



## Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became “impure,” and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

### Reflect

**Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?**

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”

MARK 1:40





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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. FEB 10th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros & Joao Veloso
Sun. FEB 11th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soares & James Soares
	10:00am	+ Mario Medeiros
	11:30am 6:00pm	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel and Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon FEB 12th	7:30am	+ Arnold De La Cruz Francisco
Tues FEB 13th	7:30am	Intentions of Daphne DeSilva's 85th Birthday
Wed FEB 14th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, and Maria Encaracao Martins
Thurs FEB 15th	7:30am 12:10pm	Intentions of Elfriede Lewnowski + Kimberley Greenslade-Wagget
Fri. FEB 16th	7:30am 12:30pm	In Honor of our Lady of Fatima + Hannah & Oscar Thomas
Sat. FEB 17th	6:30pm	+ Sebastian Villacres-Pazmino
Sun. FEB 18th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Deolinda Carvalho, Maria Ruggiero, & Vito Lovecchio
	10:00am	
	11:30am 6:00pm	+ Natalie Lindo + Maria Stella Raynaldo

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISRTY SCHEDULE: February 17th & 18th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	A. Machado	C. Scarth	I. Aleria	H. Velasco
<b>Communion</b>	P. Whitecross	G. Lovecchio	A. Kelly	Volunteers Needed
<b>Ministers:</b>	C. Johnson	O Scarth	E. Mosley	
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	D. Mutch	J. Pearman	K. Judd	S. Marine

### 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 your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

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

### LECTIO DIVINA: Monday evenings at

7pm online via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, [fgwohl-muth@logic.bm](mailto:fgwohl-muth@logic.bm) to join. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.





### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards.

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Feb 3rd/4th	\$4,301.50
Electronic offering:	Feb 3rd/4th	\$450.00
To Date:	Week 5	\$22,458.00

*Thank you for your support!*

#### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

February 11th-17th, 2024

Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles

*For the Intentions of*

*Maurice Barreto*

*In Thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes*



**Focus:** Do everything for the glory of God.

Do everything for the glory of God. Paul's words are both commanding and encouraging. As Christians, whatever we do ought to reflect who we are: children of the Most High God, adopted sons and daughters of the Lord. We are sisters and brothers of Christ, and our very identity should permeate all we say and do. We are encouraged in this endeavor, and aided by grace, so that we can glorify God for his sake, and for the sake of the world's salvation.

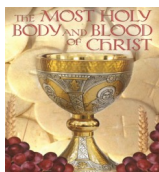
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Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donations received by the SVDP Society in 2023. We are humbled by and grateful for your generosity of spirit. Your trust and support enabled the SVDP Society to provide several thousand meals to individuals

and to assist many families through crisis situations at Christmas and throughout the year allowing us to play a small part in improving their quality of life. **Thank you and God bless you.**

St. Vincent de Paul Committee



#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY:

We would like to increase the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our Parish. There will be a special training for those who are interested in being part of this Ministry. Please take a moment to reflect on this and

if you feel invited (not forced), please contact St. Theresa's Parish Office. The deadline for responses is Ash Wednesday, 14th of February, 2024.

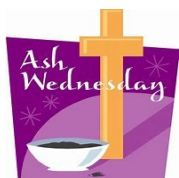
#### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

7:30am; 12:10pm; 6:00pm;

7:30pm (Portuguese)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent 11:40am-6:00pm



### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his opening message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis said, "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom." Recalling the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt, the Holy Father explains that our journey through the desert can be a season of grace, not an abstract journey, but a concrete path that involves seeing the world as it is and hearing the cries of our oppressed brothers and sisters.

The Pope reminds us that it is God who takes the initiative. He said, "Too often there remains within us an inexplicable longing for slavery, a desire to cling to idols that paralyze us, as Israel was paralyzed in the desert. Lent, however, is a season of grace, a time of conversion, where the desert can become a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery, where we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken."

He added that, "The Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time for action, but also a time to pause in prayer and to pause in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love." Pope Francis continued, explaining that "The contemplative dimension of Lent can help us release new energies to be more sensitive to one another; in the place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers."

Pope Francis concluded his Lenten message on a hopeful note: "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope." Calling on the faithful to "be ready to take risks," he invited them "to find the courage to see our world, not as in its death throes, but in a process of giving birth; not at the end, but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history." The Pope said, "Faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward."

Full official text of the message can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3pmrna3y>

Have a restful weekend and a blessed season of Lent!

*Bishop Wes*



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Looking for a way to share and assist others? Please consider a direct deposit donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **SVDP Society – BNTB 20006060476711100**

Many thanks and God bless.

#### 12:10pm MASS:

During the season of **Lent**, the 12:10pm Masses at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday**. On Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:40am, followed by the Mass.

#### PORTUGUESE MASSES:

There will be **NO** Portuguese Masses at **St. Patrick's** on Wednesday the 14th and 21st of February. The Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's will resume on Tuesday, 27th of February, with Portuguese Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm, followed by Mass. In March, the Masses will be celebrated on Wednesdays. There will be **NO** Portuguese Mass and Adoration at **St. Theresa's** on **Saturday, 17th of February**.

# Dear Padre,

*I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?*

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after	Friday after	Saturday after	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	1 Pt 3:18-22
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Mk 1:12-15



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....**

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