



They all ate and were satisfied, and
they picked up the fragments left
over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●



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Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?



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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. August 1st	6:30pm	For young people who have died from violence
Sun. August 2nd (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Eugene E. DeSilva, Jr. Special Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa, Natalie Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nadeau, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Senechal + Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Selineau, + Souls in Purgatory, Kevin Ledo, Carlos Almeida, + Rogerio & Manuel Santos Bolarinho, + Humberto Santos, Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida CFC & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. August 3rd	7:30am	
Tues. August 4th	7:30am	+ Margaret Elliott
Wed. August 5th	7:30am	+ Wanda & Edward Spiewak
Thurs. August 6th	7:30am	Paul DeSilva, Birthday Wishes
Fri. August 7th	7:30am	+ Paul Scaife, Aurelia Leite, Irmelinda Serodeo, + Fr. Julio Blazejewski, C.R., Souls in Purgatory
Sat. August 8th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. August 9th	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Maria Gilda & Antonio Garca + Alda Carreio Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: August 8th & 9th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	M. Wambeke H. DeSilva	I. Aleria A. Da Silva	O. Anderson
Communion Ministers:	C. Carreiro A. Machado C. Maiato	E. Cabral H. Cabral O. Scarth	M. Butler	S. Gusi M. Bergonio
Song Leaders:	G. Medeiros	F. Wohlmuth	M. Gravito	A. L. Garina N. A. Buladaco

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL: Our next social will be on **Sunday, August 9th, 2026**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall, for coffee and baked goods. We look forward to seeing you there!



SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE

BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES: Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 3210**. 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. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday 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



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on the last Friday of the month at 6pm, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Donations can be made by

Direct Deposit to:

BNTB BD\$ 20006060476711100 or
BNTB US\$ 8400784730010.

Memo Field: Add your name and purpose of donation, ie. "In memory of..." (IMO and the name of person).

Email (Optional): Send an email to svdp@northrock.bm for confirmation and acknowledgement.

Donations in Cash: Please use the envelopes provided in the alcove of Our Lady of Lourdes, and place it in the slot provided near the alcove.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Daily life brings with it both blessings and trials. It is easy to think we walk alone when we are in the midst of especially difficult times. This is when it is most important to remember that Jesus is with us always: nothing will be able to separate us from [his] love. Our challenge is to remain rooted in our faith and trust this promise.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	July 25th & 26th	\$3,997.00
Electronic Offering:	July 25th & 26th	\$2,100.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 31	\$188,048.04



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
August 2nd—8th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
& Two Roses
In Loving Memory of Eduardo Carreiro

**BAPTISMS:**

We welcome **Zamir Mikre Cadangan Pace**, son of **Mikre & Michelle Pace**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Saturday, August 1st, 2026**.

We would like to also welcome **Theia Rose Garca Matcham**, daughter of **Alexander Matcham & Melanie Garca** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**.

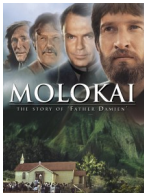
Welcome to the Church Family Zamir and Theia!

SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

On **Thursday, August 6th**, the film "**Molokai: The Story of Father Damien**" from 1999, based on a true story of St. Damien de Veuster, will be shown at the Summer Lunch & Movie Event. To deal with the leprosy problem in the Hawaiian Islands in 1872, sufferers were relentlessly exiled to Molokai, a barren isle off the coast. They there lived in miserable surroundings, abandoned by the outside world. To alleviate their fate, Fr. Damien was the first priest to go to Molokai. His bishop's last words were that "he must not touch anyone." Little by little, Damien earned the trust of the lepers, and eventually, his appeals for nuns and supplies resonated throughout the world, much to the displeasure of his superiors. Even when Damien got sick himself, his energy did not abate, and he carried on working for the well-being of his "fellow-lepers" to the end. When he crumbled during Mass, he was taken to his own hospital to die. All the residents gathered at the entrance to pray for their Father...

The movie's length is 112 minutes.

The movie is suitable for all audience.

**VISITING THE SICK:**

Do you know of anyone who is sick, infirm, or homebound? Would they like to be visited by our priest? If so, please call our office at 292-0607 ext. 2, or send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm to arrange a visit or to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

**THE BISHOP'S CORNER**

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

One night in July, 1216, St. Francis was praying in the little chapel of the Portiuncula consumed by love for God and a thirst to save souls. He prayed for the forgiveness of sins of humankind. Suddenly a brilliant light shone all around. Jesus and Mary appeared in the midst of a dazzling cloud surrounded by a multitude of radiant Angels. Out of fear and reverence, Francis adored Our Lord prostrate upon the ground. Then Jesus said to him: "Francis you are very zealous for the good of souls. Ask me what you want for their salvation." Francis was rapt in euphoria before Jesus. When he regained his courage he said: "Lord, I a miserable sinner and beg you to concede an indulgence to all those who enter this church, who are truly contrite and have confessed their sins. I beg Blessed Virgin, your Mother, intercessor of us, humans, that she intercede on behalf of this grace." Jesus answered: "It is a very great thing that which you ask me; but you are worthy of even greater things, Francis, and greater things you will have. So I accept your request, but I want you to go to My Vicar, to whom I have given the power to bind and loose in Heaven and on earth, to ask him on my behalf for this indulgence."

With one of his companions, Francis hastened to Pope Honorius III and implored him to proclaim that every one visiting the Portiuncula chapel and confessing their sins with a contrite heart would be as pure from all sin and punishments. The Pope asked him, "Why do you ask me for this indulgence". Francis replied, "Because I want all people to go to heaven."

The Pope granted this petition. The date was set from the evening of August 1st until sundown on August 2nd, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels.

Our Portiuncula indulgence will be celebrated on Sunday, 2nd of August, at St. Anthony's Church, at the 11:30am Mass, within the St. Francis Jubilee Year.

May your weekend be serene and your week be blessed!

Bishop Wes

PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE:

Sunday, August 2nd, marks the Portiuncula Indulgence, strongly rooted in St. Francis' spirituality.



A second solemn celebration within St. Francis Jubilee Year will take place in our Diocese. Bishop Wes will officiate the **11:30am Mass at St. Anthony's Church** with communal recitation of prayers for indulgence.

The conditions for obtaining indulgence, to offer salvation of oneself or the souls of the deceased, are the ordinary ones: Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, Prayer according to the Intentions of the Holy Father.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

There will be **no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's**. There will be **no 9am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's**. Finally, there will be **no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's**. Masses will resume in September.



Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (*GIRM* 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (*GIRM* 282). ●



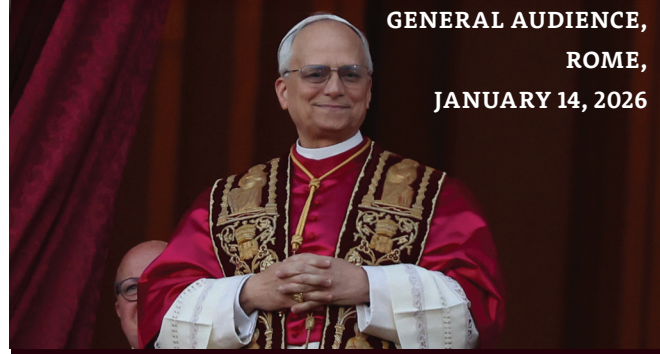
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026



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Monday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 6
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33