



Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is

inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

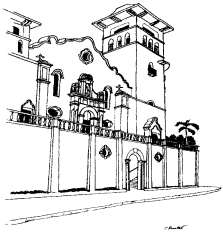
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?*
- ★ *How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?*

*Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife and discord.*

HABAKKUK 1:3



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	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Oct. 01	6:30 pm		Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
Sun.	Oct. 02	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	+ + + +	Antonio & Deolinda Carvalho & Maria Ruggiero & Vito Lovecchio Couples for Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Oct. 03	7:30 am	+	Molly Funk
Tues.	Oct. 04	7:30 am	+	Juanita Baluyot, Michelle Baluyot & Maida Baluyot
Wed.	Oct. 05	7:30 am 12:10 pm	+	William, Mary & Edward Paiva Rodrigues
Thurs.	Oct. 06	7:30 am 12:10 pm	+	Michael Wagner
Fri.	Oct. 07	7:30 am 12:10 pm	+	Anne DeSilva
Sat.	Oct. 08	6:30 pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sun.	Oct. 09 (Portuguese)	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	+ + + +	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello Erlinda Patricio Placides Marian Askia

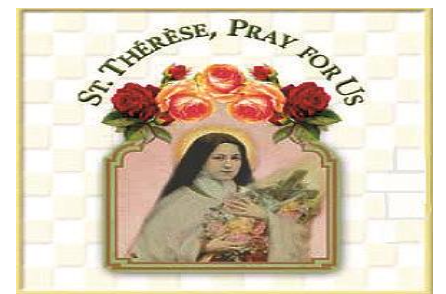
NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 8th/9th October, 2022

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	K. Scarth	V. Turner	H. Consolacion
Communion	J. Judd	T. Sinclair	N/A	N/A
Ministers:	D. DeSilva	O. Scarth		
Song Leaders:	M. Gravito	E. Maranzana	D. Mutch	

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 continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

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.



This Saturday, 1st October, 2022, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Theresa of Lisieux, who is the Patroness of our Diocese and of St. Theresa's Cathedral.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, is a shining example of a short life lived heroically, and the wisdom that is so often associated with years of study and prayer is hers in abundance.

St. Theresa reminds us of her love of nature and suggests that we might ask her intercession in these troubled times, when so many "natural" disasters are devastating our planet.

May St. Theresa be always close to you and shower her favours on you!

*"Let us go forward in peace,
our eyes upon heaven,
the only goal of our Labours."
St. Theresa*



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do. "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date		Actual
Collection:	24 th /25 th Sept. 2022	...	\$ 3,801.00
	To Date: Week 39	...	\$ 162,698.00

Thank you for your stewardship!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



2nd - 8th October, 2022

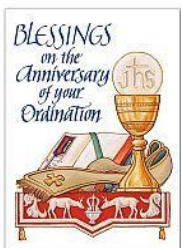
Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles
"In Memory of Mary Rego-Souza"

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

In order that 7-Day votive candles & roses are always present in St. Theresa's Chapel, we will need your assistance through your donations, to purchase these. To date, we have openings for your intentions from the **9th October until the end of the year**. Therefore, if you would like to make a donation of 2 seven-day candles or of 2 roses or both at a cost of \$10.00 each, please call St. Theresa's Office at 292-0607 Ext. 2 or email: stheresas@northrock.bm.

INTRODUCTION:

Courage, a gift of the Holy Spirit, lies at the heart of today's Scripture – the courage to be faithful to Christ and the Gospel in all things and in all places. Like the disciples, we should be unafraid to ask Jesus for an increase in faith, for he reminds us that even with the smallest amount of faith we have the ability to do great things in his name.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO BISHOP WES:

This Saturday, October 1st marks the 7th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak, C.R. We are very grateful for Bishop Spiewak's dedicated ministry to the people of the Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda and pray that God will grant him every grace and blessing he requires in his present service and daily life.

CCD PROGRAMME AT ST. THERESA'S:

Confirmation classes will start at the beginning of November. The Chancery Office has already begun reaching out to Gr. 9 candidates. The Confirmation Mass will take place on **Sunday, 4th of June 2023, at 2:00pm**. Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 will start their CCD Programme in the second half of November 2022 and Gr. 1 to 6 will begin their CCD Programme on **Saturday, 8th of October 2022**.

Classes for all interested children will take place on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:00am, with the exception of Gr. 2 and those children in Gr. 1 whose parents want them to receive First Holy Communion next year. Class time for these groups is 9:00am -

10:30am. A special email was sent to Gr. 2 and Gr. 1 parents which included a CCD Registration Form. If you did not receive this email, please contact either the Parish Office 292-0607 Ext. 2 or the Chancery Office 232-4414.

If Saturday classes conflict with your child's other activities, please be aware that you can register for the CCD Programme in other parishes. St. Patrick's is having FHC classes on Tuesday evenings; St. Anthony's on Friday evenings; St. Michael's on Sunday mornings.

BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

On the 1st of October the liturgical calendar marks the feast day of Saint Theresa of Lisieux, who is the Patroness of our Diocese and of our Cathedral Church. As she is one of my favourite saints, I must dedicate this Bishop's Corner to her, especially as the 150th anniversary of her birth will be observed and celebrated in 2023, as well as the 90th anniversary of her Beatification. I decided to share with you this excerpt from the "Story of A Soul", her autobiography, which she wrote out of obedience to her religious superior.

"Sometimes, when I read spiritual articles in which perfection is shown with a thousand obstacles, surrounded by a crowd of illusions, my poor little mind quickly tires. I close the learned book which is breaking my head and drying up my heart, and I take up Holy Scripture. Then all seems luminous to me; a single word uncovers for my soul infinite horizons; perfection seems simple; I see that it is enough to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself, like a child, into God's arms. Leaving to great souls, to great minds, the beautiful books I cannot understand, I rejoice to be little because only children, and those who are like them, will be admitted to the heavenly banquet. I am a child. It is not riches or glory (not even the glory of heaven) that this child asks for. No, she asks for love. She knows but one desire: to love you, Jesus. Glorious deeds are forbidden her; she cannot preach the Gospel or shed her blood. But how shall she show her love, since love proves itself by deeds? Well! The little child will strew flowers, she will embalm the royal throne with their fragrance, she will sing with a silver voice the canticle of love. Yes, I wish to spend my life thus. I have no other means of proving my love except by strewing flowers, that is to say, letting no little sacrifice pass, no look, no word, profiting by the littlest actions, and doing them out of love. I wish to suffer out of love and to rejoice out of love; thus I shall strew flowers before your throne. I shall not find one without scattering its petals before you and in strewing my flowers I will sing (can one weep in doing so joyous an action?) I will sing, even if my roses must be gathered from among thorns; and the longer and sharper the thorns, the sweeter shall be my song.

Saint Theresa, the Little Flower, pray for us!

Bishop Wes

Dear Padre,

Why should we be married in the Church?

At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other.



Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand?

God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6–9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says, "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation....God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady
of the Rosary

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

OCTOBER 9

Twenty-eighth
Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser,
Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley,
Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul
Turner, and more at Liguori.org.