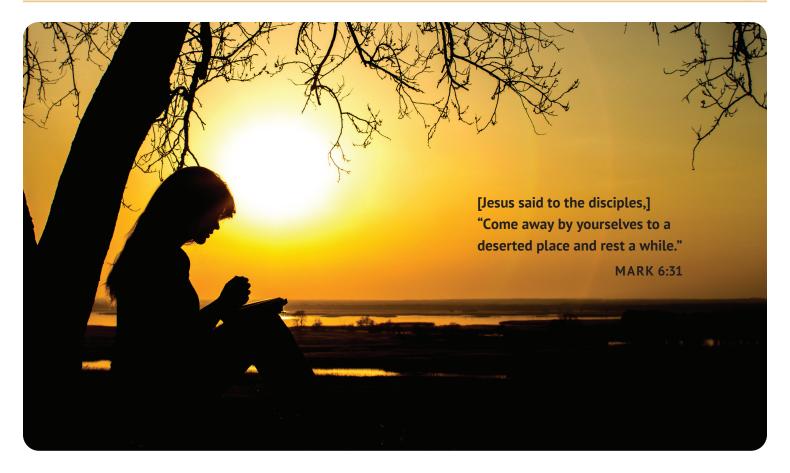
### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)







# Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

n 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm.

## Reflect

Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?



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

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DATES		TIMES		INTENTIONS		
Sat.	July 20th	6:30pm		Intentions of Andrea Pereech		
Sun.	July 21st (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Birthday wishes for Olga Kerrutt-Stovell Manuel Madeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Maria de Lurdes Lima, Jose Soares Oliveira, Joao Carlos Frias Intentions of Sierra Pacheco St. Theresa's Parish Family		
Mon.	July 22nd	7:30am	+	Efigenia Reynaldo		
Tues.	July 23rd	7:30am	+	Maria de Fatima & Adelino de Sa Medeiros		
Wed.	July 24th	7:30am		In Honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje		
Thurs.	July 25th	7:30am		Birthday wishes for Bishop Robert Kurtz CR		
Fri.	July 26th	7:30am		Special Intentions of Deon Dennis Jr.		
Sat.	July 27th	6:30pm	+	Roy Thomas		
Sun.	July 28st	8:30am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello		
	(Portuguese)	10:00am				
		11:30am	+	Theresa & Joe DeCouto		
		6:00pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family		

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: July 27th & 28th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm	
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	J. Hill	A. Cannonier	J. Amper	
Communion	C. Carreiro	G. Lovecchio	J. Alcantara	E. Dangl	
Ministers:	J. Judd	H. Cabral	G. Edwards	R. Ronquillo	
	A. Machado	E. Cabral	E. Mosley	D. Robiso	
	C. Johnson	C. Scarth	C. Kieck		
Song Leaders:	G. Medeiros	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	L. Consolacion	

LECTIO DIVINA: Monday evenings at 7pm online via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: Please be advised that the 9:00am Mass at St. Theresa's on Saturdays will be suspended for the summer, due to very low attendance.



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 your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral!

#### 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



## ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP SUMMER **HOURS:**

**CLOSED** July 28th-August 3rd

**OPEN** Saturdays **only** for the month of August 10am-2pm

**REOPEN** again for Tuesday's and Saturday's starting September 3rd

Phone 292-0416



#### **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

In today's Gospel, Jesus planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however,

He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

#### **Steward's Sharing of Treasure**

Date Actual

Collection: July 13th/14th \$7,154.00

Electronic offering: July 13th/14th \$2,485.00

To Date: Week 29 \$196,468.50

Peter's Pence Collection to date \$342.00

Thank you for your support!

#### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



July 21st-27th, 2024

Donation Given for

Two 7-Day Votive Candles & 2 Roses
Intentions of Levy, Pat, Lisa & Chris Rodrigues

**INTRODUCTION:** The Lord is our shepherd, guiding and protecting us, and providing for all things.

From the time of Creation the Lord has watched over us and guided us, judging our needs and our care for one another. When no one could shepherd us back to himself, he sent his Son to reconcile us to himself and free us from the bonds of sin. He sees who and where we are and knows what we need, providing for all things.

#### WEDDING:



Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Promila Gonsalves and Lloyd D'Souza**, who were married at St. Theresa's Cathedral on Thursday, July 18th, 2024. May God bless this marriage and may their love continue to grow throughout the years.

#### **SUMMER VACATION:**



We wish each of you a wonderful, safe and enjoyable vacation. Make daily prayer and Sunday Eucharist an integral part of your summer and remember to continue to support your parish during these summer months.



There is a parishioner who is in **need of a room** (no kitchen necessary) primarily to sleep, can pay rent. If you know of/or have any accommodations please phone **Fr. Joe Morley at 705-0236** for more details. Thanks & God bless.

#### THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71:9): This sincere plea, taken from Psalm 71, was chosen by Pope Francis as the theme of the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28th of July 2024. In his special message for this occasion, the Pope reassures the addressees that "God never abandons His children, never."

Pope Francis writes, "Both the certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain can be found in the Bible. All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents. There are many reasons for this loneliness in many places, above all in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate." He describes the situation of the elderly left in their war-torn countries as "the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme." He also decries the beliefs of some local cultures where the elderly "are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young, and thus are blamed for blows of fate affecting the young. This accusation that the elderly 'rob the young of their future' is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies. Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today's social landscape." He then cites the story of Naomi from the Book of Ruth.

The Pope's message concludes with an appeal: "In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say 'I will not abandon you', and to set out on a different path." He goes on to convey his blessing and prayers, "To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you."

For the full official text of the message: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4v8bjykn">https://tinyurl.com/4v8bjykn</a>

Have a restful Sunday and a good week!

Bishop Wes

#### **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:**

Please be reminded that on July 1st, we will be entering into the summer schedule for Holy Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral. This



means that the **12:10pm Noon Mass** will **not** be celebrated on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays during the summer. These Masses will resume on Wednesday, 4th September, 2024.

In addition, please be advised that there will be **NO** Wednesday evening Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's during the Summer. This Mass will resume on the 2nd of October, 2024.

## Dear Padre,

## What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.



The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches ex cathedra ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church.

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday July 22 St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	<b>Tuesday</b> July 23 <i>Weekday</i> Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 Mt 12:46–50	Wednesday July 24 Weekday Jer 1:1, 4-10 Mt 13:1-9	Thursday July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	Friday July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 3:14–17 Mt 13:18–23	Saturday July 27 Weekday Jer 7:1–11 Mt 13:24–30	Sunday July 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42–44 Eph 4:1–6 Jn 6:1–15
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#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus'] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God. ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 18, 2021

