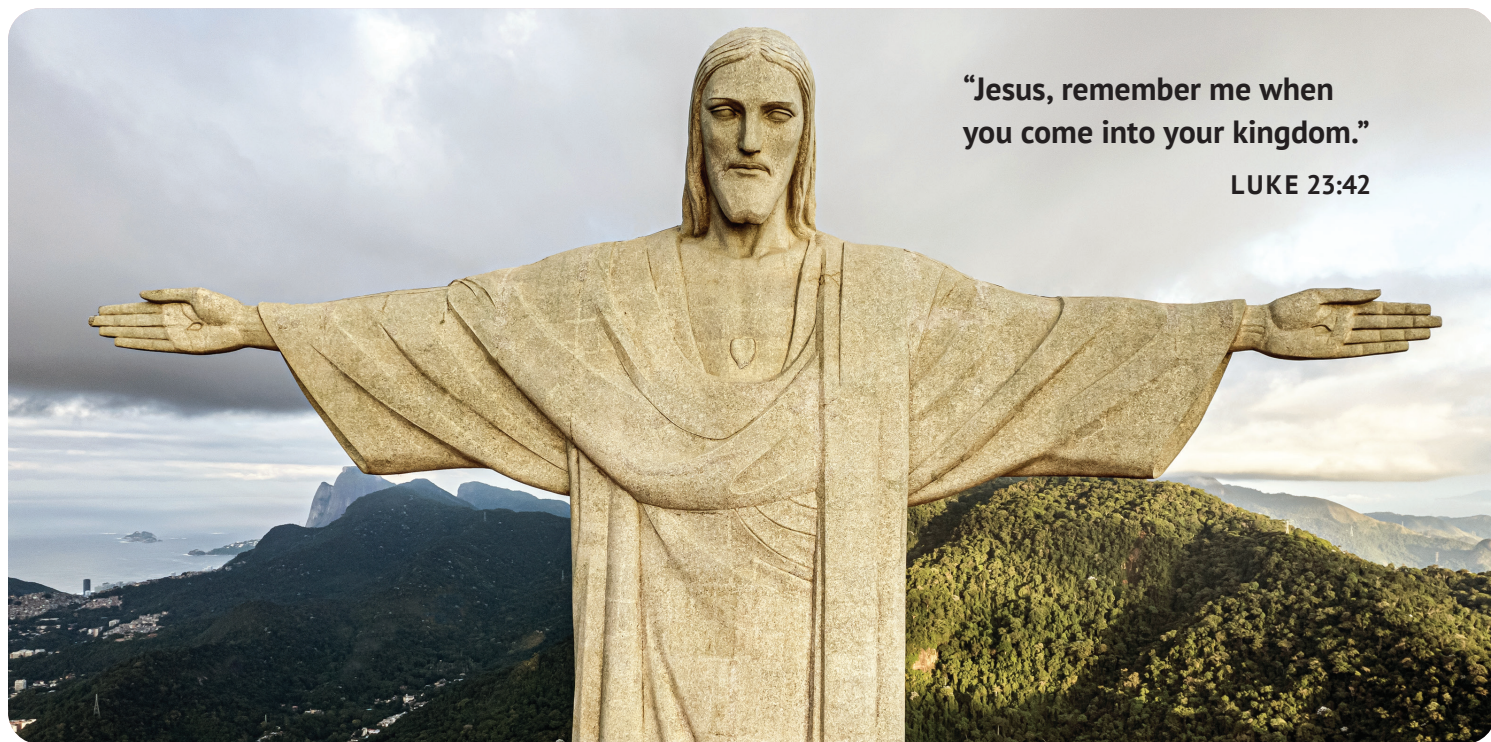




**“Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom.”**

LUKE 23:42

The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it’s a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to “myth,” as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and *Luke Skywalker* is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero’s own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor’s note: This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis’ final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?



