

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 15:15–20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6–10 /
Matthew 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37



“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’
and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37



Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“**L**et your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



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Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?



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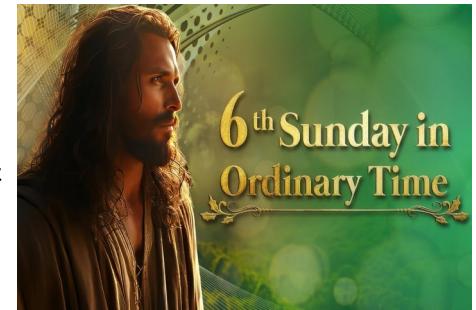
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Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

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 – Where you can find information about our Diocese.



DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

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| Sat. | Feb. 14th | 6:30pm | + Manuel Bizarro, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, & + Maria Encarnação Martins |
| Sun. | Feb. 15th (Portuguese) | 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm | Special Intention of Karen Scarth + Alda Carreiro, Jose Fernando Pimentel, + Antonio Pimentel, Angelina Botelho, + Mario Medeiros, Senhor Padre Julio + Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family |
| Mon. | Feb. 16th | 7:30am | Harper & Cali DeSilva, Happy 2nd Birthday |
| Tues. | Feb. 17th | 7:30am | |
| Wed. | Feb. 18th | 7:30am 12:10pm | + Natalie Lindo |
| Thurs. | Feb. 19th | 7:30am 12:10pm | |
| Fri. | Feb. 20th | 7:30am 12:10pm | |
| Sat. | Feb. 21st | 6:30pm | + Jeffrey Mark Medeiros & + Joao Veloso, Birthday in Heaven |
| Sun. | Feb. 22nd (Portuguese) | 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm | + Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Nyal & Josephine Clinton St. Theresa's Parish Family |

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : February 21st & 22nd, 2026

| Time: | 6:30pm | 8:30am | 11:30am | 6:00pm |
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| Proclaimer: | A. Donaghy | A. Farrell | A. Cannonier L. LeFevre | CFC Kids |
| Communion Ministers: | S. Booth C. Maiato J. Judd C. Johnson | E. Cabral H. Cabral T. Sinclair I. Brackstone | J. Alcantara C. Kieck P. LeFevre | A. Galea A. Tan M. Tan |
| Song Leaders: | M. Gravito | F. Wohlmuth | M. B. Tan | Kids Choir |

ATTENTION: Please be advised that during the winter season
St. Theresa's Cathedral will be locked at **4pm from Monday to Friday.**



ONLINE ACCOUNTS:

St. Theresa's Cathedral—BNTB #2000
6060 4827 32100,

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Or BNTB USD # 8400 7847 30010

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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm February 13th, 2026



St. Patrick's Church

7pm February 6th, 2026

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month

ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: **9:00am** – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – **10:15am** - Benediction

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at **7:30pm** via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you and your family registered? Is your contact information up-to-date? If not, please contact the Rectory office and request a Parish Registration Form, or download it via the Diocesan website, www.romancatholicbermuda.bm under the "Useful Links" section. By being registered, it gives the Priest &/ Church the ability to speak on your behalf. Being registered can be very useful in many different ways. For example, if you and your family will receive any Sacraments here or overseas, if you are going to be a Godparent or a Sponsor, etc. All information sent in will be kept according to the PIPA ACT.

FOCUS: Seek God's wisdom and follow his commandments. As disciples, we strive to follow God's wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of "wisdom" in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God's wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus' wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

| | Date | Actual |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Collection: | Feb. 7th & 8th | \$2,547.00 |
| Electronic offering: | Feb. 7th & 8th | \$170.00 |
| 2026 Collection to Date: | Week 6 | \$33,260.00 |

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
February 8th—14th, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
No intention to date

ST. THERESA'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

7:30 am — Fr. Dandy
 10:30 am — MSA, Bishop Wes
 12:10am — Fr. Dandy
 6:00 pm — Bishop Wes
 7:30 pm — Portuguese, Bishop Wes



TO ALL OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS (new and existing):



We invite you to attend the orientation/refresher/workshop scheduled on the following:

Eucharistic Ministers (EM): Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 at 6pm, St Theresa's Cathedral.

Lectors: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 6pm, St Theresa's Cathedral.

Liturgical Commissioning (EMs & Lectors): Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 at 11:30 am mass, St Theresa's Cathedral.

Kindly ensure that your contact information is updated should there be any changes, and please indicate the Mass time at which you wish to serve as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Ministers in the schedule."

VALENTINE'S DINNER/BINGO:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will hold a Valentine's Themed Bingo Night on **Saturday, February 13th, 2026** in the Parish Centre: Time **6:30 p.m.** (Doors open at 6pm)



Tickets: \$25 Adults (soup, sandwiches/rolls, assorted desserts & chocolates will be offered):

Prizes and Raffles. Lets share in a fun evening together!

For Tickets Call Liz Card: 234-0872

or email lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com

SYNODAL BIBLE STUDY:

This NEW BIBLE STUDY will be on **Thursday's at 3pm** in the Pastor's Office at St. Michael's Church. Just park behind the Church and make sure to bring your CATHOLIC BIBLE. This is **FREE** and is open for all. For any questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



While the fruits of grace of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, which has just ended, a new occasion for jubilation and sanctification has been added to it as a continuation: the eighth centenary of the joyful passing of Saint Francis of Assisi, from earthly life to his heavenly homeland (3rd of October 1226). The Apostolic Penitentiary for this occasion proclaimed a special Jubilee Year from the 10th of January 2026 until the 10th of January 2027, with associated Plenary Indulgence.

For a more perfect achievement of the intended goals, the Apostolic Penitentiary, grants a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father), also applicable in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory to all the faithful without distinction who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventional church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis or connected to him for any reason, and there devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God so that, following the example of Saint Francis, feelings of Christian charity towards their neighbors and authentic vows of harmony and peace among peoples may spring forth in their hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

Taking this in consideration I establish St. Anthony's Parish Church in Warwick to be the Jubilee church where Plenary Indulgence might be obtained. At the same time, I establish five special occasions for the community prayer at St. Anthony's Church to facilitate Plenary Indulgence practices:

13th of June 2026 – St. Anthony's Liturgical Feast;
 2nd of August 2026 – Portiuncula Indulgence
 17th of September 2026 – The Stigmata of St. Francis
 3rd of October 2026 – St. Francis Passing
 12th of October 2026 – St. Carlo Acutis Liturgical Feast

Have a joyful last weekend of Carnival and a blessed Lent!

Bishop Wes

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God Monthly Group meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 24th, 2026**.



We hope to see you there!

KIDS (Children) SERVICE AT HOLY MASS:

Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm



Calling Children to serve as: Lector , Altar Server , & Choir

Please help us, with your stewardship to our Cathedral!

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

St. Theresa's Gift Shop is open again for both Tuesday's & Saturday's.



Do stop by for your 2026 Calendars, special occasion cards, gift ideas, and much, much more.

Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, “The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent,” and “There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion” (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child’s life is in immediate danger: “An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents” (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church’s pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

“Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God’s love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16
Weekday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17
Weekday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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