



Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

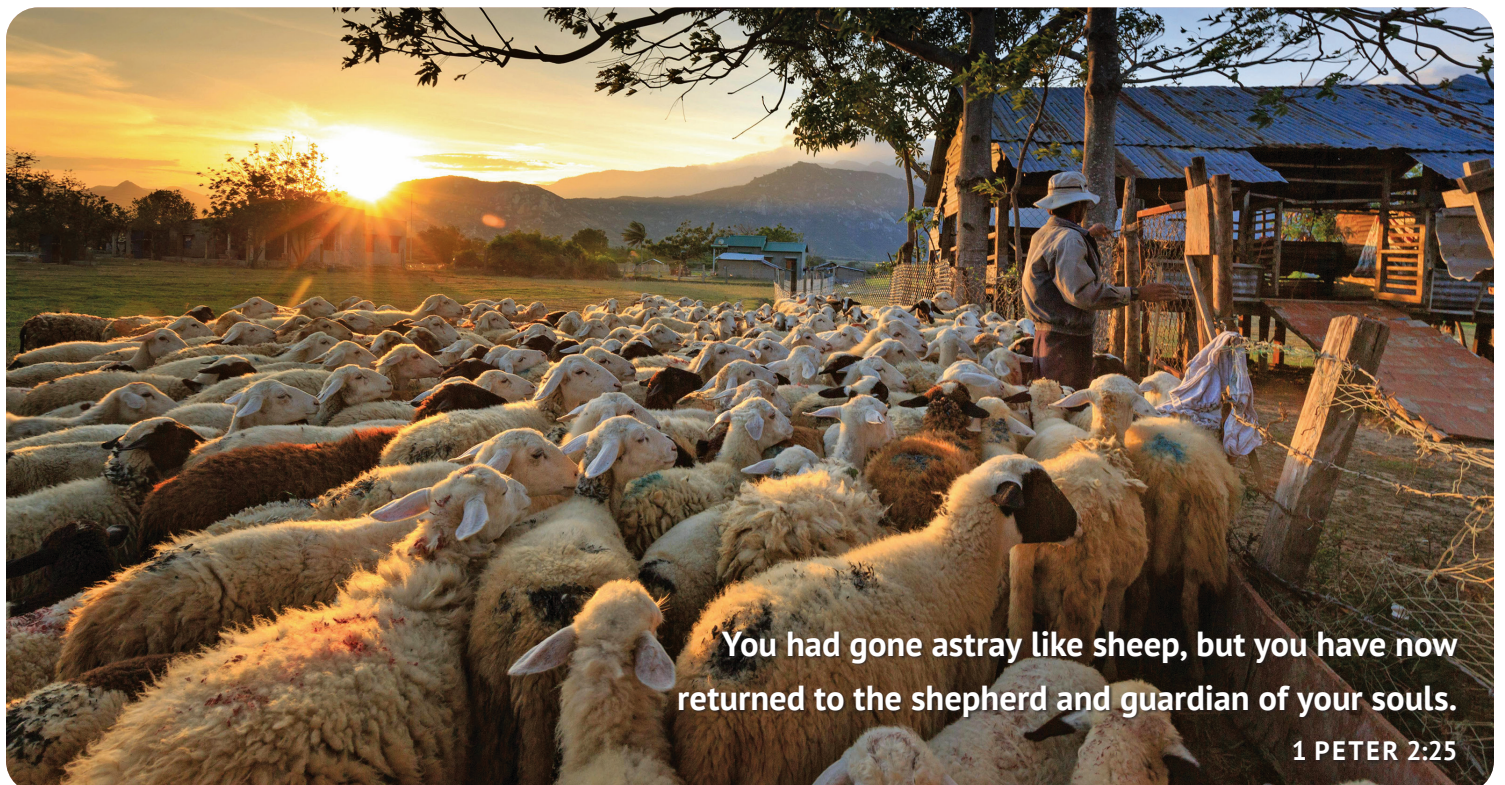
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

Reflect

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

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Sat. April 25th	6:30pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sun. April 26th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade
		+ Virginia de Lima, Isaul Cordeiro
	11:30am	+ Senhor Padre Julio Blazejewski, C.R.
	6:00pm	CFC & Family Ministries
Mon. April 27th	7:30am	Special Intention of Madi DeSilva
Tues. April 28th	7:30am	
Wed. April 29th	7:30am	Special Intention of Mary Astudillo
	12:10pm	
Thurs. April 30th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Fri. May 1st	7:30am 12:10pm	Special Intention of Lucy Araujo
Sat. May 2nd	6:30pm	Special Intention of Claudia Joyce
Sun. May 3rd (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
	10:00am	Special Intention of Natalie Yokell Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa
		+ Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Garrafa
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Cardoso, Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	Special Intention of Mrs. Florenz Maxwell St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : May 2nd & 3rd, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Machado	C. Scarth A. Aguila	M. Pacheco F. Maxwell	E. Mosley O. Anderson
Communion Ministers:	C. Johnson D. DeSilva C. Maiato S. Booth	I. Brackstone O. Scarth H. Cabral E. Cabral	C. Kieck A. Cannonier A. Galea	M. Billones R. Ronquillo D. Robiso
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	D. Mutch	E. Cabral J. Daos

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.