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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	Nov. 22nd	6:30pm	+	Maria A. Medeiros & Eduarda Gravito
Sun.	Nov. 23rd (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Fr. Andrew Sosnowski CR
		10:00am	+	Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Francisca do Rosario, Jose Fernando Pimentel, Isaul Cordeiro, Alzira da Costa, Antonio Mansinho, Pelas Almas do Purgatorio
		11:30am	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00pm	+	William DeSilva Sr., Happy Heavenly Birthday
Mon.	Nov. 24th	7:30am	+	Audrey Horseman
Tues.	Nov. 25th	7:30am		In Honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje
Wed.	Nov. 26th	7:30am	+	Maria de Fatima & Adelino de Sa Medeiros
		12:10pm	+	Carlos DeSousa
Thurs.	Nov. 27th	7:30am	+	Ben DeSilva Sr.
		12:10pm	+	Tony Bari
Fri.	Nov. 28th	7:30am	+	Roy Thomas
		12:10pm	+	Carlos DeSousa, Happy belated Heavenly Birthday
Sat.	Nov. 29th	6:30pm		Brandon DeSilva, Birthday Wishes
Sun.	Nov. 30th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs Albert Victor Soares, Sr.
		10:00am		
		11:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00pm	+	Aniceto Lazaro

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE

BANKING & 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:

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



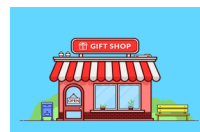
NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : November 29th & 30th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	J. Hill	M.T. Ayensa A. Cannonier	CFC Kids
Communion Ministers:	C. Johnson A. Donaghy D. DeSilva C. Carreiro	G. Lovecchio H. Cabral E. Cabral B.D. Knights	C. Kieck P. LeFevre G. Edwards	E. Mosley R. Ronquillo C. Sevilla
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	M. S. Brackstone	A.L. Garina	Kids Choir

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP :

A new shipment of 2026 Calendars, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Advent candles and wreaths etc. are now at our Gift Shop.

Do stop by for your Christmas gift ideas!



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.

ATTENTION:

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



The Bishop's Corner – Sunday, 23rd November 2025

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

A few weeks ago we were following attentively the development of Hurricane Melissa. Our interest was even bigger as our beautiful Island home seemed to be on the list of places to be visited by Melissa. In fact, it hit us but thankfully it did not have its full fury anymore. However, we saw what the Hurricane caused to the people of Jamaica which was terrifying, afflicting and heart-breaking. Once possible, the collection of first aid supplies was organised and the response of the generous people of Bermuda was overwhelming. As time is moving on, the tragedy of Jamaica only occasionally appears in the news and media. But there is still a huge need of help with supplies.

Bishop John Persaud, who is responsible for the Catholic Church in the most affected areas, shared this information with other bishops of our Antilles Episcopal Conference:

Four of our communities in the Diocese of Mandeville were badly hit. This is not to say that other areas do not have damage and destruction but not on a scale as these. All our buildings in Black River have been pretty much destroyed, Church, School and Rectory. In Maggotty, the Rectory roof has gone, the Convent roof is gone, and other buildings have been destroyed. But the Church remains standing almost untouched. In Balaclava the building that houses the Missionary Sisters of Charity and a home for the aged destitute has lost its roof. The Church doors were blown off and destroyed. In Santa Cruz there was some minor damage to the Church, and we lost the roof of the Medical Clinic. In the Montego Bay Diocese, we have lost roofs to the Chancery building, the Cathedral Rectory, Parish Hall, Convent, and all three schools. The Parish of Reading: Rectory roof was lost, Church and Parish Hall roofs still in place but leaking badly. The two mission communities of this parish have had significant damage to Church and School. The Church at Savanna-La-Mar has been destroyed and significant damage to the Sir Clifford Campbell School. In Lucea, we have lost a major part of the Church's roof. The Church roof at Discovery Bay is completely gone. Seaford Town has been hit badly, and all our buildings have lost their roofs. The Parish Priest is presently sleeping in his car. I am O.K. All our Priests and Religious Sisters are O.K. Our bodies are tired, but our spirits are strong. It will be a long and painful road to recovery, but the spirit of the Jamaican people is amazing and resilient. Thank you for your prayerful support, your care, concern and love expressed in so many ways. We are truly experiencing what it means to be CHURCH, the Body of Christ. As we face the future we know that you are walking with us and this gives us much encouragement and hope.

