

[Jesus said to the crowd,]  
“Strive to enter through  
the narrow door, for many,  
I tell you, will attempt  
to enter but will not be  
strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

## The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

### Reflect

***What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?***



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St. Theresa's Gift Shop: 292-0416 Shop Hours: Tuesday's & Saturday's from 10:00am—2:00pm

**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

**Website:** [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) – Where you can find information about our Diocese.

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## DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	August 23rd	6:30pm	+	Manuel Bizarro, José Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, + Maria Encarnação Martins
Sun.	August 24th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Intentions of William Brackstone + Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade + José de Medeiros, Evangelina Medeiros + Maude Bertrand + Antonio D. Tan Sr., Anniversary of Death
Mon.	August 25th	7:30am		In Honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje
Tues.	August 26th	7:30am	+	Irmelinda Serodeo, Aurelia Leite, Fr. Julio & + Purgatory Souls
Wed.	August 27th	7:30am	+	Roy Thomas
Thurs.	August 28th	7:30am	+	Paulina Castillanes, Victoria Etos, + Francisco Castillanes, Francisco Castillanes Jr.
Fri.	August 29th	7:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sat.	August 30th	6:30pm	+	Wanda & Edward Spiewak
Sun.	August 31st (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Karen & Orlando Scarth, 30th Wedding Anniversary Special intentions of Mrs Marshall Yokell & + Mr. Marshall Yokell & Purgatory Souls + St. Theresa's Parish Family + All Souls Deceased on Air India 171 Crash

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : August 30th & 31st, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	C. Powell	J. Hill	A. Aguila A. Cannonier	H. Velasco
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	A. Machado A. Donaghy J. Judd C. Johnson	E. Cabral H. Cabral T. Sinclair B.D. Knights	C. Kieck E. Mosley J. Alcantara	A. Tan M. Tan A. Galea
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	G. Medeiros	J. Pearman	A. L. Garina	Kids Choir

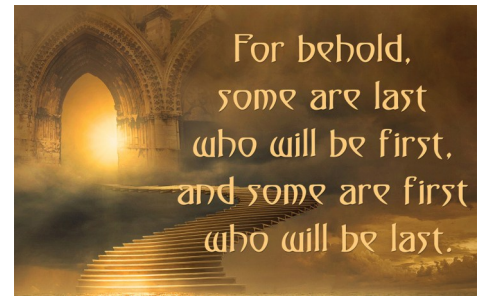
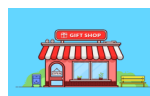
## PLEASE NOTE OUR GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

Open Saturday only:

August 30th

Resuming Tuesdays & Saturdays:

September 9th onward



## 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!*

## 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



## 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**.



## LOST & FOUND:

Have you, or do you know of someone who has lost a children's book?



If so, please stop by the Sacristy after mass, and have a look from the pile of abandoned books at our Lost and Found table.

## "THIS IS MY BODY" -

## A Call To Eucharistic Revival:

**Free** copies of this wonderful book can be found at the entrances to the Cathedral. Please collect your copy after Mass and read Bishop Robert Barron's attempt to assist all of us understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood.







### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	August 16th/17th	\$5,340.00
Electronic offering:	August 16th/17th	\$1,890.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 34	\$204,464.50

*Thank you for your support!*



### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

August 24th—30th, 2025

Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles

And Two Roses

In Loving Memory of Wanda and Edward Spiewak

**FOCUS:** God offers salvation to all in the person of his only Son.

God's desire is that we love him and serve him and are united to him for eternity. We are called by baptism to the salvation that he offers through his Son. What matters is our response to that loving and life-giving invitation: how we live out our lives as faithful disciples makes the ultimate difference. It is our witness that will encourage others to hear and respond to God's call to them.

