Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46



Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison.... You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

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Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas
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DATES		TIMES		INTENTIONS
Sat.	Nov. 21st	6:30pm	+	Maria de Fatima & Adelino Medeiros
Sun.	Nov. 22nd (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Albert & Doris Ramsay
		10:00am	+	Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade
			+	Maria Jose de Silva, Jose Fernando Pimentel
			+	Joao Carlos Frias
		11:30am	+	Urania Rego & Maria Brites
		6:00pm	+	Wanda & Edward Spiewak
Mon.	Nov. 23rd	7:30am		Stephen DeSilva (U.K.), Healing Prayers
Tues.	Nov. 24th	7:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Wed.	Nov. 25th	7:30am		
		12:10pm	+	Paul & Marion Scaife
Thurs.	Nov. 26th	7:30am	+	Carlos DeSousa, Birthday in Heaven
		12:10pm	+	Tony Bari
Fri.	Nov. 27th	7:30am	+	Ben DeSilva, Anniversary of Death
		12:10pm		
Sat.	Nov. 28th	6:30pm		Brandon DeSilva, Birthday Wishes
Sun.	Nov. 29th	8:30am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00am		
		11:30am	+	Jose & Eduarda Gravito
		6:00pm	+	Manuel Alcantara, Birthday in Heaven

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: November 28th& 29th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Machado	H. DeSilva B. D. Knights	M. T. Ayensa A. Cannonier	O. Anderson
Communion Ministers:	J. Judd D. DeSilva S. Booth	G. Lovecchio O. Scarth I. Brackstone	A. Tan M. Tan E. Mosley	S. Gusi M. Billones R. Ronquilo
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	A. L. Garina	E. Cabral

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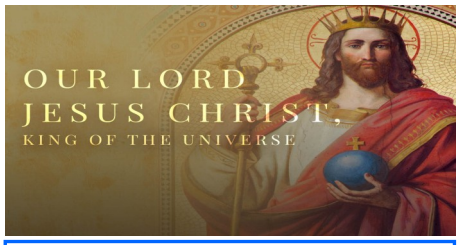
ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: The shop has various cards, bibles, rosaries, holy water bottles, statues, frames, and many other gift ideas, all at a great price! *Do support our little Gift Shop!*





ONLINE BANKING SUNDAY OFFERINGS & PARISH ENVELOPES: Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100.** Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes.**
Thank you for your continued support!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
Donations can be made by Direct Deposit to:
BNTB BD$ 2000 6060 4767 11100 or BNTB US$ 8400 7847 30010.
Memo Field: Add your name and purpose of donation.
Email (Optional): Send an email to svdp@northrock.bm for confirmation and acknowledgement.
Donations in Cash: Please use the envelopes provided in the alcove of Our Lady of Lourdes.

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:
St. Theresa's Cathedral
7pm 1st Friday of the month
St. Anthony's Church
11am 4th Saturday 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. Michael's Church
4:30pm Every Sunday

SATURDAY MORNING HOLY MASS:
The Saturday Holy Mass will be held in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Chapel at **9am.** This Holy Mass, in Portuguese, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration.



LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM:
Monday's at 7:30pm.
To join, please contact Franz Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:



Monday-Friday	7am-4:30pm
Saturday	8:30am-7:30pm
Sunday	8am-7pm

FOCUS: I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest.

If we are saying yes to Christ, then our tender shepherd will provide. He will give us all we need. He will give us insight into where our gifts are to be used. He will give us the resources and time to say this yes. He will give us the strength and help to respond to his call.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	**Nov. 14th & 15th**	**$4,156.50**
Electronic Offering:	**Nov. 14th & 15th**	**$760.00**
2026 Collection to Date:	**Week 47**	**$277,477.04**

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
November 22nd—28th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
And Two Roses
In Loving Memory of Maria de Fatima
And Adelino Medeiros

RCIA PROGRAM:



On **Tuesday, November 24th, 2026 at 6pm** in St. Theresa's Hall, our RCIA Program will begin. The sessions are planned for twelve Tuesdays and will last about 90 minutes each.

They are open to those who are considering becoming a Catholic and also to those Catholics who would like to know more about our Church. The foundation of the Program are the videos "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron.

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:



Please be aware that there will be **no** Coffee Social in December.

We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year!

