



The Other Side of Love

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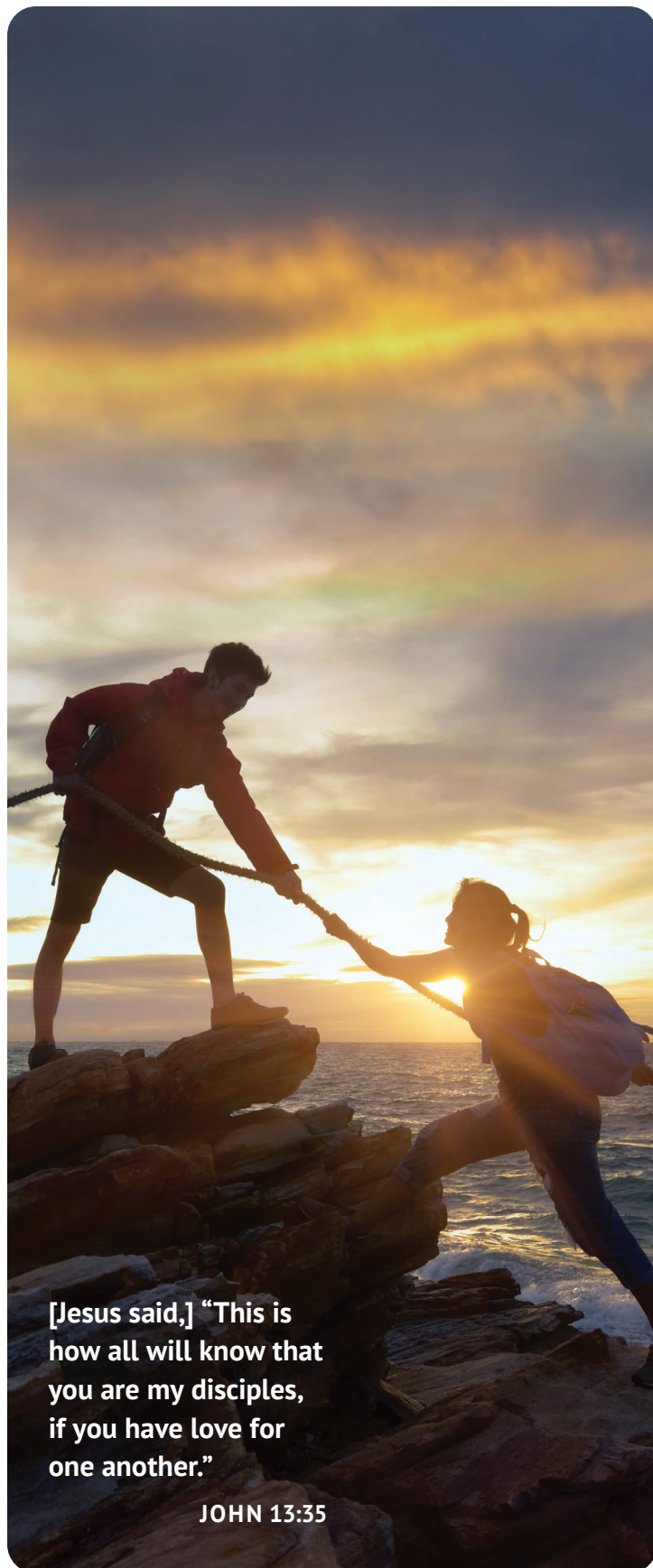
We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

Reflect

What is my definition of love?

How do I live it?



[Jesus said,] “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 13:35



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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

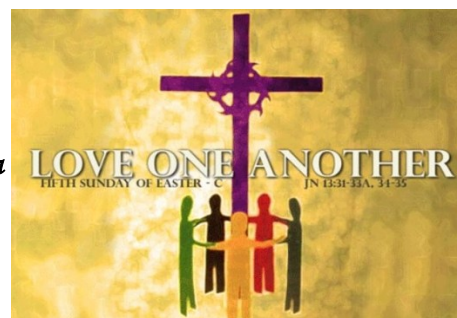
TIMES

INTENTIONS FOR

Sat.	May 17th	6:30pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros & Intentions of Gabriella Medeiros, Birthday wishes
Sun.	May 18th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Albert & Doris Ramsay + Joe & Theresa DoCouto, José Fernando Pimentel, + António Pimentel, Angelina Botelho, Senhor Padre Júlio, + António Mansinho, António Faria, Maria da Conceição + Faria, Luís Amaral Pimentel, Maria José Mendonça, + Marcelino Aguiar, Frederick George Eatherley, + Carlos Almeida, Rogério e Manuel Santos Bolarinho, + Humberto Santos, José e Amelia Andrade Almeida + Baby Ka'myon Pheonix Kerr + Marshall A. Yokell & Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mello
Mon	May 19th	7:30am		Bishop Wes Spiewak, 35th Anniversary of Priesthood
Tues	May 20th	7:30am		José Gravito, Happy Belated Birthday
Wed.	May 21st	7:30am 12:10pm	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family + Aurelia Leite, Irmelinda Serodeo, + Fr. Julio Blazejewski & Purgatory Souls
Thurs	May 22nd	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Lorraine DeSilva, Birthday in Heaven
Fri.	May 23rd	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Steven W. DeSilva, Birthday in Heaven In Honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje
Sat.	May 24th	6:30pm	+	Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, & + Maria Encarnacao Martins
Sun.	May 25th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Raymond Joseph Souza + Eduarda & Benjamin Estrela, Orgeto & + Fernanda Vincente St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : May 24th & 25th, 2025