### 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](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) under the "Useful Links" section. By being registered, it gives the Priest &/ Church the ability to speak on your behalf, assist if you and your family will receive any Sacraments here or overseas, assist if you are going to be a Godparent or a Sponsor, etc. All information sent in will be kept according to PIPA ACT.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Now that we are into the Summer schedule, please know that there are:



**No 9:00am Portuguese Masses, followed by adoration, on Saturdays at St. Theresa's**

**No 12:10pm Masses on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's**

**No evening Portuguese Masses on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's**

**No Lectio Divina zoom meetings on Mondays**

*All masses will resume in September and LD Meetings in October*

### MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

Calling all men who want to reconnect with God and other men for a monthly gathering entitled, "Thank God It's Tuesday" (a monthly encounter with Men of God). **Every 4th Tuesday of the month** at St. Theresa's Hall at 7pm. For more info, please call Fr. Dandy Traje at 292-0607 x3.



### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Nativity scenes (presepios) can be submitted for the next edition of the "100 Nativity Scenes in the Vatican" exhibition until September 30th. To do so, please visit [www.100presepi.va](http://www.100presepi.va) where you'll find the regulations and an online application form. Confirmation of receipt by the exhibition office will be sent automatically by email. Registration is free and open to everyone.

This is the 8th edition of this international exhibition "100 Nativity Scenes in the Vatican," which takes place annually for approximately a month under Bernini's Colonnade in St. Peter's Square. It is organized by the Dicastery for Evangelization. It is part of a series of cultural initiatives within the "Jubilee is Culture" series, which accompanied both the preparations and various initiatives for the Holy Year 2025. After the submission period, the Commission of the Dicastery for Evangelization will evaluate and select the works to be presented in the exhibition. After the submission deadline, all those who submitted a nativity scene will receive an email informing them of the results of the evaluation.

The exhibition aims to evangelize through the symbol of the Nativity Scene, which carries a message of hope and peace to the world. It also echoes Pope Francis' message in his apostolic letter "Admirabile Signum" about the meaning and value of the nativity scene. The seventh edition of the Nativity Scene Exhibition, organized by the Dicastery for Evangelization in 2024 in collaboration with embassies to the Holy See, brought together 125 nativity scenes from 21 countries.

May your weekend be calm and your week be blessed!

*Bishop Wes*

### ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

The CCD Program will commence on **Saturday, October 11th from 9am—10:30am.**

All NEW students need to register for the program.



Registration forms are available from the Rectory office or by emailing [sttheresasccd@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresasccd@gmail.com).

Children who attended the program last year do not need to register.

If your contact information has changed, please send that information to the email address provided.

### KIDS (Children) SERVICE AT HOLY MASS:

**Every 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00p.m.**

St. Theresa's Cathedral

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

If your child/children is interested in volunteering, please e-mail:

[dytecp@yahoo.com](mailto:dytecp@yahoo.com); or [eveloum@outlook.com](mailto:eveloum@outlook.com)

or call telephone no: 292-0607x3



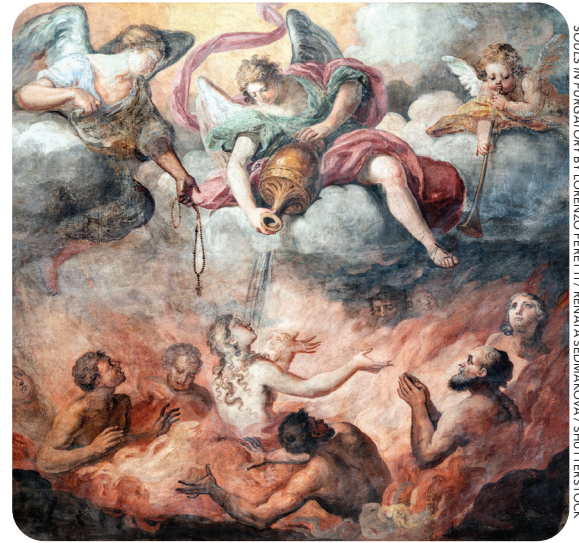
# Dear Padre,

***My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.***

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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SOULS IN PURGATORY BY LORENZO PERETTI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



LOSSERVATORE ROMANO / CNA

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”***

***Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!***

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022**

### Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

### Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

### Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

### Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

### Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

### Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

### Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14