



## Take Your Pick

**T**he vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

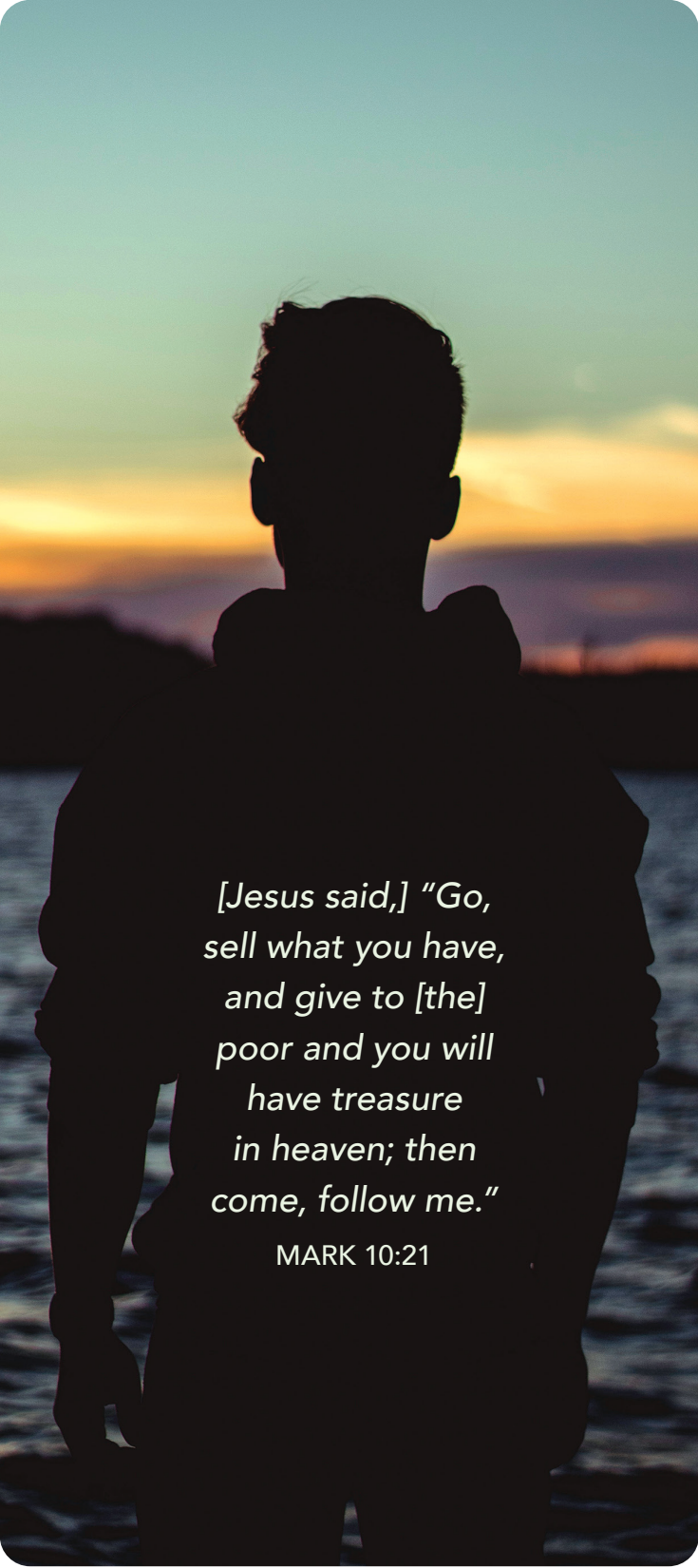
Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

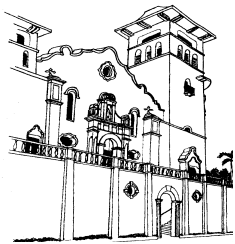
### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?*
- ✧ *Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.*



*[Jesus said,] "Go,  
sell what you have,  
and give to [the]  
poor and you will  
have treasure  
in heaven; then  
come, follow me."*

MARK 10:21



## St. Theresa's Cathedral

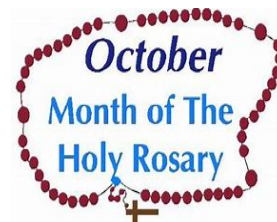
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**Confessions:** By appointment only – Social distancing of 3' if a mask is worn or 6' if no mask is worn.

**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.	Oct. 09	6:30 pm	+	Joseph Lewis & Mary Correia
Sun.	Oct. 10	8:30 am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00 am	+	Manuel de Medeiros, Isaul Cordeiro, Pelas
			+	Almas de Purgatorio, Joao da Silva &
		11:30 am	+	Evangelina Medeiros
		6:00 pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Oct. 11	7:30 am	+	Doris & Albert Ramsay
Tues.	Oct. 12	7:30 am		Intentions of Rojan Pedrera (Birthday)
Wed.	Oct. 13	7:30 am	+	Honour Through Devotion to the Immaculate
		12:10 pm		Heart of Mary
Thurs.	Oct. 14	7:30 am	+	Manuel Bizarro, Jose Oliveira, Maria de
		12:10 pm	+	Lurdes & Maria Encarnacao Martins
Fri.	Oct. 15	7:30 am	+	Intentions of Portia Lo
		12:10 pm		
Sat.	Oct. 16	6:30 pm	+	Michael Pruitte
Sun.	Oct. 17 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00 am		
		11:30 am	+	Victor Moniz & Manuel & Arminda Garrafa
		6:00 pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family

#### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Proclaimers:</b>	Analia Machado	I. Scarth	G. Edwards	J. Amper
		Needed		
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Ministers:</b>	Anna Machado	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	D. Mutch	F. Wolhmuth	K. Judd	

#### SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield Acct #20-006-060-482732-100 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.

