



## When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

### Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?  
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***



**[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...  
becoming obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8**



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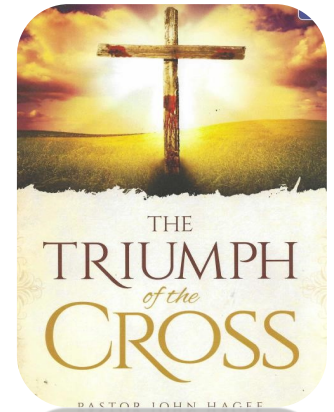
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**Confessions:** By appointment only, at this time

**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. Sept. 13th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Sept. 14th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Joe & Theresa Lima
		+ Jose Cunha, Joe & Theresa DoCouto, + Joao Carlos Frias
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victory Moniz
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Sept. 15th	7:30am	Bishop Emeritus Robert Kurtz, 30th Anniversary
Tues. Sept. 16th	7:30am	
Wed. Sept. 17th	7:30am	
	12:10pm	+ Giacomino Ferigo
Thurs. Sept. 18th	7:30am	
	12:10pm	Orlando Scarth, Birthday Wishes
Fri. Sept. 19th	7:30am	
	12:10pm	**No Mass
Sat. Sept. 20th	6:30pm	+ Fr. Julio Blazejewski, Birthday in Heaven
Sun. Sept. 21st (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Inez C. Knights
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Efigenia Raynaldo, Birthday in Heaven
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : September 20th & 21st, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	A. Donaghy	B.D. Knights	V. Turner A. Aguila	H. Velasco C. Duqueza
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	J. Judd C. Johnson A. Machado D. DeSilva	O. Scarth I. Brackstone G. Lovocchio C. Scarth	P. LeFevre A. Tan M. Tan	C. Sevilla A. Galea D. Robiso
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	K. Judd	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	J. Amper

### ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Our Gift Shop has a great selection of cards, and gift &/or home ideas, for all of your special occasions—all at a great price!

*Do support our little store!*



### SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE

**BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES:** Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100** Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes**  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

### FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

**St. Theresa's Cathedral**

7pm 1st Friday of the month

**St. Patrick's Church**

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

**St. Joseph's Church**

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

**Stella Maris Church**

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the SVDP Society.

**Direct deposit** to SVDP Society – BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4767 11100 or USD # 8400 7847 30010

**or** use the **SVDP envelopes**.



### 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 – **10:15am** - Benediction

### FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT:

Stella Maris Church will be holding a Dinner Bingo to help raise funds for their church maintenance on **Saturday, October 11th at 7:30PM** in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall. Tickets: adults \$25 and kids \$15 (10 & under). Contact Susanna at 535-3195 or [mlandscape@northrock.bm](mailto:mlandscape@northrock.bm)





### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels."  
The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Sept. 6th/7th	N/A at print
Electronic offering:	Sept. 6th & 7th	N/A at print
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 37	N/A at print

*Thank you for your support!*



#### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

**September 14th-20th, 2025**

**Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles**

**And Two Roses**

**In Loving Memory of Inez C. Knights**

#### FOCUS: In the cross is our hope.

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring his perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome **Josaiah Kaine Frias Arzola**, child of Paul John Arzola & Charmaine Borrero Frias, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on **Saturday, September 13th, 2025.** *Welcome to the Church Family Josaiah!*

#### PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Come join us for Coffee and baked goods

**TODAY, September 14th, 2025, after the 11:30am Mass in the Church Hall**

Coffee Social



#### ANCOP ANNUAL WALK:

The annual ANCOP 5km fun walk will be taking place on **Sunday, 21st September.** There is an **8:00am** assembly at Botanical Gardens with the walk starting at **8:30am.** Registration: Adults \$35 and Students/child \$25. First 75 registrants get a FREE 2025 ANCOP WALK shirt! Register through <https://runsignup.com/Race/BM/Paget/ANCOPWalk> or use QR Code. For more information visit <https://ancopbermuda.com> or the ANCOP International Bermuda Facebook page. *Let us all Answer the Cry of the Poor! A single step forward can change a life... And together, we can change many!*



#### JUBILEE 2025: MIGRANTS/FOREIGN LABOURERS:

On **Saturday, September 27th** there will be a 2025 Jubilee Year celebration for the Migrants and Foreign Labourers in our Diocese. At **11:00am** there will be Holy Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral in Pembroke, followed by a light lunch in the Cathedral hall. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Chancery Office on 232-4414 or by email to [orcc.bermuda@gmail.com](mailto:orcc.bermuda@gmail.com)

### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In a landmark cultural and spiritual celebration, the Vatican is preparing to transform St. Peter's Square into a stage for a one-of-a-kind concert, bringing together global music stars and a powerful message of fraternity. Promoted as a first-ever event, the concert will stream live worldwide on Disney+, Hulu, and ABC News Live starting on the 13th of September at 3pm ET/12pm PT.

For the first time, St. Peter's Square will host a public musical spectacle, co-directed by the unlikely duo of Pharrell Williams and Andrea Bocelli, with the blessing of the Vatican. The concert not only caps the third World Meeting on Human Fraternity but also serves as a joyful highlight of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025. The Vatican describes the evening as designed to be a mix of music, reflection, visual storytelling, and as a moment of global unity. Perhaps most striking is the collaboration at the helm with Pharrell Williams, the American pop hit-maker not generally associated with Church events, and Andrea Bocelli, Italy's world-famous tenor, have co-directed the concert.

Speaking about the project, Williams said: "This is a rare cultural moment where the world stops and collectively tunes in. It is a message of unity and grace for all of humanity." Bocelli echoed the sense of mission, stating: "Let us shine a spotlight on humanity with music from the very heart of Christianity and the most important spiritual square, reaching the entire world with a single message of brotherhood and peace."

Their words highlight not only the uniqueness of the concert itself but also the deeper symbolism of two very different musical worlds joining forces to promote fraternity.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*



#### ST. THERESA'S FEAST & 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP WES:

There will be a celebration dinner for the Feast of St. Theresa and the 10th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Wes on **Saturday, October 4th 2025 at 7:45pm** in St. Theresa's Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting from next weekend, September 13th/14th, from St. Theresa's Parish Council Members.

Tickets will also be available for purchase from the Rectory Office; Adults: \$40.00 and Children 12 and under: \$20.00.



#### ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

Commencing on, **Saturday, October 11th from 9am-10:30am**



All NEW students need to register for the program. Registration forms are available from the Rectory office or by emailing [sttheresasccd@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresasccd@gmail.com).

Children who attended the program last year do not need to register. If your contact information has changed, please send that information to the email address provided.

# Dear Padre,

***A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?***

Jesus 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’ (see 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. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.***

**ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,  
ROME, MAY 10, 2025**