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT:



St. Patrick' Church will be hosting a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 13th at 7pm.**

NO TICKETS - DONATIONS AT THE DOOR. Seating ... First Come First Serve

You will not want to miss this most Joyful, Beautiful and Spiritually uplifting evening. It will enhance your Advent and bring you into the Christmas Spirit.

All proceeds will go to the St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund and St. Patrick's needs.

CHRISTMAS BINGO:



St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be holding its Annual Christmas Bingo on **Friday, December 4th** at the St. James Church Hall in Somerset, starting at **7p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets are $25 (Adults) $10 (children) and will include a supper of soups, sandwiches, desserts, and 2 bingo cards!

For further information contact Liz Card on 234-0872 or WhatsApp 335-2077 Email: lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or Annette Barclay on 234-1268 Email: abarclay@northrock.bm.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

When Laura Fredrickson, a mother of four from Virginia, began reading My Son Carlo, a memoir by Antonia Salzano Acutis, mother of St. Carlo Acutis, she kept putting down the book in shock. "It got a little creepy there for a bit!" she told Aleteia. "Whenever I would start reading it, I would need to stop because I would bump into something that had happened to my family, in almost exactly the same way." Fredrickson's oldest child, Francisco, died on December 5, 2024. He was barely nine years old, and he had spent the previous 18 months of his life fighting diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), a rare and incurable form of brain cancer.

Yet in his short time on earth, her son lived no ordinary life. Even as he suffered increasing pain and loss of abilities, little Francisco Fredrickson never lost his joyful trust in God and hope in the goodness of Heaven. In an interview with Aleteia, his mother said, "Being there with Francisco as he was living his life here on Earth was honestly a surreal experience, because he lived in such a way that anything life on Earth threw at him, and my goodness, it threw awful stuff at him, just the most profound kind of physical and psychological suffering anything that life threw at him, evil never, ever had the last word. There wasn't a single instance in his life where evil won, not even a tiny bit."

Who was Francisco Fredrickson, and why is his story spreading rapidly around the world? With a strength far beyond his years, this remarkable little boy turned unthinkable suffering into a powerful witness of hope. The best way to get to know Francisco is through his mother's memoir, Little Pilgrim of Hope: A Child's Joyful Faith in the Midst of Terminal Brain Cancer. His mother also shares photos and videos of him on her public Instagram account, where you can find videos: https://www.instagram.com/laura.fredrickson/

May your weekend be calm and your week be good!

Bishop Wes

CHRISTMAS FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM – 2026:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing Christmas Food Vouchers again this year for those less fortunate and would like your help in registering people of your parish needing assistance.

Please provide the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in case we need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail or speak to your SVDP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin.



Deadline to receive names: November 28, 2026

CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE:



St. Anthony's Church will be hosting their annual Christmas Fair and Car Boot Sale on **Saturday, November 28th from 9am until 4pm**.

For the Car Boot Sale, it will be $25 if it includes a table or $20 if you bring your own.

To book a spot, please contact Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026 or prodrigu@logic.bm.

Dear Padre,



Why do some parishes have only priests who can't speak English well?

The short answer to your question is that in many instances, a diocese does not have enough priests to staff all its parishes. In this case, the bishop "recruits" priests from parts of the world where the number of priests is more abundant.

This is not a new practice. In the 1830s, American bishops were recruiting priests from Europe to staff the parishes in the United States. As a result, men like St. John Neumann and Blessed Francis Seelos came to the United States. They worked not only for the German immigrants, whose language they knew because they were German themselves, but also for the Irish, the French-speaking, the Native Americans, and any other Catholic group that needed Catholic pastoral service.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the American Church was able to send missionaries to Latin America, Asia, and Africa, where there were not enough Catholic priests. The Maryknoll Missionaries, for instance, were founded for this purpose.

Today, the situation has reversed. The places with the most Catholic priests are in Asia, Africa, and some Latin American countries, as well as in Eastern Europe. If these men are willing to make the sacrifice of leaving their homeland, family, and friends to serve us, shouldn't we make the effort to show some gratitude and hospitality to them? ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday
November 23
Weekday
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday
November 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday
November 25
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday
November 26
Thanksgiving Day (USA)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

Friday
November 27
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday
November 28
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday
November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion, and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility.

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