



[John said,] “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.

LUKE 3:16

Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?



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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

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Jan. 11th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Jan. 12th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Joe & Theresa Do Couto, José Cunha, Maria José Mendonça, & Frederick Eatherley
	11:30am	Intentions of Alexandra Judd
	6:00pm	Birthday intention & Good Health, Rita Barreto
Mon. Jan. 13th	7:30am	Intentions of Fr. Dandy Traje, C. P.
Tues. Jan. 14th	7:30am	+ Fr. Michael Morris
Wed. Jan. 15th	9:00am	Birthday wishes for Brandon Johnson
	12:10pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Thurs. Jan. 16th	7:30am	Belated birthday wishes for Maria Pacheco
	12:10pm	+ Aurelia Ferreira, Irmelinda Serodeo, + Fr. Julio Blazejewski & Purgatory souls
Fri. Jan. 17th	7:30am	Special Intentions of Elfrieda Lewnowski
	12:10pm	Healing Prayers for Anthony Bertrand
Sat. Jan. 18th	6:30pm	Birthday wishes for Jason & Chloe DeSilva
Sun. Jan. 19th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soares & James Soares
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda & Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	+ Emilia & Stanislaw Baron

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: January 18th & 19th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Fernandes	J. Hill	V. Turner	C. Duqueza
Communion	C. Carreiro	T. Sinclair	J. Alcantara	R. Ronquillo
Ministers:	C. Johnson S. Booth C. Maiato	B. D. Knights G. Lovecchio C. Scarth	G. Edwards A. Cannonier	M. Tan A. Tan
Song Leaders:	N/A	M. S. Brackstone	D. Mutch	S. Marine C. Placides

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES:

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield **A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100** 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 your continued support

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7PM 1st Friday of the month (usually)

St. Joseph's Church

11AM 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7PM Last Wednesday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7PM 2nd Friday of the month

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Please collect your “2025” weekly offering envelopes/booklets, which are at the entrances of the Cathedral and commit to planned giving each week.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in service of God and neighbor.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Jan 4th/5th	\$3,106.00
Electronic offering:	Jan 4th/5th	\$810.00
Filipino Simbang Gabi		\$878.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 1	\$4,794.00

Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION:

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support for our Cathedral. This year's Christmas Gift Collection totaled \$7,934.00.



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

January 12th—18th, 2025

Donation Given for Two 7-day Candles

Birthday Intentions & Good Health

For Rita Barreto



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEE –

January 18th/19th

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection.

In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the **weekend of January 18th and 19th**. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation, or make a contribution online to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100, and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field.

Thank you for your stewardship!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER GIVEAWAY:

Poinsettias will be available to take home, for anyone interested, on the morning of **Monday, January 13th** in the Church Hall.



Please stop by and collect a plant, for you to enjoy in your home.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Food Drive. It was a great success and we are very grateful for your generosity. Across the Diocese, we delivered approximately 100 bags/boxes of groceries to The Eliza DoLittle Society for their food pantry, which is amazing. This will go a long way to help those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I presume that the information below is generally known but I also thought that it would not be wrong to give you some further explanation into this practice.

Our Diocese, as all Catholic dioceses worldwide, is obliged to organize annually four collections that are destined to support the needs of specific sectors of the Church. These collections are known as "Pontifical Collections".

Canon 1271 Collection: This Code of Canon Law requires dioceses' to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See. This collection in our Diocese is usually done in January and this year it will be taken on the weekend of the 18th/19th of January.

Collection for the Holy Land: Its target is to collect funds for support of Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land, and for the welfare of their Christian brethren and local communities. This year this collection will be taken at Good Friday services on the 18th of April.

Peter's Pence Collection: Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. It will be taken on the weekend of the 28th/29th June.

World Mission Collection: Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, beginning or poor. This collection will be taken on weekend of the 18th/19th October.

I would like to have one more Special Collection, sometime in Lent, in order to support the construction of the Pastoral Centre at the new church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Bangladesh. More information will be provided in due course.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

Bishop Wes

St. Patrick's Quiz Night – January 17



Mark your calendars for an exciting Quiz Night organized by the St. Patrick's Parish Council for **Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun and a bit of friendly competition! **Tickets are \$20.00 per person** which includes the entry fee, pizza and refreshments. You can form **teams of up to 8 members**, or you can join a team upon arrival. Please plan to be there a few minutes early to get settled before the quiz begins. Purchase tickets ASAP to secure your spot! All proceeds will support the Church so your participation contributes to a great cause! For more details and to register, contact any of the St. Patrick's Parish Council members. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory

Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 1:1–6	Heb 2:5–12	Heb 2:14–18	Heb 3:7–14	Heb 4:1–5, 11	Heb 4:12–16	Is 62:1–5
Mk 1:14–20	Mk 1:21–28	Mk 1:29–39	Mk 1:40–45	Mk 2:1–12	Mk 2:13–17	1 Cor 12:4–11
						Jn 2:1–11



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

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