



Leaving Room for the Unexpected

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The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11





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Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

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

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseBermuda – Visit our page & "LIKE" us to join our on-line community.

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. July 11th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros Special Intention of Nicholas Medeiros
Sun. July 12th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay + Jose Cunha + Joe & Theresa DoCouto + Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz + Erlinda Patricio Placedes
Mon. July 13th	7:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Tues. July 14th	7:30am	
Wed. July 15th	7:30am	
Thurs. July 16th	7:30am	
Fri. July 17th	7:30am	+ Laura Rivera
Sat. July 18th	6:30pm	+ Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes & + Maria Encarnacao Martins
Sun. July 19th	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello Romi Catalina Lares-Smith, Happy Birthday St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: July 18th & 19th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	B.D. Knights C. Scarth	A. DaSilva R. Dillena	C. Duqueza H. Velasco
Communion Ministers:	S. Booth D. DeSilva C. Johnson	I. Brackstone G. Lovecchio H. Cabral E. Cabral	O. Anderson E. Mosley J. Alcantara	A. Galea D. Robiso M. Billones
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	M. B. Tan	E. Cabral N. A. Buladaco

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP: The next Men of God monthly group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 28th at 7pm.**

We hope to see you there!



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 stop by & support our little store!



SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES:

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 3210. Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes**.

Thank you for your continued support!

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st 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



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Donations can be made by

Direct Deposit to:

BNTB BD\$ 20006060476711100 or BNTB US\$ 8400784730010.

Memo Field: Add your name and purpose of donation, ie. "In memory of..." (IMO and the name of person).

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, and place it in the slot provided near the alcove.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: Lord, plant your word in our hearts.

The images of the seed and God's word run through the readings today. God is both sower and seed. He provides water and light and brings growth. As we contemplate this image of a seed bursting into life, let us pause and ask the Holy Spirit to help us be open to how God is working in us, providing us the grace we need to bear abundant fruit for him.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	June 4th & 5th	\$4,408.50
Electronic Offering:	June 4th & 5th	\$420.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 28	\$170,360.04

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

July 12th—18th, 2026

Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
In loving memory of
Diniz Pacheco

WEDDINGS:

We would like to congratulate **Gabrielle Brackstone & William Mendelson** on their recent nuptials, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral, on **Thursday, July 9th, 2026!**

We would also like to congratulate **Tracey DeSouza & Amir Ming** on their recent nuptials, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral, on **Saturday, July 11th, 2026!**

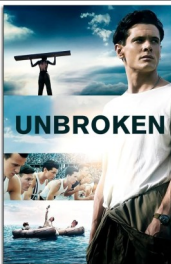
*We wish you God's blessings of love and happiness
in your life together!*



SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

This **Thursday, July 16th**, the film "**Unbroken: Path to Redemption**" from 2018 and based on a true story, will be shown at the Summer Lunch & Movie event.

After surviving years of torture as a prisoner of war, Louis, returns home from World War II, where he meets and marries Cynthia. Haunted by his past, he is driven deep into despair but when Cynthia turns to God at the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade, her most fervent prayer for Louis is to find peace and forgiveness. Based on Laura Hillenbrand's bestseller book, it is a "beautiful, beautiful film" (The Today Show).



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our coffee social is this **Sunday, July 12th** after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.
All are welcome to attend!



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

CLOSED: Tuesday's & Saturday's:

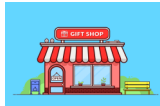
July 26th - August 15th

OPEN: Saturday's ONLY

August 22nd & 29th and September 5th & 12th

FULL REOPENING: Tuesday's & Saturday's

Starting Tuesday, September 15th



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

During a private audience, a delegation from the National Constitution Center presented Pope Leo with the 2026 Liberty Medal to honor his work in promoting religious freedom and freedom of conscience and expression throughout the world, these being ideals central to the founders of the United States in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. From Rome, the Pope addressed those gathered in Philadelphia, saying he was honored to accept the medal, especially in this historic year marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. He said, "As a son of this great country, founded by courageous men and women who dreamed of liberty and of a better life for themselves and for their children, I join you in asking God's blessings upon America's future, that the lofty ideals enshrined at the beginning of the Declaration of Independence may continue to guide the flourishing of the nation in unity, justice and peace."

Over the past 250 years, Pope Leo stated, it was the firm resolve to achieve the noble vision of the nation's founders that made America "a byword for freedom," as the country opened its doors to successive waves of immigrants, enabling them and their children to help shape the nation's future. He observed that this same love of freedom inspired the United States, in the darkest hours of the last century, during the two world wars, "to look beyond itself and, at great sacrifice, champion the cause of freedom beyond its own borders."

"In accepting this award," he said, "I therefore pray that this, the 250th anniversary of the founding of this great nation, may be the occasion of a solemn recommitment to these ideals that have made America a country that values peace and prosperity, a country characterized by generosity and nobility of heart." Commending those gathered, and the future of the United States, "to the One who is himself the source of true freedom and lasting peace, the One whose very name is Peace," Pope Leo concluded, "May God bless America!"

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you and your family registered? Is your contact information up-to-date? If not, please contact the Rectory Office and request a Parish Registration Form, or download it via the Diocesan website, www.romancatholicbermuda.bm under the "Useful Links" section. By being registered, it gives the Priests and the Church the ability to act on your behalf. All information sent will be private and confidential, according to the PIPA ACT.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

There will be **no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's**. There will be **no 9am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's**. Finally, there will be **no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's**. Masses will resume in September.



Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



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Monday

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–30 or
13:24–30