



THE ONLY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BERMUDA NAMED AFTER AN ANGELIC BEING.

Our Parish Community

September 27, 2026

Saints Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels (Feast)(A)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / John 1:47-51

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ✨



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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Weekend Masses: Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 10:15am

Saturday 7:00pm (Neo-Catechumenal Mass).

Baptisms: by appointment 3 weeks in advance

Weddings: by appointment 6 months in advance



Mass Schedule & Intentions

*We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend.
May you be blessed by your presence here today.*

MINISTRIES...

September 26/27th - THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Peter Marsh
10:15AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Willie Forbes
Collection: Karen Marsh

October 3/4th - THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Laura DeFrias EM: Karen Marsh
10:15AM Lector: Willie Forbes EM: Joyce Lee
Collection: Jesse Almeida

MASS INTENTIONS...

September 26/27th - THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5:00PM Martin Kevin Cusack + (12th Anniversary)
10:15AM All Those remembered in our Feast Day Flower Memorials

October 3/4th - THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners
10:15AM Iduino Rodrigues +



SEPTEMBER 20/21st Collection:
\$1,354.00

VOTIVES: \$16.00

POOR BOX (SVDp): \$10.00

**THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE SECOND
COLLECTION FOR MAINTENANCE.**



A Beautiful Call to Serve ALTAR SERVERS

St Michael's Church will soon
be inviting young people to
consider serving at the altar.

Bishops Corner...

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The week beginning with this Sunday, is going to be quite intense in our diocesan community.

Firstly, on Tuesday the 29th of September, the solemnity of the Archangels marks the liturgical feast of St. Michael's Parish in Paget. May this be an occasion for all of us to surround this Catholic community with our prayers and warmest thoughts, invoking the blessing of the Lord and the protection of their mighty Patron.

Secondly, Thursday the 1st of October, marks the feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, the Little Flower, the Patroness of our Cathedral Parish and our Diocese. Again, may this liturgical feast encourage each one of us to a special moment of prayer for St. Theresa's Parishioners as well as for our Diocese.

Thirdly, Saturday the 3rd of October, offers two festive occasions. At 11:00am at St. Anthony's Church, there will be a third community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi. He passed away on the 3rd of October 1226, so on this Saturday it will be precisely 800 years from his passing. There will be confessions from 10:30am for those who would like to receive this Sacrament.

Also on Saturday, October 3rd, there will be a special celebration of thanksgiving for Fr. Dandy Traje, CP. Fr. Dandy will preside at the 6:30pm Mass at our Cathedral and preach. After the Mass, the Parish Council have organised a dinner as a thank you moment for the four years of his ministry in Bermuda. Even if Fr. Dandy will stay with us for a few more weeks, this evening will be an official farewell event for him.

May you have a restful weekend and a truly blessed week!

+ *Wes J. Jurek*
Bishop Wes



MOUNT SAINT AGNES ACADEMY

Auditorium Renovation

Please see the letter attached sharing the news of the Auditorium renovation. Every Dollar raised for this much needed upgrade will help continue the legacy started by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax in 1890.

Now 136+ years later, the work continues with dedication to continually improve and upgrade the MSA facility. Please consider being a part of this fundraising initiative

St. Vincent de Paul Society Donations

Donations can be made by Direct Deposit to: BNTB BD\$
20006060476711100 or US\$ 8400784730010.

Memo Field: Identify your name and purpose of donation. i.e. "In memory of..." (IMO and the name of person).

Email (Optional): send to svdp@northrock.bm for confirmation and acknowledgement.

DONATIONS IN CASH: Please use the Poor Boxes in your parish churches or the envelopes provided and place these in the collection baskets.

Sunday Readings

Saints Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels (Feast)(A)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / Rv 12:7-12ab / John 1:47-51

COLLECT

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him.

The court was convened, and the books were opened. As the visions during the night continued, I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, He received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 138:1-5

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. **(R)**

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. **(R)**

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth; And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: "Great is the glory of the Lord." **(R)**

SECOND READING – Rv 12:7-12ab

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death. Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you angels, you ministers, who do his will. *Ps 103:21*

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – John 1:47-51

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



Pastor's Point . . .

