

Live By Faith

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether

we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

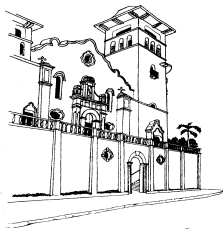
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FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?*
- ★ *Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.*

*So it was that there came forth
from one man, himself as good
as dead, descendants as numerous
as the stars in the sky.*

HEBREWS 11:12



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	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Aug. 06	6:30 pm		Intentions of Linda, Paul, Chris & Diana DeSilva
Sun.	Aug. 07	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	+ + + +	Molly Funk Miguel Franco, Kevin Ledo, Jose, Amelia, Rogerio & Humberto, Isaul Cordeiro, Alzira da Costa & Joao da Costa Couples For Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Aug. 08	7:30 am	+	Ofelia Salazar, Reynaldo Baluyot, Mark Angelo Baluyot
Tues.	Aug. 09	7:30 am	+	William, Mary & Edward Paiva Rodrigues
Wed.	Aug. 10	7:30 am		Intentions of Lucy Willitts
Thurs.	Aug. 11	7:30 am		Intentions of Bernice Sinclair
Fri.	Aug. 12	7:30 am		Honour Through Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat.	Aug. 13	6:30 pm	+	Hedwig Doll Armbruster
Sun.	Aug. 14 (Portuguese)	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	+ + + +	Kirby Brackstone Victor Moniz & Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Arminda Garrafa St. Theresa's Parish

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 13th/14th August, 2022

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
Proclaimer:	K. Johann	K. Scarth	I. Aleria	R. Jones
Communion	T. Fletcher	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
Ministers:	C. Johnson	I. Brackstone		
Song Leaders:				

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 continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

During the month of August 2022, there will be NO 9:00am Mass nor Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral.

FIVE PRAYER POINTS FOR AUGUST!

August is a month when you can pray for things you usually don't pray for when you hit your prayer closet. You can invite God into any situation through prayer and you will see his power at work in it. Below are 5 prayer points for August:

1. Pray for Family and Friends:

Pray for anything God places in your heart to pray over your family and friends. He knows what they are going through and what they need in their lives.

2. Ask God to Open Doors and Close

Others: Ask God to open doors that the enemy has closed to keep you from doing God's will. You will need discernment to know which doors the enemy has closed and pray as God shows you.

3. Pray Over New Opportunities:

Pray for God's wisdom to know which opportunities are good for you and those that aren't.

4. Pray for Believers Around You:

Pray for God to strengthen believers around you and help them to hold on to their faith at all times.

5. Pray for Your Parish:

Pray for all who live in your parish, that they will live according to the principles of God so there will be peace and security.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about the stewardship to be prepared – “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	30 th /31 st July, 2022	...	\$ 3,291.00
	To Date: Week 31	...	\$ 132,132.00
Thank you for your generosity!			

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



7th – 13th August, 2022

Donation Given for 2 Roses & Two 7-Day Votive Candles
“In Memory of Helena Rose”

INTRODUCTION:

Both the creed we profess and today's Gospel leave no doubt: When we die, we will have to account for every moment of our lives. What did we do with the gifts we were given? What did we fail to do? Will our lives reflect what Saint John Paul II called the *civilization of love* or the *culture of death*?

WELCOME:

We **welcome** Rev. Michael Morris from New York, who is celebrating the weekday and weekend Masses for the month of August at St. Theresa's Cathedral while our Bishop Wes is abroad on vacation. May you enjoy your time with us!

AUGUST MASS SCHEDULE at St. Theresa's Cathedral:

The Cathedral will be open for 7:30 a.m. Mass during August, but will be locked during the day. It will open on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. until the evening Mass and on Sundays from 8 a.m. until the evening Mass at 6:00 p.m. There will be no Portuguese Mass or Adoration on Saturdays in August. The regular schedule will resume in September.

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

The Gift Shop is **CLOSED** for the summer and will **REOPEN** on Tuesday, 6th September, 2022. Thank you for your patronage.

TWITTER PAGE of Pope Francis @Pontifex – Aug 5, 2022:

To give hope to others, sometimes it is simply enough to be kind, to put aside your own worries and priorities in order to show interest, give the gift of a smile, speak an encouraging word, create a space for listening amid so much indifference.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP WES

Re: CCD Programme



Dear Friends,

There is hope that we will re-start our CCD Programme for ALL grades at the end of September. A lot depends on the Government regulations for after school programmes, but it is right for us to think positively and to get ready to launch CCD again.

The programme at St. Theresa's for Grades 1-6 will change in comparison with what has been done in the past. It is our desire to make it less “schooly” and more interactive with learning through play, music and having fun. Sessions will be an hour and a half every week on Saturday mornings for First Holy Communion candidates (Gr. 2 and those children in Gr. 1 whose parents decide to let them receive their FHC in 2023), and an hour meeting for Grades 3 - 6, and those children in Gr. 1 who will be having their FHC in 2024.

I would like to invite you to consider becoming a part of the team that will be leading these CCD Sessions. We are urgently looking for persons willing to share their talents in following areas: storytelling, singing and dancing, stage directing (occasionally), crafting and managing computer and internet technology. I dare to ask the parents of the CCD children to consider spending that hour with their child/children, and assisting them in the areas mentioned above. I am sure that together we can create a positive and entertaining experience for our children to grow in faith, hope and love.

Thank you for your willingness to consider this commitment. If you are interested in volunteering as part of the team that will be leading these CCD Sessions, please contact St. Theresa's Parish Catechetical Coordinator (CCD) Beverly-Dawn Knights at benik@northrock.bm.

Bishop Wes

We wish each of you a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Make Sunday Eucharist and daily prayer an integral part of your summer, and please continue to support your parish during these months.

Dear Padre,

When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the “source and summit” of our lives.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c

Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

AUGUST 9

Weekday

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

Thursday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1–12

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63

or 16:59–63

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

AUGUST 14

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4–6, 8–10

Heb 12:1–4

Lk 12:49–53



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throughout 2022.

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