



Embracing the Mystery

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The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?



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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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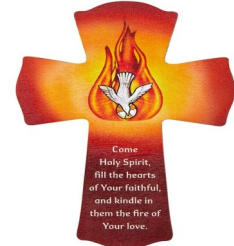
DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. May 30th	6:30pm	Special Intention of Max Wiesniewski
Sun. May 31st (Portuguese)	8:30am	Special Intention of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R. Gabriel Rego Pontes, Margarida Cabral Pereira Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Maria Andrade Tirano Jr. Manuel & Maria Amaral Barroso Angelo & Isaura Alves, Antonio Mansinho St. Theresa's Parish Family Intention in thanksgiving of Maurice Barreto
	10:00am	
	11:30am	
	6:00pm	
Mon. June 1st	7:30am	
Tues. June 2nd	7:30am	
Wed. June 3rd	7:30am 12:10pm	Special Intention of Sean DeSilva
Thurs. June 4th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Fri. June 5th	7:30am 12:10pm	Special Intention of Marian Lombardi Paul Scaife, Aurelia Leite, Ermelinda Serodeo, Fr. Julio Blazejewski, C.R., Souls in Purgatory
Sat. June 6th	6:30pm	+ Maria Orselina Botelho De Lima
Sun. June 7th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Albert Victor Soares Sr. Special Intention of Natalie Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Garrafa + Marshall Yokell, Deceased members of the Mello and Pereira Family, Souls in Purgatory + Manuel & Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family
	11:30am 6:00pm	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : June 6th & 7th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	C. D'Souza A. D'Souza	M. Pacheco F. Maxwell	O. Anderson K. Mosquito
Communion Ministers:	A. Donaghy C. Carreiro C. Johnson S. Booth	E. Cabral H. Cabral B.D. Knights I. Brackstone	M. Tan A. Tan J. Alcantara	M. Billones R. Ronquillo D. Robiso
Song Leaders:	N/A	N/A	N/A	A. L. Garina I. Placedes



DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION MASS:



Congratulations to ALL of our Confirmation Candidates, who will be confirmed by Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R. this Sunday, May 31st, 2026 at 2pm at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

May you always walk with the Holy Spirit!

The 14 Confirmation Candidates from St. Theresa's Parish are listed as follows:

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| Briana Almeida | Laura Braga |
| Cameron Camara | Delilah Campbell |
| Isla Cooze | Ariana Correia |
| Juliana Faria | Maddelyn Faustino |
| Cristiano Hizon | Veronica Peixoto |
| Zoe Phillips | Niamh Serrana |
| Layla Tavares | Gabriela Vieira |

"In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit."

—St. Paul

CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm
Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm
Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: God, the Holy Trinity, is perfect Love.

As Christians, we believe that God is love. This love is essentially love in relationship. Saint Augustine described the Holy Trinity as God the Lover, God the Beloved, and the Love between them. May we recognize God's triune presence all around us, particularly in the experience of the loving relationships in our own lives.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	May 23rd & 24th	\$5,120.00
Electronic Offering:	May 23rd & 24th	\$2,530.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 22		\$136,841.54

Thank you for your support!



BAPTISM:

We welcome **Gabriela Catarina Frias De Couto**, child of Alexander & Daniela De Couto, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, May 31st, 2026.**

Welcome to the Church Family Gabriela!

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 being answered 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.



SYNODAL BIBLE STUDY:

This BIBLE STUDY is held on **Thursday's at 3pm** in the Pastor's Office at St. Michael's Church.

Please park behind the Church and make sure to bring your CATHOLIC BIBLE. This is **FREE** and is open to all.

For any questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting an informal fun afternoon of music, singing and dancing, for all ages, on **Sunday, June 14th, at 2pm.**

Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center.



CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting a Classical Music Concert on **Sunday, June 21st & 28th at 5pm.**

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for seniors and children.

For tickets, please contact Liz at 234-0872 or lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or Jane at 747-4060.

Proceeds to be shared with PALS and St. Joseph's Church.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For millions of viewers, Jonathan Roumie has become almost inseparable from his portrayal of Christ in The Chosen. Yet one of the most compelling things about Roumie is perhaps how aware he seems of the responsibility that comes with the role. Recently, Movie Guide shared the quiet prayer Roumie says before filming scenes as Jesus: "Let people see your face and not mine. Let them hear your words and not mine." It's particularly striking that in a profession usually built around being seen, Roumie's instinct is almost the reverse: to step aside as much as possible so the character can remain at the centre. Maybe this helps explain why his portrayal has resonated so deeply with audiences far beyond practicing Christians.

For Roumie, preparing to portray Christ seems to involve as much spiritual attentiveness as professional discipline. In interviews, he has described immersing himself in Scripture and prayer before filming, while also seeking guidance from priests and trusted friends to better understand the passages being portrayed. That level of attentiveness perhaps helps explain why audiences often describe his performance as unusually sincere. At a time when many people feel exhausted by outrage, irony, and endless online self-presentation, Roumie's approach feels refreshingly unforced.

His connection to the role also seems shaped by the struggles that preceded it. Roumie has spoken candidly about periods of financial uncertainty while trying to establish himself as an actor in Los Angeles, before The Chosen transformed his career. At one particularly difficult moment, he says, he surrendered his future entirely to God, only for The Chosen to arrive shortly afterwards.

It's a beautiful lesson in how faith is often communicated most powerfully not when we draw attention to ourselves, but when something wiser, gentler, and more loving becomes visible through us.

May your weekend be restful and your week and the entire month of June be good!

Bishop Wes

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!*



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 12pm, 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.



Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 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

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

2 Pt 1:2–7

Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday

June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18

Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12

Mk 12:18–27

Thursday

June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8–15

Mk 12:28–34

Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10–17

Mk 12:35–37

Saturday

June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1–8

Mk 12:38–44

Sunday

June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a

1 Cor 10:16–17

Jn 6:51–58