Dear Parishioners,

This week I will focus upon some of the changes that have occurred within our Diocese of Hamilton, Bermuda regarding the Liturgy. They are:

- (1) We have created our own ORDO which highlights specific celebrations that are unique for our diocese given our diversity of persons living and working here in Bermuda, plus new saints and of course the traditional universal celebrations.
- (2) The consecration of the Precious Blood has changed slightly in which we clergy agreed to use the term "FOR ALL" instead of "for many" to keep it consistent with the other part of the prayer.
- (3) DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD and I quote, "It was decided that as the law regarding the drinking AGE IS 18 we should follow this in the distribution of the precious blood." This must be enforced in order to protect the Church. Also, INTINCTION (placing the Body of Christ in the Blood of Christ before consuming) for both the Pastors and Communion Ministers is not allowed.
- (4) EULOGIES at funerals are not part of the Mass and clarification is needed around this. In November there will be a Liturgical Workshop on the form of the Mass. The Bishop will issue Decrees that will come out of his workshop and all parishes will be notified.

God bless, happy feast day, may we celebrate many more,



Fr. Joe, Pastor & Vicar General DOHB



WORDS OF LIFE

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) "Godparent" isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone.

It's an important role in a child's faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture.

Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, "Receive the light of Christ." That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special "witness" who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. *



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Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

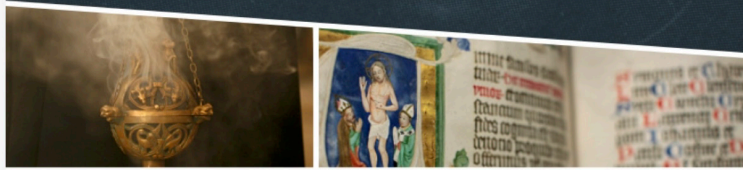


LET'S TALK
MENTAL HEALTH

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health illness or suicidal thoughts, please call: 236-3770 weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm (MWI) 911 or 239-1111 (24/7 Crisis hotline)



GET FED



WHAT IS THE “SWORD OF ST. MICHAEL”?

Besides being the fatal instrument that the archangel uses against the devil...

...the “Sword of St. Michael” is an invisible line that links seven of the world’s most significant sites dedicated to him.

The line begins in Ireland and stretches all the way to Israel. It’s an incredibly straight, tidy line and measures somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,000 miles.

St. Michael Bronze Finish Statue

This elegant St. Michael statue captures the strength and power of St. Michael the Archangel, making it a perfect addition to any home or office.

Let’s take a quick tour of its holy sites.

1. **County Kerry, Ireland** – Skellig Michael. Yes, this is the Irish island you see in Star Wars: The Last Jedi. The real Jedi (i.e. contemplative Irish monks) established their habitation here in the 6th century.
2. **Cornwall, UK** – St. Michael’s Mount. The holy Anglo-Saxon King St. Edward the Confessor gave this place on the tail-tip of Cornwall to the monks of Mont Saint-Michel Abbey in Normandy, who sent a band to establish the new community. Like the French original, it is regularly cut off from the mainland by tides.
3. **Normandy, France** – Mont-Saint-Michel. Speaking of the French original, that’s our next stop! According to legend, St. Michael instructed a local bishop to build a monastery on this rocky mount in the 8th century. Today, 3 million people visit this instantly-recognizable site every year.



Mont-Saint-Michel, France

4. **Turin, Italy** – Sacra di San Michele. A stop for pilgrims on their way to stop #5, this shrine was founded about the year 1000 A.D. by the Benedictines in the breathtaking Italian Alps. (Their

website has some incredible videos and images! <https://sacradisanmichele.com/>)

5. **Monte Sant’Angelo, Italy** – Sanctuary of St. Michael. This famous shrine is located underground, in a cave where the Archangel appeared in the 5th century—his earliest appearance in the western world. Revered by saints, popes, and countless pilgrims through the ages, it is located close to San Giovanni Rotondo, whose great saint—Padre Pio—was among its devotees.
6. **Panormitis, Greece** – Monastery of Taxiarchis Mihail Panormitis (“Michael the Commander of the Bodiless Armies”). Located on the island of Symi, this sanctuary was founded in the 5th century and contains a giant (two meters high!) icon of the saint. They say this icon was moved several times but always miraculously came back to its original location.
7. **Mount Carmel, Israel** – Stella Maris Monastery. The Carmelite Order began on Mount Carmel in the 13th century, but prayer warriors resided there long before that. It has been a holy place since biblical times (Elijah performed his famous contest with the pagan priests here back in the 9th century B.C. See 1 Kings 18:20-40). It does not have a sanctuary specifically dedicated to St. Michael, but its profound sanctity, holy history, and connection to Elijah (another great warrior of God, who is represented by a flaming sword in the Carmelite coat of arms) make it a fitting finale to this transcontinental pilgrimage.

