall" happened. When, on the other hand, as in the case of Jesus, the child is perfect, it does not mean that sometimes he will not get lost and cause his parents to fear. It is normal for a child to elude his parents. "Parenting is not an application," concludes Hadjadj.

Happy Father's Day and have a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

# Dear Padre,

**Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can't we just be Catholic?**

**T**he word *catholic* means "whole," "universal," "complete." To be Catholic, we must include everyone. I once served as a pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.



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The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel part of the Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English.

It wasn't just about language or nationality. We had Sunday-evening Mass to accommodate the many people who worked Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It's difficult to form one Church. It's difficult to be Catholic. But for 2,000 years we've found it to be worth it. Culturally diverse faith communities acknowledge our differences; more importantly, we celebrate our Catholic wholeness through this diversity!

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Do not be afraid of migrants. Migrants are those who always bring us richness....Today there is the temptation to build a culture of walls, to raise walls, walls in the heart, walls on the land....And those who raise a wall, who build a wall, will end up a slave within the walls he has built, without horizons.*

DIALOGUE WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, APRIL 6, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
Gn 12:1-9 • Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday**  
JUNE 22  
Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday**  
JUNE 23  
Weekday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday**  
JUNE 24  
Nativity of

St. John the Baptist  
Is 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday**  
JUNE 25  
Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday**  
JUNE 26  
Weekday

Gn 18:1-15 • Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday**  
JUNE 27

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or  
5:21-24, 35b-43

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