



**Do nothing out of selfishness or out of
vainglory; rather, humbly regard others
as more important than yourselves.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●



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Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?



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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

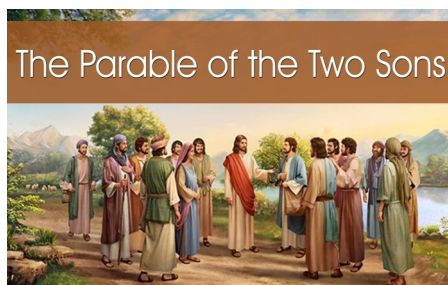
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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Sept. 26th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros + Beatriz Medeiros, Birthday in Heaven
Sun. Sept. 27th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Kirby Brackstone + Silas Corday, Healing Prayers + Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade + Jacinta Areia + Lucena Lazaro + Jorge J. Bosch
Mon. Sept. 28th	7:30am	Special Intention of Annae DeSilva-Minks
Tues. Sept. 29th	7:30am	+ Tony Bari
Wed. Sept. 30th	7:30am 12:10pm	June Rebello, Belated Birthday Wishes Special Intention of Jacob King
Thurs. October 1st	7:30am 12:10pm	Bishop Wes, 11th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination Gareth & Candice Kieck, Happy 5th Anniversary
Fri. October 2nd	7:30am 12:10pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sat. October 3rd	6:30pm	+ Carlos DeSousa, Rest in Peace with the Risen Lord and Holy Mother
Sun. October 4th	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay + Special intentions of Natalie Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa + Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pereira + Mr. & Mrs. Jacinto F. Mello, Mr. & Mrs. Gil Melo + CFC & Family Ministries + Jorge J. Bosch

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: October 3rd & 4th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Machado	A. Aguila H. DeSilva	M. Pacheco F. Maxwell	C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva J. Judd C. Carreiro	O. Scarth I. Brackstone G. Lovecchio	E. Mosley J. Alcantara C. Kieck	R. Ronquillo D. Robiso M. Billones S. Gusi
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	M. B. Tan	M. Crisostomo



The Parable of the Two Sons

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, 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.

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

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.

Benediction will be at **10:15am**.

LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM:

Monday's at 7:30pm.

Please contact Franz

Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join.



FOCUS: God is just and rewards the humble and repentant heart.

One must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's kingdom. A disciple is one who has turned away from sin, repented, and through God's grace, eagerly strives to follow his ways. No matter one's past, anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering his or her sincere "yes" to God in word and in deed.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Sept. 19th & 20th	\$4,786.00
Electronic Offering:	Sept. 19th & 20th	\$820.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 39	\$229,906.04
Donation:	Sept. 18th	\$200.00



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
September 27th—October 3rd, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
In Loving Memory of Dennis Pacheco
Happy Heavenly Birthday

ST. THERESA'S FEAST & FR. DANDY'S FAREWELL DINNER:

Join us for dinner & fellowship on
Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 7:30pm
in the St. Theresa's Hall.

Adults: \$45 Children Under 13: \$25

Tickets can be purchased from any Parish Council Members, Fr. Dandy and the Rectory office.

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD RALLY:

This rally has been cancelled.



ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

The CCD Program will commence on **Saturday, October 24th from 9am-10:30am**. Children who are or will be between the ages of 6 and 13 this year are welcome to join our CCD Program. All NEW students are required to register for the CCD Program. Registration forms are available by emailing sttheresasccd@gmail.com or from our Roman Catholic Diocese website - <https://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm/ministries/religious-education-ccd>. Children who attended the CCD Program last year do not need to register. If your contact information has changed, please send this information to sttheresasccd@gmail.com.

The St. Theresa's CCD Team look forward to seeing all new and familiar faces in our CCD Program in October!



ANNUAL FALL SUPPER:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting their Annual Fall Supper on **Saturday, October 24th**.

Take out available between 5:30-6:30pm.

The dine in supper begins at 6pm followed by raffles.

Adults: \$40 Children Under 12: \$15

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Liz Card at lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or call 234-0872.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The week beginning with this Sunday, is going to be quite intense in our diocesan community.

Firstly, on Tuesday the 29th of September, the solemnity of the Archangels marks the liturgical feast of St. Michael's Parish in Paget. May this be an occasion for all of us to surround this Catholic community with our prayers and warmest thoughts, invoking the blessing of the Lord and the protection of their mighty Patron.

Secondly, Thursday the 1st of October, marks the feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, the Little Flower, the Patroness of our Cathedral Parish and our Diocese. Again, may this liturgical feast encourage each one of us to a special moment of prayer for St. Theresa's Parishioners as well as for our Diocese.

Thirdly, Saturday the 3rd of October, offers two festive occasions. At 11:00am at St. Anthony's Church, there will a third community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi. He passed away on the 3rd of October 1226, so on this Saturday it will be precisely 800 years from his passing. There will be confessions from 10:30am for those who would like to receive this Sacrament.

Also on Saturday, October 3rd, there will be a special celebration of thanksgiving for Fr. Dandy Traje, CP. Fr. Dandy will preside at the 6:30pm Mass at our Cathedral and preach. After the Mass, the Parish Council have organized a dinner as a thank you moment for the four years of his ministry in Bermuda. Even if Fr. Dandy will stay with us for a few more weeks, this evening will be an official farewell event for him.

May you have a restful weekend and a truly blessed week!

Bishop Wes

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our coffee social will be **Sunday, October 11th**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.

All are welcome to attend!



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 Priest &/ Church the ability to speak on your behalf, to receive any Sacraments here or overseas, if you are going to be a Godparent or a Sponsor, etc. All information sent in will be kept according to the PIPA ACT.



CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH 13+:

On **Mondays and Wednesdays at 8pm**, beginning on September 28th, come and join us at St. Michael's Church Hall in Paget for Catechesis.

For more information please contact Maura Almeida at 704-2255. Free babysitting available.



Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others.

(See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone.

It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	The Holy Guardian Angels	Weekday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 1:6–22	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Jb 19:21–27	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17	Is 5:1–7
Lk 9:46–50	Jn 1:47–51	Lk 9:57–62	Lk 10:1–12	Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 10:17–24	Phil 4:6–9
						Mt 21:33–43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.

MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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