



The Already and the Not Yet

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

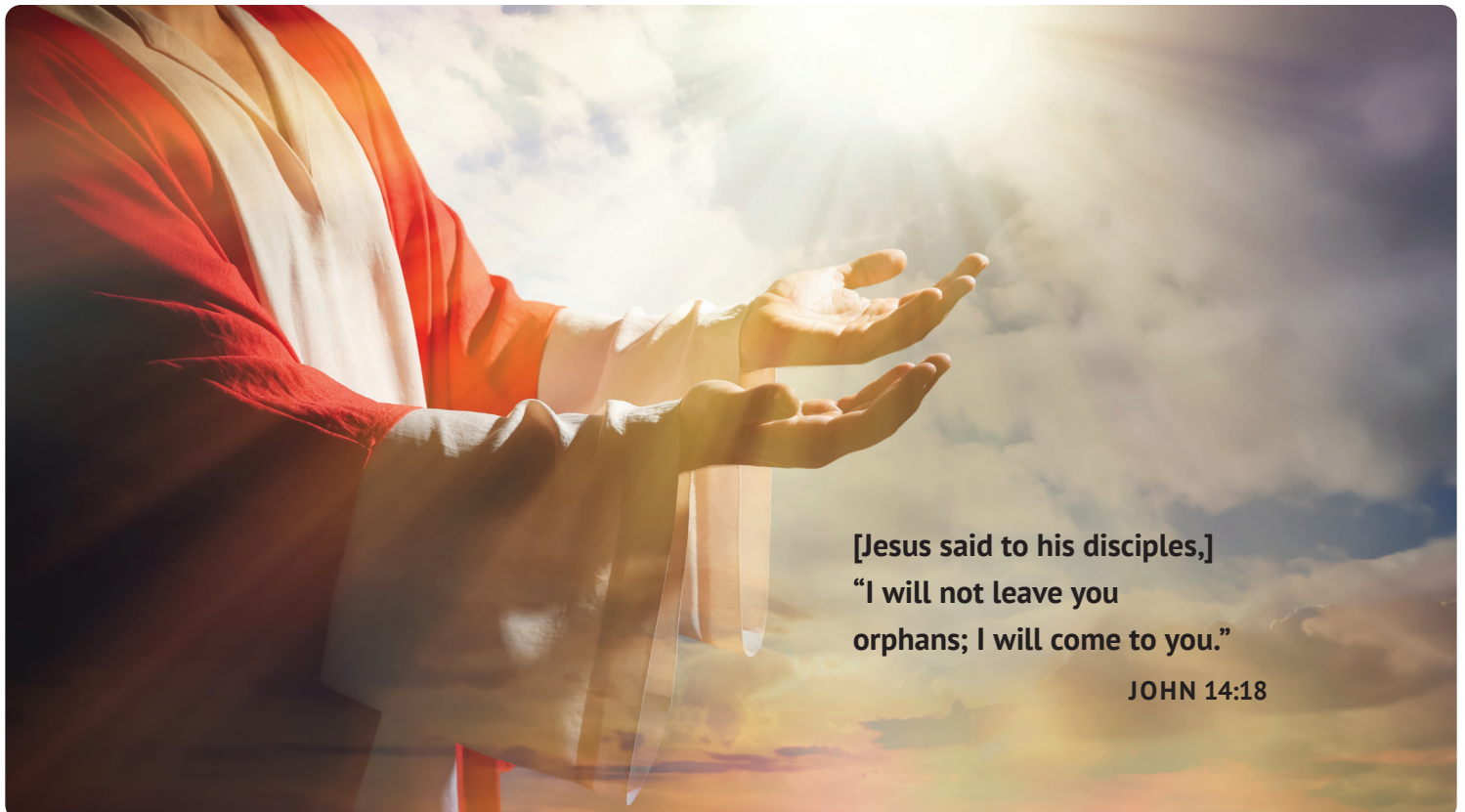
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18



