



# St. Theresa's Cathedral

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**Confessions:** By appointment only – Social distancing of 3' if a mask is worn or 6' if no mask is worn.

**Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

**Weddings:** By appointment – 1 year in advance. Lenten Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or elsewhere

**Facebook:** Our Catholic Diocese is on Facebook. Visit our page & "LIKE" us and join our on-line community.

	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Sept. 05	6:30 pm	+	Robert & Helen Furlong
Sun.	Sept. 06 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00 am	+	Miguel Franco, Kevin Ledo, Luis Pimentel
		11:30 am		Couples for Christ & Family Ministries
		6:00 pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Sept. 07	7:30 am		In Honour & Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Tues.	Sept. 08	7:30 am		Intentions of Lucy Willitts
Wed.	Sept. 09	7:30 am		For the Baptism of Aborted Babies Via the Water from the Side of Christ
		12:10 pm	+	Marion Lockhead
Thurs.	Sept. 10	7:30 am	+	Ivone Alves
		12:10 pm		Intentions of David & Susan Mutch
Fri.	Sept. 11	7:30 am	+	Angelo Baluyot
		12:10 pm	+	Calvin Smith
Sat.	Sept. 12	6:30 pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun.	Sept. 13 (Portuguese)	8:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		10:00 am	+	
		11:30 am	+	Victor Moniz & Arminda & Manuel Garrafa
		6:00 pm		Intentions of Dr. Miller

### THIS WEEK'S & NEXT WEEK'S LECTORS' SCHEDULE

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Lectors:</b>	K. Johann	K. Scarth	F. Maxwell	No Lector
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	G. Medeiros	F. Wolhmuth	K. Judd	
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.				
<b>Lectors:</b>	Analia Machado	L. Scarth	I. Aleria	M. Castellanes
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	G. Medeiros	Taryn	M. Gravito	

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

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield **Acct #20-006-060-482732-100** 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. Cheques drawn to St. Theresa's Cathedral can also be mailed to the above address.

### Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral:

9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Recitation of the Rosary (Portuguese & English); Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Portuguese & English) and Benediction.

The 12:10pm MASS resumed on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

### STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PARISH *Continue to Give Generously*

As COVID-19 continues to change the way the world interacts, we see parishes across North America responding creatively and finding new ways to minister. As parishioners who are charged with exercising good stewardship of our parishes, how are we supporting the ministries of our parish communities? More succinctly, how are we responding to our parishes with our giving practices? We have a need to give, a need that is expressed through our love for Christ and his Church.

We sometimes hold back our giving because of fear. If I volunteer my time and give my money, will I have enough left for me? Am I willing to risk sacrifice? Giving and sacrifice strengthen relationships.

We all have a need to continue giving faithfully to our parish community. Our gift continues to enrich the people who gather around the Eucharistic table, even if virtually. Our need is rooted in our commitment to the Gospel and our love for Christ, our community and our neighbor. When we give, we obey the first commandment, we practice the greatest virtue, and we reveal ourselves as Christian stewards.

*Taken from the ICSC – E-Bulletin  
Sept. 2020*



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Your, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7). The Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts. He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 1,682.00
	To Date: Week 36	\$ 100,912.00

*We need your continued support!*

*If making a donation to the Poor, please place your cash/cheque in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Charity".*

### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020  
Donation Given for two 7-Day Votive Candles  
"In Memory of Robert Hay"

**INTRODUCTION:** Our readings today work together to teach us about the real obligations of the law, which include gently correcting one another so that our communities may be in harmony. Paul explains how we must do this, and do all things, with love. And Jesus promises to remain with us always.

#### HOLY LAND COLLECTION - Next Weekend – Sept 12/13:

Due to the disruption caused by the coronavirus and the lockdown of the church over Easter, the Apostolic Nunciature has requested that the collection normally taken for the Holy Land during the Good Friday service be moved to **next** weekend, September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This special collection will support Christians in the Holy Land and help provide upkeep of the sacred places. Please be generous.

**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION:** The Second Collection for Maintenance, which is taken on the Second Sunday of each month, will now be **transferred** to the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Holy Land Collection, which will be taken next weekend. Thank you for your anticipated support!

#### "CARITAS", HOUSE OF PRAYER: Tel: 236-5877

◆ "Quiet Wednesday", September 9<sup>th</sup>: Recitation of the Rosary with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:30 AM. We continue to pray for the needs of our diocese and the world. We will have social distancing and sanitizer, so please join us.

We continue to have many things for which we would like to find a home, including our loving dog, Star. She is an 8 ¾ old pure-bred German Shepherd. She will need a good home, possibly as soon as October. Our Yard Sale will be this **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM. Masks, sanitizing and social distancing will be followed.**

◆ **Reflection:** This Sunday our Gospel ends with a promise from Jesus that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is present in their midst. Whether it is a family seated around the dinner table, a few gathered for the recitation of the Rosary, a couple standing in awe of a magnificent sunset or grandparents beaming love as they hover over their new born grandchild, the Christ is present. Many times one experiences a deeper sense of God's presence at a time other than at formal prayer. However, for this to be experienced, a daily awareness of God is necessary, He

must be an active player in our daily lives. Pray this week for that grace to accompany you always.

◆ **Note:** Lectio Divina by zoom will be cancelled this Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> because of the Labor Day Holiday. It will resume via zoom on September 14<sup>th</sup>.  
*Sisters Dolores and Judith*

**FUNERAL:** We mourn the passing of one of our parishioners, Calvin Smith, husband to Jeannie, which Memorial Service was held here on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. May he rest in peace!

#### SPECIAL DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**Sunday, October 25, 2020:** First Holy Communion – All Parishes

**Sunday, November 22, 2020** – Confirmation

*Please note these dates maybe subject to change, pending any new Bermuda Government regulations.*

#### BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Younger and younger children are starting to use devices such as smartphones and tablets. The problem is considerable because frequent use of these devices can be detrimental to the proper development of a child's brain.

Psychologist Marta Wojtas from the We Empower Children Foundation said, "From the experience of our Foundation, we can see that parents make new technologies available to their children earlier and earlier. As a result, up to seventy five percent of six-year-olds are proficient in new technologies, while only nine percent know how to lace up their shoes well. It illustrates a bit what the reality may look like if we do not deal with the area of balance between children's offline lives and their online lives." She pointed out that the problem of Internet addiction affects more and more young people. Wojtas also pointed out that, "Research conducted by our Foundation a few years ago proves that twelve percent of our youth already show at least some symptoms of Internet abuse."

The expert emphasized that excessive use of these electronic devices may lead to weaker development of cognitive skills, problems with concentration, difficulties in social contact and coping with emotions. It also affects the health and development of the nervous system, causing overstimulation, which can lead to problematic use of devices and addiction.

It is very important that parents monitor their child's use of the Internet, not only to supervise the content watched, but also to explain and teach them how to use this medium. "We encourage people to set aside time for family, for example, so that the moments when we eat dinner together, play or go for a walk, are free from these electronic devices. It is also important to ensure proper rejuvenation, i.e. healthy sleep. We encourage people not to come into contact with devices an hour before going to bed, because they emit blue light that can affect the quality of sleep. We also encourage them not to keep their phone or tablet in the bedroom and not to check the phone upon waking. Parents should focus on spending time actively with their children. Various forms of physical movement are very important for brain development and regeneration. It should be noted that a phone should also not be treated as the only means of relaxation when people get bored," added Wojtas.

Perhaps I am an old timer, but I will never trade meeting people in person for even the best virtual chat.

Have a restful long weekend and a good shorter week!

*Bishop Wes*