I would like to inform you that on the weekend of 29th/30th of November, 1st Sunday of Advent, there will be a special collection in our Diocese. It will be totally used to assist the Catholic Church in Jamaica using the vehicle of our Conference of Bishops. I am aware that there has been a devastating typhoon in the Philippines and there is a strong will to help those good and needy people as well. We cannot assist everyone everywhere. I am sure that the local Churches of the region have been already engaged in helping the Catholic communities in the affected areas of the Philippines. We are part of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, and our principal objective is to come with aid to the people within our Conference.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed last week of the liturgical year!

Bishop Wes

FOCUS: Jesus is king of all creation.

Today's solemnity, which marks the close of the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king, judge, and ruler of all. He is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our baptism we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Nov. 15th & 16th	\$4,010.00
Electronic offering:	Nov. 15th & 16th	\$205.00
2025 Collection to Date:	Week 47	\$277,333.50

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
November 23rd—29th 2025
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
And 2 Roses
For the Intentions of the Brackstone Family

REFLECTION: Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR JAMAICA:

Please note that there will be a Special Collection for Jamaica in all of our parish churches, next weekend, **November 29th/30th**, in accordance with the recommendations of the AEC (Antilles Episcopal Conference).



ADVENT GIVING TREE:

The Giving Tree is up once again at the back of the Cathedral and tags are placed on the tree. The gifts will be for the children from the Star Lighthouse Foundation. Once you have purchased your gift, place it in the bins provided after Mass on the weekend. When returning your gift, please have the tag attached to the gift. We look forward to your participation in this Parish outreach in making these children happier this Christmas! **Deadline will be Sunday, December 14th.**



BOOK OF LIFE:

November is the month of prayer for the deceased!

The Book of Life is on the communion rail.

You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones who have died, and they will be remembered at all the Masses during the month of November.



LECTOR'S WORKBOOKS: The Lector's Workbooks for the new liturgical year are available in the Sacristy.

KIDS (Children) SERVICE AT HOLY MASS:

Sunday, November 30th at 6pm

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



MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



Forms are located on the communion rail and at the main doors of the Cathedral for anyone, who wishes to make an offering for St. Theresa's Christmas Flowers "In Memory of" their deceased loved ones.

All names will be remembered at all of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses.

Deadline is Sunday, December 14th.

Thank you for your support!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE:

During the 2025 Advent season, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to support a "Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive". Each day of Advent, add one item to your collection box. By Christmas, you will have a food basket which will be donated to those in need. See the flyers, at the entrances of our Cathedral, for a list of items to be collected as well as drop of details. Collection of food baskets in each parish will be coordinated by the parish SVDP representative on the weekend of **Jan. 3rd/4th**. Last year's collection provided enough supplies to feed those in need through March, which is fantastic. Thank you to all those who participated. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Kelly at 236-4613 or ekelly@ibl.bm.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Food Voucher Program - 2025

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 is 1st Dec 2025.

Many thanks and God bless. SVdP Society Committee



ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BINGO:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be holding its Annual Christmas Bingo on **Saturday, December 6th** in the Parish Centre.

Menu: Sandwiches, assorted hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Tickets: \$20 Adults - \$10 children + 2 bingo cards. Time: 6:30 p.m.. Extra cards are \$3. And, don't forget about the raffles.

Tickets are available from Liz Card call 234-0872 or

email: lizatstjsephs@gmail.com.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's Church will be celebrated at **6pm** starting from Wednesday, November 12th, 2025.

Dear Padre,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Thanksgiving Day (US)	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025