



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 25, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31



*Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."*

LUKE 16:31

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## Woe to the Complacent

**I**n traditional societies, a woe is a frightening declaration. It was more than a warning. It was considered performative. This means that as soon as the words were spoken, what it described began to happen. The first verse in today's first reading states the woe; the last verse describes what will happen. And it did happen. Those with wealth and prestige were the first to be exiled from the land. It should be noted that the problem was not that they were wealthy. The Bible does not condemn wealth. The issue is how it was acquired and how it is used. The wealthy are condemned because their wealth made them complacent, indifferent to the struggles of the poor.

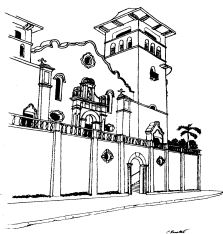
A similar situation is found in the Gospel passage. It tells of two men, one quite prosperous and the other suffering overwhelming indignity. Their fates after death are reversed. One might think that they got their

just deserts. But that is not the point of the story. The rich man wants the poor man to comfort him, but it is too late. Then at least send him to warn the rich man's family. And here is the point of the story: That should be unnecessary. They have the religious tradition, Moses, and the prophets who have always taught that we must do what we can for our needy brothers and sisters. If they (or we) do not listen to our religious teachings, we probably will not listen to someone from the dead. Woe to the complacent!

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How might you participate in the food and clothing drives in your parish?*
- ★ *For which candidates do you vote? Those who work to make your life better or for those who work to make everyone's life better?*



## St. Theresa's Cathedral

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St. Theresa's Gift Shop: 292-0416 – Shop Hours: Closed from 26<sup>th</sup> July - Reopening 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022

**Confessions:** By appointment only – Social distancing of 3' if a mask is worn or 6' if no mask is worn.

**Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

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

**Facebook:** Our Catholic Diocese is on Facebook. Visit our page & "LIKE" us and join our on-line community.

	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Sept. 24	6:30 pm	+	Wanda Spiewak
Sun.	Sept. 25	8:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		10:00 am	+	Maria de Jesus Furtado, Jose Cunha
		11:30 am	+	F. Sabastian Villacres-Pazmino
		6:00 pm		
Mon.	Sept. 26	7:30 am		In Honour of Our Lady of Medjugorje, Queen of Peace
Tues.	Sept. 27	7:30 am	+	Molly Funk
Wed.	Sept. 28	7:30 am		Intentions of Annaé DeSilva
		12:10 pm		
Thurs.	Sept. 29	7:30 am		Intentions of Don Johann
		12:10 pm	+	Joe & Theresa Do Couto
Fri.	Sept. 30	7:30 am	+	Giampaolo Mazzi
		12:10 pm		
Sat.	Oct. 01	6:30 pm		Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
Sun.	Oct. 02 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Antonio & Deolinda Carvalho & Maria Ruggiero & Vito Lovecchio
		10:00 am	+	
		11:30 am		Couples for Christ & Family Ministries
		6:00 pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family

#### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	Analia Machado	C. Scarth	F. Maxwell	Volunteer Needed
<b>Communion</b>	Anna Machado	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
<b>Ministers:</b>	C. Carreiro	G. Lovecchio		
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	K. Judd	F. Wohlmuth	M. Gravito	

#### 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.

**Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration - 10:00 am – Benediction.**

### ST. THERESA'S PARISH REGISTRATION

**Are you and your family  
registered?**

**Is your contact information  
current  
with your Parish Church?**

Please contact your Parish admin at [sttheresas@northrock.bm](mailto:sttheresas@northrock.bm) and request a Parish registration form or visit the Diocesan website, [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) under the "Useful Links" section.

Being registered to your Parish Church, can be very useful in different ways. By being registered, this gives the Priest of your Parish Church the ability to speak on your behalf, if you ever decide to receive Sacraments overseas or if you are going to be a Godparent or Sponsor.

**All information sent in will be  
kept according to the PIPA ACT.**





## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in your life? What am I doing to help?

### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Collection:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 ...	\$ 3,114.00
	To Date: Week 38 ...	\$ 158,897.00

*Thank you for your stewardship!*

## ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



**25<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022**  
**Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles**  
**"Special Intention"**

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

In order that 7-Day votive candles & roses are always present in St. Theresa's Chapel, we will need your assistance through your donations, to purchase these. To date, we have openings for your intentions from the month of **October until the end of the year**. Therefore, if you would like to make a donation of 2 seven-day candles or of 2 roses or both at a cost of \$10.00 each, please call St. Theresa's Office at 292-0607 Ext. 2 or email: [stheresas@northrock.bm](mailto:stheresas@northrock.bm).

## INTRODUCTION:

Our actions and choices – how we live our lives as Christians – have an influence on others. For many, our actions as true disciples may be the only "homily" they will ever hear. As a community of faith, God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us, especially those in need.

## LECTIO DIVINA RESUMES ON ZOOM:

If you are interested in joining Lectio Divina, the study of Scripture, please email **Mr. Franz Wohlmuth** at [fgwohlmuth@logic.bm](mailto:fgwohlmuth@logic.bm) to request a link via email, which will be sent 30 minutes before the session begins at 7:00pm. Bishop Wes will also assist by guiding you through the Sunday Readings.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

The CCD program at St. Theresa's is still in need of both men and women volunteers. This invitation is extended especially for the gentleman of our Parish. The young boys in the program would be happy to see men sharing their faith and also not be too

outnumbered by girls. ☺ The assistance of dedicated men and women, who will work as a team would be greatly appreciated. You will not be expected to teach in the traditional sense. No formal training is required; only a commitment to be present to assist each weekend. Parents, grandparents and guardians, you are the first teachers of the faith to your children and grandchildren. Instead of just dropping off your child/children at CCD, why not stay with them for that hour and a half and reinforce your commitment to their faith education. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact St. Theresa's Parish Catechetical Leader, **Ms. Beverly-Dawn Knights** at [benik@northrock.bm](mailto:benik@northrock.bm). Please volunteer today!

## ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

The Gift Shop is now **open** each Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you would like to volunteer at the Gift Shop, please contact St. Theresa's Rectory at 292-0607 Ext. 2.

## BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter of youth with the Pope, celebrated every three years in a different country. The most recent WYD was celebrated in Panama City, Panamá, from January 22-27, 2019, with the next World Youth Day being held in Lisbon, Portugal, from August 1-6, 2023.

WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. With young people as its protagonists, World Youth Day also seeks to promote peace, unity and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people who share these common interests and ambitions.

The minimum age for pilgrims is 16 at the time of the pilgrimage. Youth under 18 and still in high school must be under the guidance of a guardian. The target age for WYD internationally is 18-35. Going through websites of various American dioceses I noted that the estimated cost of a 10-day trip is between \$4,000-5,000 per person.

I would be very happy to see a Bermudian flag among the various countries attending this event. At this point I would like to ask those who are interested in participating in WYD to make a decision as soon as possible and to let the Chancery Office know. I would also like to find some volunteers to assist me in directing and organizing the fundraising in support of this venture.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*

# Dear Padre,

**A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate. Is that what the Church teaches?**

**J**esus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent Son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

“It is love ‘to the end’ [John 13:1] that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614).

Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross....By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In many situations of suffering, Christ's cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. Christ's cross is the sign of hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan of salvation.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 31, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Jb 1:6–22

Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest

Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23

Lk 9:51–56

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael,  
Archangels

Dan 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5

Lk 10:13–16

### Saturday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse  
of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

### Sunday

OCTOBER 2

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10