Can you imagine visiting ALL SEVEN in a row? Now that would be one epic journey! They really should have an award for that. Do you think you could do it?

Today’s Takeaway . . .

“REMEMBER WHO FIGHTS WITH US”

The “Sword of St. Michael” stretches across thousands of miles, a striking reminder of a devotion that has crossed centuries and cultures, and of the powerful archangel Christians have long called upon for protection in spiritual battle.

Live It Out

CALL ON ST. MICHAEL

Pray the St. Michael Prayer today for someone who especially needs protection or strength. Then ask St. Michael to guard your own home and family against evil and lead you closer to Christ.



Are you burdened by your past or anxious about the future?
Do you experience loneliness?
Where is your life going?

Courage!

There is an Answer

“... I chose you, I have not rejected you – Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God. I will give you strength; truly, I will help you.”
— Isaiah 41:9-10

Catechesis for Adults and Youth 13+
Mondays and Wednesdays at 8PM
Beginning September 28, 2026
St. Michael’s Catholic Church
51 South Road, Paget (Parish Hall)
For more information call Maura Almeida: 704-2255

Free Babysitting

What is Happening in Our Diocese?

St. MICHAEL'S

- **St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 29th at 6pm in the hall.
- **The EMMAUS Bible Study** each Tuesday, 3:00pm.
- Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist celebration - Saturdays at 7:00pm
- **The Holy Rosary** will be said each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm, led by Lucy Attride-Stirling. Everyone is welcome to come and spend some quiet time and please join us.
- **A Filipino Mass in Tagalog will be celebrated each Sunday starting on October 4th at 4:30pm**

St. THERESA'S

- St. Theresa's Cathedral summer opening hours are:
Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm
Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm
Sunday 8am-7pm
- Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am.
- Saturday Portuguese Mass is at 9:00am
- The 12:10pm Mass is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

St. ANTHONY'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 8:30am

St. PATRICK'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00am
- Praying the Rosary is each Wednesday at 10:00am
- A weekly Portuguese Mass is celebrated each Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- Adoration /Rosary on Thursdays is cancelled for the month of September, as Fr. Vivien will be out of the Island, resuming on Thursday October 8th.
- A mass in Tagalog takes place on, THE SECOND FRIDAY of the month at 7:00pm.

St. JOSEPH'S

- A Filipino mass is celebrated every, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH at 11:00am

STELLA MARIS

- A Filipino mass is celebrated on the LAST Wednesday OF THE MONTH at 7:00pm

St. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP

- **Opening hours** - 10:00am-2:00pm. Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** that can assist for 2 hours/week on Saturdays from 12-2PM, or as a fill-in for any absences. If you can assist, please call 292-0416 or drop by in person. Thank you

Save the Date



THIS SUNDAY After 10:15 Mass

We will celebrate our Parish Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. All readings and hymns etc will reflect the Feast Day theme.

There is a **Coffee Social following the 10:15am Mass**. If you would like to donate toward the Altar flowers for next week in honor or memory of someone, please use the envelopes provided or email stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com with the amount and with confirmation of an online donation.

Additionally we welcome savoury and sweet items for the Coffee Social. **Thank you in advance for your support of our Feast Day celebrations.**

Missionary Childhood Rally

100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday

"One in Christ, united in Mission"

For children ages 5 to 14. Saturday, 17th October 2026 from 9 am - 1 pm in the Mount Saint Agnes Academy Auditorium.

Please RSVP to diocesanbermuda@gmail.com by Monday, 21st September 2026



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PREPARATION • JANUARY 2027

Is your child ready to begin preparing for First Holy Communion?

Interested? Contact St. Michael's Parish
stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.



MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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