**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**

#### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER For October

*Gracious and Loving God*

*We give you thanks for this time  
of year;  
a time of transformation that  
reveals the awe-inspiring gift of  
your creation.*

*Teach us how to be good stewards  
of all the gifts you have given us;  
and show us how we may share  
those gifts generously, especially  
with those most in need of your  
loving care.*

*Give us the strength to be good  
stewards of the Gospel, to love  
others as we love ourselves, and to  
follow in your Son's footsteps, until  
we find our way home to you.*

*We pray this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Taken from ICSC E-Bulletin – Oct 2020*



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> October:	\$ 3,838.00
	To Date: Week 40	\$142,485.00

**Thank you for your continued financial support!**

### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2021  
Donation Given for 2 Votive Candles & 2 Roses  
"In Memory of Augusto Machado"

### INTRODUCTION:

God's call to faithful discipleship promises unimaginable blessings and requires radical trust in God's providence. Like the rich young man, we have futures to get ready. We cannot do it alone – for it is only with God that all things are possible



### CELEBRATION of Our Lady of Fatima:

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on October 13<sup>th</sup>. On this day in 1917, Our Lady made her promised appearance to three shepherd children as well as a huge crowd of 70,000 believers and unbelievers at Fatima in Portugal. Referred to as "The Miracle of the

Sun", all the people present that day were mesmerized by a dancing, colourful sun. Our Lady appeared to the children and called for daily rosary and turning away from sin.

You are *invited* to the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima at **St. Patrick's Church** this **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**, starting with the **Rosary at 7:30 p.m.** followed by **Mass at 8:00 p.m.** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no candlelight procession. The Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese by Bishop Wes Spiewak and Fr. Julio Blazejewski, CR, and will be **livestreamed**.



### CCD CLASSES UPDATE:

Parents, please be advised that the CCD program will **not** be starting in October 2021. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided to postpone classes until further notice. Only the Sacramental classes, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, are

planned to start in January 2022.

If your child was born in 2014 and are not currently registered in the St. Theresa's CCD program, please contact Ms. Beverly-Dawn Knights, St. Theresa's Parish Catechetical Coordinator, at [benik@northrock.bm](mailto:benik@northrock.bm) to register your child for First Holy Communion. First-time and overseas students must include a Baptism certificate (copy). A Parish Registration Form will need to accompany the CCD Registration Form if the family is not registered in the parish.

### VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION:

MSA will be hosting a virtual information session for families who would like to know more about MSA and its world-class Alberta Curriculum. The next information session will be held on **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for All Grades**. To join this session, please RSVP to [msaoffice@msa.bm](mailto:msaoffice@msa.bm) or call 292-4134.



### SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The SVDP is a recipient charity with The Bermuda Championship at the Port Royal Golf Course from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### To support SVDP:

- Sign-Up to be a Volunteer at the Event
- Make a Donation through The Bermuda Championship Birdies for Charity Program

For more information, contact Karen Leseur at 232-4175 or e-mail: [svdp@northrock.bm](mailto:svdp@northrock.bm).

### BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis called scientists, experts and religious leaders to the Vatican for a "Faith and Science" meeting. During the meeting, a Joint Appeal was signed, which is going to be an important voice for the upcoming COP26 Ecological Summit in Glasgow.

In his speech, the Pope encouraged participants to look from the perspective of interdependence and sharing on ecological issues, to act with love and respect for creation, neighbor, oneself and the Creator. Pope Francis said, "We cannot act alone without one another. It is imperative that each of us is committed to caring for others and the environment. It is a commitment that will lead to an urgently needed change of direction, and which must also be supported by the faith and spirituality of each of us. This meeting unites so many cultures and spiritualities in a spirit of brotherhood, strengthens the awareness that we are members of one human family. Each of us has our own faith and spiritual tradition, but there are no cultural, political or social boundaries or barriers that could separate us. To shed light on this vision, we need to commit to a future shaped by interdependence and co- responsibility."

Pope Francis referred to the challenge that calls us to oppose a culture of rejection that seems to dominate our society and which is based on "the seeds of conflict; greed, indifference, ignorance, fear, injustice, insecurity and violence". He also called for mutual respect between faith and science, in order to establish a dialogue aimed at taking care of nature, defending the poor and building a network of brotherhood."

The Pope reminded all the COP26 summit in Glasgow was called to urgently propose effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values in which we live, and to offer concrete hope to future generations. "We want to accompany it with our commitment and through our spiritual closeness," assured the Pope.

Have a nice and restful weekend, and a blessed week!

*Bishop Wes*



# Dear Padre,

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

**R**CIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have

not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites;

some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

*Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*



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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*

*Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness...Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1–7

Lk 11:29–32

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16–25

Lk 11:37–41

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1–11

Lk 11:42–46

### Thursday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21–30

Lk 11:47–54

### Friday

OCTOBER 15

*St. Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church*

Rom 4:1–8

Lk 12:1–7

### Saturday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16–18

Lk 12:8–12

### Sunday

OCTOBER 17

*Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10–11

Heb 4:14–16

Mk 10:35–45

or 10:42–45