



## Late Bloomers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**H**uman beings grow and mature at different paces. Turning twenty-one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about deathbed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this Gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow his lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church." ●

[The LORD said,]

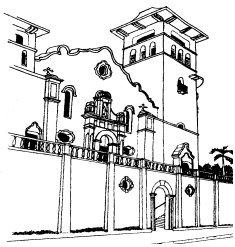
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

ISAIAH 55:9



### Reflect

***Has your faith matured over the years, or have you stopped growing?***



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DATES		TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR	
Sat.	Sept. 23	6:30 pm		Intentions of Don Johann (Birthday)
Sun.	Sept. 24 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00 am	+	Jose Cunha, Jose Fernando Pimentel,
			+	Antonio Pimentel, Angelina Botelho, Padre
			+	Julio Blazejewski, Margarida Maria
			+	Andrade Canto
		11:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00 pm	+	Maryellen Brennan
Mon.	Sept. 25	7:30 am		In Honour of Our Lady of Medjugorje
Tues.	Sept. 26	7:30 am	+	Lucena Lazaro
Wed.	Sept. 27	7:30 am	+	Roy Thomas
		12:10 pm		Health of Mathew Clingerman
Thurs.	Sept. 28	7:30 am		Intentions of Annae DeSilva-Minks
		12:10pm		Intentions of Jacob King
Fri.	Sept. 29	7:30 am		Intentions of Fr. Vladimir Sobblewski, CR
		12:10pm	+	Fr. Julio Blazejewski, CR & For the Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	Sept. 30	6:30 pm	+	Giampaolo Mazzi
Sun.	Oct. 01 (Portuguese)	8:30 am		Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, 7 <sup>th</sup>
				Anniversary of Ordination as Bshp of Bda.
		10:00 am		Couples for Christ & Family Ministries
		11:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00 pm		

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE 30th Sept/1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	C. Powell	K. Scarth	E. Mosley	H. Consolacion
<b>Communion</b>	C. Carreiro	O. Scarth	A. Cannonier	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ministers:</b>	C. Johnson	G. Lovecchio	J. Alcantara	Volunteer Needed
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	Berta Barreto-Hogan	M. Pastor	M. Gravito	Kids for Christ

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

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060-482732100 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.

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

### THE FEAST DAY OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



We welcome Bishop Mattias König of the Archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany, to our Feast Day Celebration.

Bishop König is the Guest Preacher and Presider for the Feast Day of St. Theresa, the Patroness of our Cathedral Church and Diocese. He will celebrate the 6:30pm Festive Mass at the Cathedral **next** Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and also preside at the 8:30am & 11:30am Masses on Sunday, October 1, 2023, leading us in prayer and veneration of our Holy Patroness. All are welcome!

Tickets are still available for St. Theresa's Feast Day Dinner to be held after Mass on Sat., 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7:45pm at St. Theresa's Hall. Food will be prepared by the Bella Vista Restaurant. Tickets are **Adults: \$40 & Children: \$25** and are available at St. Theresa's Parish Office or at the Sacristy after Mass. At this dinner our beloved Mrs. Florenz Maxwell will receive a Diocesan Award for her lifelong engagement in support of Justice & Peace. Please come to enjoy this grand celebration!



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owners says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings, among the choices we have made?

### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Actual</u>
<b>Collection:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	.. \$	3,689.00
	To Date: Week 38	..	\$ 195,483.00

### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

**Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles**  
*"In Memory of Dennis Pacheco".*

### INTRODUCTION:

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised *what is just*. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR BANGLADESH:

A Second Collection was taken last weekend to collect funds to support the parishioners of St. John's Parish in Dkaka, Bangladesh, who are trying to build a new church. Thirty percent of the construction work is still undone due to a shortage of funds. From this Special Collection last weekend, we received the amount of **\$7,142.00**, and we thank you for your generosity and stewardship. For those who were not prepared for this Special Collection last weekend, you may still donate by either making an online transfer to St. Theresa's Butterfield Bank Account No.20006060482732100 and insert in the Memo field **"Bangladesh Collection"**. You may also donate by inserting your cash/cheque in an envelope marked "Bangladesh Collection" and place it in the Collection Basket. Thank you for your assistance.

### ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAMME:

The CCD Programme will commence on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** and be lasting an hour from 9am to 10am. For Gr. 2 First Holy Communion children, the meetings will be from 9am to 10:30am. Registration forms will be given out to new students. There will be more time for a separate group of Gr. 6 to 8 students to be still inserted in the rest of the group. Please note that CCD is free of charge. If you would like to join our CCD team, please contact Bishop Wes, Fr. Dandy or the Cathedral Parish Office to offer your assistance. No special teacher training is necessary.

### 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AFTERNOON

#### TEA - St. Joseph's Church:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting an Afternoon Tea and Raffle Sale at **St. James Church Hall** in Somerset, on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 4:30pm**. Tickets are \$40 and available from Elizabeth Card at 234-0872 or email: [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com). There will be live entertainment. ***Ticket sales will close on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be no walk-ins.***



### BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The new prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, Argentinian Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, in an extensive interview with the Jesuit publication "La Civiltà Cattolica", has outlined his vision as prefect of this Vatican department, known in the past as "the Inquisition", one that places an emphasis on engaging contemporary culture and real-life experiences, stressed the importance of charity in both moral theology and theological reflection.

He made a number of bold statements, accusing some churchmen who profess to guard the faith as being only concerned about power, not reason, and that morality should "absolutely not" be reduced to mere fulfillment of the Ten Commandments. Cardinal Fernández also said the Lord's mercy "must not be denied by theological reasoning" and reiterated what he said in earlier interviews that rather than condemn erring theologians, he wants to try to understand them, be enriched by their thinking, and accompany them. As for more practical concerns, he said the Dicastery will no longer be giving "quick answers in a standard format" to complex issues, and that he plans to "inculturate the Gospel" by meeting theologians and visiting episcopal doctrinal commissions "in various regions of the world" if means and resources permit.

He warned against those clergymen who have a more "philosophical than theological" mindset "to which everything else must submit, and which ultimately takes the place of Revelation!" The mindset in which they "consider themselves absolute guardians, is a source of power that they wish to safeguard against everything." "It is not reason," he added, "it is power."

It sounds like very interesting changes may finally occur and the doctrine of the Church is slowly opening to a different approach of thinking that is closer to real life problems and questions of the people. As Cardinal Fernandez states, "Jesus saves us, not a doctrine."

Have a peaceful weekend and a blessed week!

*Bishop Wes*



# Dear Padre,

*When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.*

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 25 Weekday Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	September 26 Weekday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	September 28 Weekday Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51	September 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	October 1 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.*

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