



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20-28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



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Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29





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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	Jan. 17th	6:30pm	Chloe & Jason DeSilva, Birthday wishes	
Sun.	Jan. 18th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Robert & Bernice Sinclair	
		10:00am	+ Antonio Mansinsho, Manuel Medieros	
		11:30am	+ Maria de Jesus Andrade, Senhor Padre Julio	
		6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family	
Mon.	Jan. 19th	7:30am		
Tues.	Jan. 20th	7:30am		
Wed.	Jan. 21st	7:30am 12:10pm		
Thurs.	Jan. 22nd	7:30am 12:10pm		
Fri.	Jan. 23rd	7:30am 12:10pm		
Sat.	Jan. 24th	6:30pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family	
Sun.	Jan. 25th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Jacqualine Barton, Birthday in Heaven	
		10:00am		
		11:30am	+ Wanda & Edward Spiewak	
		6:00pm		

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : January 24th & 25th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Donaghy	H. DeSilva	L. LeFevre V. Turner	CFC Kids
Communion Ministers:	J. Judd S. Booth C. Johnson A. Machado	H. Cabral E. Cabral T. Sinclair I. Brackstone	P. LeFevre A. Cannonier C. Kieck	M. Tan A. Tan A. Galea
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	F. Wohlmuth	A. L. Garina	Kids Choir

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



SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100** and include "Sunday Offering" 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 continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the SVDP Society. **Direct deposit to SVDP Society – BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4767 11100 or USD # 8400 7847 30010 or use the SVDP envelopes.**



FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday 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



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.



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Open: Saturday, January 17th, 24th & 31st, 2026

Reopening for Tuesday's & Saturday's: starting February 3rd, 2026

2026 Calendars are still available

FOCUS: We must bring the light of Christ to the world. The servants of God are lights to the world. There is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the light of the world, but he also desires that his followers bring his true light to the world.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Jan. 10th & 11th	\$3,458.00
Electronic offering:	Jan. 10th & 11th	\$675.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 2	\$13,975.50

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
January 12th—17th, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
& 2 Roses
No intention

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEE:

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection.

In Bermuda, this collection will take place on this weekend, January 17th and 18th. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online.

Thank you for your stewardship!



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please be advised that from January 18th to the 25th, 2026 the Christian world will celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with the theme of "One Body, One Spirit."

On **Sunday, January 25th, at the 11:30am Mass**, Bishop Nick will be our Guest Preacher for this occasion.

Calling All St. Theresa's Cathedral Parish Children

Ages 5 to 14:

You are invited to attend a Movie Morning at St. Theresa's Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 24th from 9- 11 am.**

We will be featuring the movie *Migration*.



There will be popcorn, juices and water.

Parents, if your child is interested in attending, please contact Mrs. Maria Pacheco at sttheresascd@gmail.com.

KARAOKE & PIZZA NIGHT:

Come Join Us and Showcase Your Talent! on **Saturday, January 24th 2026, 7:30pm** at St Theresa's Hall, Hamilton



Tickets: Adult \$30, Children (5-12) \$15

Available at the Rectory (Karen & Fr Dandy) and any one of the Parish Council Members.

Ticket are limited! Be sure not to miss out on a fun evening!

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Last week, Pope Leo XIV held his first extraordinary consistory calling the cardinals to Rome to experience a time of spiritual discernment in unity and to warn against the temptation to place personal interests ahead of the common good. This extraordinary consistory, distinct from ordinary consistories, which are more limited and more frequent, was planned to take place immediately after the Jubilee of Hope in order to offer support and advice to the Pope in the exercise of his arduous responsibility of governing the Church.

"We gather not to promote personal or group 'agendas' but to entrust our plans and inspirations to a discernment that transcends us - 'as the heavens are higher than the earth' - and which comes only from the Lord," he said in his homily during the Mass he celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica with the cardinals, convened to help him make decisions about the future of the Catholic Church.

Pope Leo XIV urged the cardinals to experience the Eucharist as the place where this discernment is purified and transformed, asking them to place all their "hopes and ideas upon the altar. Only in this way will we truly know how to listen to his voice and to welcome it through the gift that we are to one another - which is the very reason we have gathered."

I wish to recall once more Pope Leo's words: "We gather not to promote personal or group 'agendas' but to entrust our plans and inspirations to a discernment that transcends us and which comes only from the Lord." In my view, the promotion of personal or group 'agendas' is one of the main problems we face not only in the Church as a whole, but also within our Diocese and our parishes. This often leads to inefficiency in our planning and in our actions.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

REFLECTION: Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in service of God.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Mount Saint Agnes Academy, Bermuda's only Catholic school, celebrates Catholic Schools Week from **January 25th—February 1st** with the theme "United in Faith and Community." At MSA, faith and learning go hand in hand as we form servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens. We thank you for your support. Look for us at Masses across the Island on January 31st and February 1st! www.msa.bm

SYNODAL BIBLE STUDY:

This NEW BIBLE STUDY will be on **Thursday's**, starting on **January 15th, 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 anyone. For any questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

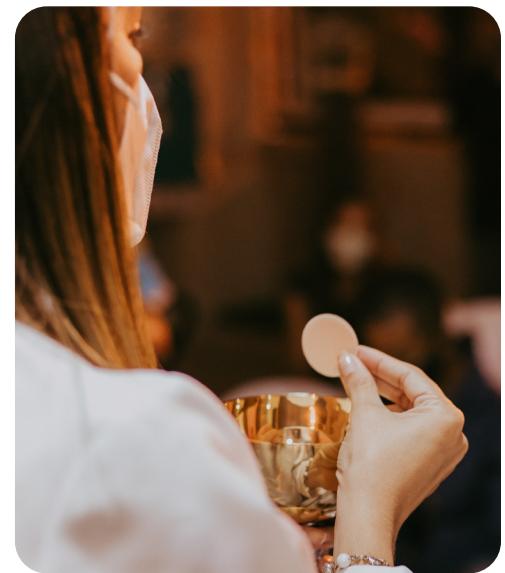


Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23	1 Sm 16:1–13	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51	1 Sm 3:1–6	1 Sm 24:3–21	2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27	Is 8:23–9:3
Mk 2:18–22	Mk 2:23–28	Mk 3:1–6	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7	Mk 3:13–19	Mk 3:20–21	1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025