ADORATION:

Saturday Adoration 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:

Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Please contact Franz Wohlmut at fwohlmut@logic.bm to join.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: Jesus is the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

In today's readings, we hear of the many ways Jesus reaches out to us and saves us, tending to us as a shepherd. He is, indeed, as Peter says, the shepherd and guardian of our souls. If we pray and listen attentively for his voice in our heart, we will hear the call of the Good Shepherd, who is our strength and our salvation.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	April 18th & 19th	\$5,507.00
Electronic Offering:	April 18th & 19th	\$1,100.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 17		\$100,919.04

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

April 26th—May 3rd, 2026

**Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
and Two Roses**

Special Intention of Lucy Araujo



BAPTISMS:

We welcome **Jisshu Aleria Choudhury**, child of Sayak Choudhury & Irish Aleria, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Saturday, April 25th, 2026.**

Welcome to the Church Family Jisshu!

ITALIAN DINNER BINGO:

St. Theresa's Parish Council will host an **Italian Dinner Bingo on Saturday, May 9th at 7:30pm** in the Cathedral Hall.



Tickets will be \$30 for adults, and \$15 for children, and can be purchased from any of the PC members or Fr. Dandy. Bingo cards are \$5 each and Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Raffle prize donations are welcomed.

Come all and enjoy a fun and enjoyable evening!

ATTENTION:

Due to Bishop Wes' Ad Limina visit to the Pope, and the Vatican Dicasteries from the **April 24th to the May 12th, 2026**, there will be **no Portuguese Mass at 9am at St. Theresa's on Saturdays**, and at **7pm in St. Patrick's on Wednesdays**, during the above-mentioned period.



The Saturday 9am Mass will resume on the May 16th, and the Wednesday 7pm Mass will resume on May 20th.

On May 13th, there will be a Mass at St. Patrick's for Our Lady of Fatima.

SYNODAL BIBLE STUDY:

This BIBLE STUDY is held on **Thursday's at 3pm** in the Pastor's Office at St. Michael's Church. Please park behind the Church and make sure to bring your CATHOLIC BIBLE. This is **FREE** and is open to all. For any questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Greetings from Rome, precisely 350 ft. from St. Peter's Square!

I am here to attend the Annual Plenary Meeting of our Bishop's Conference and also for so called ad limina visit.

An ad limina visit, is the required visit of Catholic residential diocesan bishops and certain prelates with territorial jurisdiction (such as territorial abbots) to the thresholds of the (tombs of the) Apostles Peter and Paul, and to meet the Pope to report on the state of their dioceses or prelatures. It is designed to foster unity, allow bishops to report on their dioceses, and receive counsel from the Pope and Roman Curia officials.

It is a formal trip usually made together by all bishops from a single region (an episcopal conference) to discuss with the Pope issues specific to their regions. It is separate from other trips a bishop might make to the Vatican, such as to attend a synod.

Bishops visit the four major basilicas (St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major). They also meet with various departments of the Roman Curia to discuss challenges and opportunities. The ad limina visit currently happens every eight years.

Before the visit, each bishop submits a detailed report on the spiritual, pastoral, and administrative health of their diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for our Diocese and I dare to ask your prayers for me and the bishops of our Episcopal Conference.

Have a serene weekend and a blessed last week of April!

Bishop Wes

SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a **Summer Lunch & Movie in the St. Theresa's Hall.**

The event will take place on **Thursdays in July and August**, starting with July 2nd and ending on August 27th.



This event will include lunch (soup + sandwiches/bread, + ice-cream + coffee/tea) at 12:00pm, with the movie starting at 12:30pm.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with organization of the lunch. If you want to commit for the entire program time, or just for a part of it, please send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com.

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God monthly group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7pm.**



We hope to see you there!

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

The Gift Shop has First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards for sale for only \$2 each, not to mention other gift ideas!



Do stop by and support our Gift Shop!

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



VLADA KARPOVICH / PEXELS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44–50	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



MARCO IACOBUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

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