



Called from the Pits

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, *I need to go care about someone else*. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, *Why didn't I do that sooner?* The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls

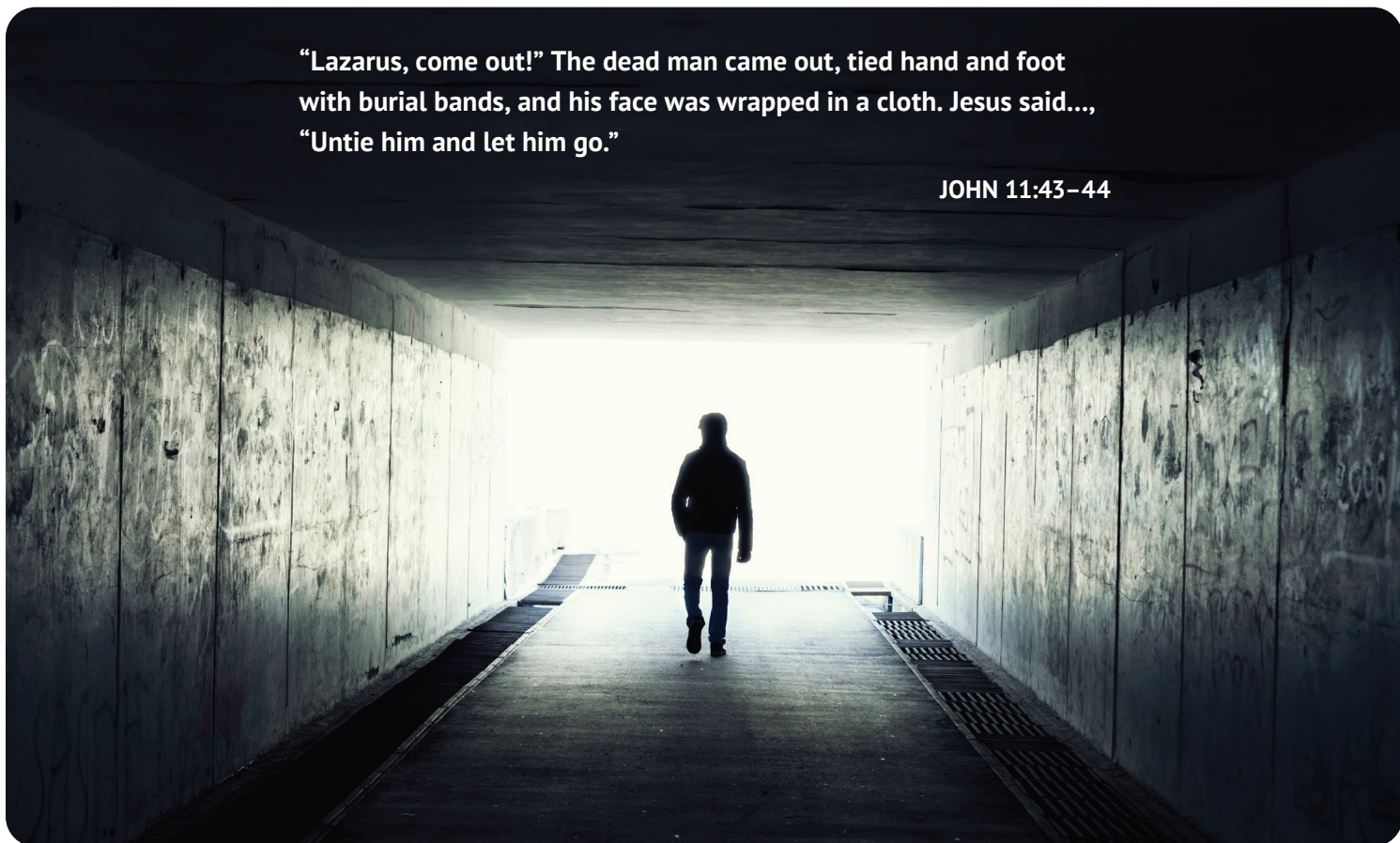
you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth? ●

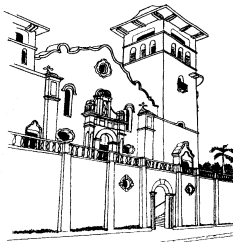
Reflect

Have you ever experienced something that seemed terrible at the time that turned out to be a blessing in disguise?

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said..., "Untie him and let him go."