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	H. DeSilva	L. LeFevre A. Cannonier	R. Bercasio C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	C. Johnson A. Machado G. Alayon C. Maiato	G. Lovecchio C. Scarth T. Sinclair B. D. Knights	P. LeFevre J. Alcantara C. Kieck	M. Tan A. Tan R. Ronquillo
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	M. S. Brackstone	D. Mutch	Kids Choir



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATES

May 17th, 2025

We would like to congratulate the 15 MSA children and 2 CCD children who, for the first time this weekend, will receive the Body of Christ during a special Mass on Saturday, May 17th, celebrated by Rev. Vivien Nuera, C.P., in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Their names are listed as follows:

Ethelberht Bakurumpagi

Oliver Barbosa

Kris Barnett

Abigail Baron

Emily Camara

Sophia Cuarentas

Eoin Foley

Maya Martins

Vhari Martins

Easton Matos

Cristiano Pimentel

Kevin Pimentel

Arnuv Ryan

Maribella Sebastiao

Clarice Silva

Elon Skipper

Bryn Smith

**May God Bless You and Your
Family on This Very Eventful Day!**



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	May 10th/11th	\$4,547.00
Electronic offering:	May 10th/11th	\$830.00
2025 Collection To Date:	Week 19	\$118,581.50

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

May 18th-24th, 2025

Donation Given for Two 7—day Candles

And Two Roses

In Loving Memory of Manuel Antonio Cabral



BAPTISM:

We welcome **Nikko Brian Monk**, child of Brian Wayne & Allison Marie (DeMelo) Monk, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend on, **Sunday, May 18th, 2025.**

Welcome to the Church Family, Nikko!



A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE:

Our CCD program for this pastoral year ended last week. We would like to thank our CCD Team of Mentors: Chrissina D'Souza, Vera Lopes, Grace Lovecchio, Lelina Niere, Maria Pacheco and Carolina Tavares for their commitment, kindness, generosity and dedication. We appreciate you!

Get some well deserved rest now but please remember that we re-start our CCD in the fall.



EASTER CEMETERY MASS:

Our Annual Cemetery Mass, held at the **Holy Calvary Cemetery Chapel, in Devonshire**, will be held on **Saturday, May 31st at 11AM.** All the faithful are invited to attend this Mass offered for the deceased who are buried in our Catholic Cemeteries.



FEAST DO SENHOR SANTO CRISTO DOS MILAGRES (Miracles):

The Senhor Santo Cristo Festival will begin on **Saturday, May 31st at 7:45pm**, with a mass to celebrate the commencement of the feast and to move the statue out of the chapel. On **Sunday, June 1st**, the Festival continues with a solemn Mass in Portuguese commencing at **1:30pm.** A procession will immediately follow the Mass, followed by festivities in the MSA Courtyard, and a raffle draw at 8:00pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased via email at santocristobermuda@gmail.com.

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his last prayer intention for 2025, Pope Francis invited us to pray during the month of May "For working conditions." Due to his death, the format for the video accompanying this prayer intention has changed. It offers for our reflection a few words on this topic from the last three Popes - John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis.

The Pope's Video for May, produced with the support of the Chamber of Commerce of Rome and the Fondazione PRO Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa, and distributed by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, invites us to pray "that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized." Accompanying the Pope's words are images that combine different lived experiences revolving around the world of work. First, we see a carpentry workshop with a 19th century statue of St. Joseph the Worker hand-carved from linden wood by a master craftsmen from Val Gardena; various shots from the International City of Loppiano where work is experienced from the perspective of communion: a ceramic studio, an agricultural cooperative and a company specializing in the packaging and finishing of a variety of items. Other images portray the exploitation millions of workers experience in various parts of the world.

It is like another testament of Pope Francis to our times.

Watch the Pope's Video for May 2025:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc282kbz>

Have a serene weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Please be advised that due to Bishop Wes' travels, there will be **NO Portuguese Mass** at **St. Patrick's on Wednesdays: May 14th, 21st and 28th**, nor at **St. Theresa's on Saturdays: May 17th and 24th.**



FAMILY BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT:

COME JOIN US. . . for fun for the whole family!! At **St. Michael's hall on Saturday, June 14th at 6:30pm.** Tickets Include (1) Bingo Card

Adults: \$20 Children: \$15 (10 & Under) . Door Prize and Great Raffles will be on sale for \$1.00 each. Wine, Beer, Sodas, etc. will be available. There will be a donation bucket .

For tickets email stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com or call Karen Marsh 799 0842

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting a **Classical Music Concert on Sunday, June 15th & 22nd, at 5PM.**



Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for seniors, and children.

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

Dear Padre,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / Dear Padre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022

Monday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

Friday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23
Jn 14:23–29