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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. May 9th	6:30pm	All Mother's, Living and Deceased
Sun. May 10th (Portuguese)	8:30am	All Mother's, Living and Deceased
	10:00am	+ Alda Carreiro, Joe & Theresa DoCouto
		+ Jose Cunha, Luis Amaral Pimentel, Marcelino Aguiar
	11:30am	+ Maria Jose Mendonca, Frederick George Eatherley
	6:00pm	+ Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. May 11th	7:30am	
Tues. May 12th	7:30am	Special Intention of Jenny DeSilva
Wed. May 13th	7:30am	
	12:10pm	+ Manuel Bizarro, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes & Maria Encarnacao Martins
Thurs. May 14th	7:30am	Special Intention of Bishop Wes
	12:10pm	Special Intention of Brian Ingham
Fri. May 15th	7:30am	Special Intention of Fr. Dandy
	12:10pm	
Sat. May 16th	6:30pm	Special Intention of Rylan DeSilva
Sun. May 17th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Maria Orselina Botelho De Lima
	11:30am	CFC & Family Ministries
	6:00pm	+ Laura Rivera

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : May 16th & 17th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	T. Sinclair A. Farrell	G. Edwards A. Da Silva	K. Mosquito
Communion Ministers:	C. Carreiro D. DeSilva C. Maiato C. Johnson	G. Lovecchio O. Scarth B.D. Knight C. Scarth	P. Le Fevre A. Cannonier C. Kieck	R. Ronquillo M. Billones S. Gusi
Song Leaders:	D. Mutch	J. Pearman	K. Judd	M. Tan I. Placedes

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!*



Life Hope & Truth



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATES

We would like to congratulate the CCD children listed below who, for the first time this weekend, will receive the Body of Christ during a special Mass, this Sunday, May 10th, celebrated by Fr. Dandy Traje, C.P.

Sophia Balderas

Benedict Brown

Alia Cardoso

Jayden Duarte

Victoria Chidera Grant-Bent

Ava Medeiros

Jalen Smith

Jason Vieira

God's blessings to our

First Holy Communion Candidates!

CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. As Christians we are called to share the Good News. Saint Peter challenges us to be ready to give an account of the hope that we have in Christ, but to do so with gentleness. As the old saying goes, we attract others more easily with honey than with vinegar. But it isn't always easy to evangelize, and we have no guarantee of how we will be received. We need God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate, to fulfill this task.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Here we are on Mother's Day again, and again I allow poetry to speak.

Her hands by Maggie Pittman

*Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath.
Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.
Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.
Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.*

*Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.
Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show.
Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.
Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.*

*Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way.
Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.
Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.
Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.*

*Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work,
Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.
Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.
Her hands are the reason I am me.*

Happy Mother's Day!

A blessed weekend and week to all!


Bishop Wes



Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	May 2nd & 3rd	\$4,947.00
Electronic Offering:	May 2nd & 3rd	\$1,015.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 19	\$114,226.04
Donation	May 4th	\$50.00

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
May 10th—16th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
Happy Heavenly Birthday Diniz Pacheco

FEAST OF SENHOR SANTO CRISTO
DOS MILAGRES :

The Senhor Santo Cristo Festival will begin on **Saturday, May 16th at 7:45pm**, with a Mass to celebrate the commencement of the feast and to move the statue out of the Alcove.

On **Sunday, May 17th**, the Festival continues with a solemn Mass in Portuguese at **1:30pm**.

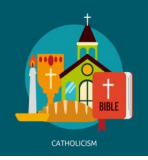
A procession will immediately follow the Mass, followed by festivities in the MSA Courtyard, and a raffle draw at 8:00pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased via email at: santocristobermuda@gmail.com.

All are invited to attend this special event!



DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM (DORC):

DORC is open for anyone; converts, reverts, life-long Catholics, the curious, those interested in the faith, those questioning the faith. It is based upon 88 common questions with many answers by using the Sacred Scriptures (SS) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). This is based upon the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in a casual group discussion setting. Sessions will be held on **Wednesdays, from 5-6:30pm**, starting on May 27th at St. Michael's Church, in the pastor's office. Please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236 for further details.



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.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

St. Patrick's Church in Smith's will be holding a Mass and candlelight procession, with the recitation of the Rosary, on **Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30PM**.


All are welcome to attend!



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

There will **no coffee social today, May 10th**, as it is Mother's Day.

The next coffee social is planned for Sunday, June 14th.



Dear Padre,

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,
JUNE 12, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Thursday

May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

Tuesday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Friday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Wednesday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Saturday

May 16

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28