JOHN 11:43–44





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Confessions: By appointment only

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

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

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. Mar. 25	6:30 pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Mar. 26 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+ Carlos DeSousa
	10:00 am	+ Jose F. Pimentel, Antonio Pimentel, Ilda Faria, Angelina Botelho, Padre Julio Blazejewski, Ludgarda Silva, Irene Faria, Maria de Jesus Cunha, Jose Cunha, & Manuel Costa
	11:30 am	+ Victor Moniz & Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Arminda Garrafa
	6:00 pm	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Mar. 27	7:30 am	+ Roy Thomas
	12:10 pm	+ Pepper Lennox Manuel
Tues. Mar. 28	7:30 am	Intentions of Gabrielle Brackstone
	12:10 pm	
Wed. Mar. 29	7:30 am	Intentions of Rev. Dandy Traje, C.P.
	12:10 pm	Intentions of Julieta Alcantara
Thurs. Mar. 30	7:30 am	+ Rev. John Lesousky, C.R.
	12:10 pm	
Fri. Mar. 31	7:30 am	Intentions of Bishop Wesley Spiewak, CR
	12:10 pm	
Sat. Apr. 01	6:30 pm	Intentions of Annette Barclay
Sun. Apr. 02 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Albert Soares, Sr.
	10:00 am	
	11:30 am	Couples for Christ & Family Ministries
	6:00 pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 1st/2nd April, 2023

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	K. Scarth	E. Mosley	R. Jones
	Analía Machado	C. Scarth	F. Maxwell	
Communion	C. Carreiro	G. Lovecchio	N/A	N/A
Ministers:	C. Johnson	O. Scarth		
Song Leaders:				

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

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER!



Forms are located at the doors of the Cathedral and on the communion rail for anyone who wishes to make an offering for **Easter Flowers “In Memory” of their deceased loved ones.**

The Easter Flower Memorials will be listed in a special pamphlet and the names will be remembered at all the Masses on Easter Sunday. Please submit your forms as soon as possible to meet early print deadlines!

Deadline is THIS Sunday, 26th March, 2023.

Your anticipated support will be greatly appreciated!

NEXT SUNDAY - Palm Sunday Masses

April 1st: Sat. Vigil: 6:30pm

April 2nd: Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am (Portuguese) 11:30am & 6:00pm

Palms Crosses will be blessed & Distributed



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our suffering – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	18 th /19 th March, 2023 ..	\$ 4,058.00
To Date:	Week 12 ..	\$ 56,887.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



26th March – 1st April, 2023

Donation Given for Two 7-Day Candles & Two Roses

"Intentions of the Brackstone Family"

INTRODUCTION:

It takes courage to truly believe in God's promises. He promises to raise the dead from their graves and put his own Spirit in us so that we may live. What does this mean for us this Lent, when we journey with Jesus toward his cross? How can our Lenten observance bolster such courageous faith?

ST. THERESA'S LENTEN SCHEDULE:

The holy mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm, Monday through Friday, during the Lenten Season until **March 31st**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 11:40am before the mid-day mass, at 6:00pm and on Sundays at 4:00pm in Portuguese. ***Come Walk with Jesus!*** All are encouraged to attend these devotions as part of your Lenten practice.



DIOCESAN PENITENTIAL SERVICES -March 28th & 30th

Parishioners from across the Island are invited to attend a Diocesan Penitential Service at **St. Anthony's Church, Warwick, on Tuesday, March 28, from 4pm - 6 pm. A second Penitential Service will take place at St. Theresa's Cathedral on Thursday, March 30 from 6pm – 8pm.** Make this devotional time a part of your Lenten experience.



PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR 2023:

All couples planning to marry in a Catholic church either in Bermuda or overseas within the next eighteen months, are required to make an

appointment to meet with our Pastor, Bishop Spiewak. If you are a parishioner of St. Theresa's Cathedral, please call his office at 232-4414 to arrange an appointment to discuss your wedding plans.

WEDDING: We congratulate **Blake DeSilva & Chelsea Rodrigues**, who were married this Saturday, March 25th here at the Cathedral by Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak, C. R. May God bless their marriage and may their love continue to grow over the years for each other.

MSA – "BOOTS & BUBBLY FUNDRAISER:

Tickets are now available for the MSA Country-Western fundraiser on **Saturday, April 15**, starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Enjoy live music with Ronnie Lopes and TRS and the Silvertones and end the evening with dancing to The Travelers. A silent auction and tombola raffle will be held – Credit Cards are welcomed. Visit: MountSaintAgnesAcademy@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com to purchase your tickets.



BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to dedicate this Bishop's Corner to a few administrative matters.

First of all, I want you to know that the present policy of our Diocese regarding both the RCIA and Pre-Marriage preparation programmes, is that they will be done in the parish of belonging/registration and led by the Pastor of the Parish.

I also want to inform you that, on the 22nd of March 2023, I formally appointed Fr. Dandy Traje, C.P. to be responsible for the Filipino ministry in our Diocese, and to be the chaplain for Couples for Christ and Family Ministry. Additionally, I have appointed Fr. Dandy to be the representative in our Diocese for the Pontifical Mission Societies. I wish him God's blessing, strength and wisdom in these ministries!

At the same time, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski, C.R. for the many years of his ministry as the representative of the Pontifical Mission Societies, and to Rev. Joe Morley for the many years of his chaplaincy to the Couples for Christ and Family Ministry. Thank you very much!

Have a restful 5th Sunday of Lent and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

Dear Padre,

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9,
15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

April 2

*Palm Sunday
of the Lord's
Passion*

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66
or Mt 27:11-54

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020