

[Jesus said,] “Do not be afraid...Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.”

MATTHEW 10:26

The Freedom of Letting Go of Secrets

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: “We do not share our family business with anyone.” All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The “good news” of the gospel is that “nothing is concealed that will not be revealed” (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ✨



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COMMUNITY

Reflect

What am I afraid to reveal to others? Can I try telling God?



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES...

JUNE 20/21st - THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM	Lector:	Joshua Bless	EM:	Sara Peniston
10:15AM	Lector:	Jesse Almeida	EM:	Lucy Attride-Stirling
	Collection:	Karen Marsh		

JUNE 27/28th - THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM	Lector:	Kathy Anderson	EM:	Fred Anderson
10:15AM	Lector:	Cherry Ramdass	EM:	Pat Robinson
	Collection:	Carlos DeFriash		

MASS INTENTIONS...

JUNE 20/21st- THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM	Fr. Vladimir Soboleski's 50th Annivry Of Ordination, June 19th
10:15am	For The Health & Future Of St. Michael's Parish

JUNE 27/28th - THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM	Peter & Karen Marsh 51st Wedding Anniversary
10:15AM	For St. Michael's Parishioners

Thank you for your generosity.



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

JUNE 13/14th Collection: \$611.00

Monthly Maintenance Collection - THIS WEEKEND
Peter's Pence Collection NEXT WEEKEND

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
to St. Michael's Church's: BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

WHEN MAKING YOUR ONLINE TRANSACTION, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND "COLLECTION" AS YOUR MEMO ON YOUR BANKING TRANSACTION.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

VITALLY IMPORTANT PARISHIONER'S MEETING

Dear Parishioners,

As a result of a vitally important Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th of June, I am duty bound as your pastor to inform you of the proposed future concerns and plans of our parish. We will be holding several meetings at which we require your feedback to assist with final decision making.

The meetings will be held right after each Mass on June 27 and 28 in St. Michael's Church Hall. The topic of discussion being both the future of the St. Michael's Church building and our parish community as well as to update you on the financial standing and proposed solutions.

As has been clearly communicated over the past several months, our parish is experiencing dire financial straits. It is so important that you, both new and long standing parishioners, have the opportunity to give your thoughts on the state of our church and parish community. Do you want us to stay open and make changes or close our doors after the last weekend of September when we normally celebrate the Feast of St. Michael? We will outline all that is required to have a safe building structure along with the limited proposal from the Diocese to help generate funds for the Church and multiple "glimmers of hope" that we have seen over the last 9 months.

Your presence and input are vitally needed. Please note that a "no show" will be understood as a negative response regarding the future of our parish, unless you are homebound, but you can still inform us one way or the other.

The Pastoral Council will be here to answer any of your questions or concerns as we discern this "cross-roads period" in our history. Thank you for your continued prayers, presence, dedication and support. We hope to see you at one or more of these meetings.

St. Michael, pray for us.

Fr. Joe, Pastor

Bishops Corner . . .

Dear Fellow-Catholics,
Greetings from Krakow, Poland!

I am here invited by Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski, CR who celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. I brought to him sincere congratulations, fervent prayers and warm thoughts of our Diocesan Community to whom he ministered to for 23 years.

Fr. Vlad was ordained on the 19th of June 1976 in Krakow, Poland. During his first two years as a priest, he served in the Resurrection Parish in Poznan, Poland, which happens to be the native parish of our beloved Fr. Julio. Afterwards he went to Australia and ministered in several parishes in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In 2000 he came to Bermuda invited by Bishop Robert Kurtz and ministered at St. Michael's Church in Paget (2000-2012), and at St. Patrick's church in Smith's (2012-2023). He retired in 2023 and returned to Poland where he resides and assists the Resurrection Parish in Krakow, which happens to be my native parish.

It is also Father's Day as well, so:

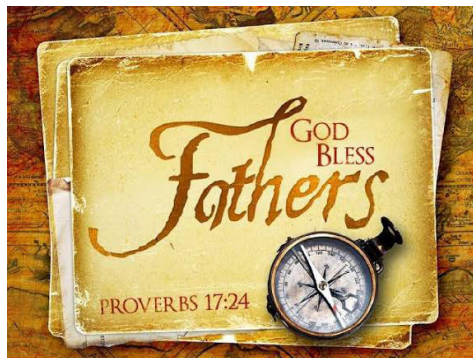
*A father's love is steady light,
A guiding hand through day and night.
With quiet strength and patient care,
He shows his love in being there.*

*For every lesson, laugh, and smile,
For walking with us every mile,
Today we pause to simply say:
Thank you, Dads. Happy Father's Day!*

Have a serene Sunday and a good week!

+ Wes Jurek

Bishop Wes



Dear Padre,

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. *

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What is Happening in Our Diocese?

St. MICHAEL'S

- **SYNODAL BIBLE STUDY** - each **Wednesday at 3:00pm** in the Pastor's office, is inspired by the method of **Spiritual conversation** used during the Synod on Synodality. It is leading a small group using the texts from the Sacred Scriptures in a structured format. Make sure to bring your **Catholic Bible**. Contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236
- EMMAUS Bible Study: Each Tuesday at 3pm
- Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist celebration - Saturdays at 7:00pm

St. THERESA'S

- St. Theresa's Cathedral summer opening hours are:

Monday-Friday	7am-4:30pm
Saturday	8:30am-7:30pm
Sunday	8am-7pm
- Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am.
- Noon Day Mass in St. Theresa's Cathedral: The 12:10pm Mass is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

St. ANTHONY'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 8:30am

St. PATRICK'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00am
- Praying the Rosary is on each Wednesday at 10:00am
- A weekly Portuguese Mass is celebrated each Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Due to Bishop Wes' trip to Poland for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of priesthood of Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski CR, there will be NO Portuguese Masses at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 17th June, nor at St. Theresa's on Saturday, 20th of June.

The 10:00am Portuguese Mass on Sunday, 21st of June will be presided by Fr. Dandy.

- Adoration each Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm
- A mass in Tagalog takes place on, THE SECOND FRIDAY of the month at 7:00pm.

St. JOSEPH'S

- A Filipino mass is celebrated every, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH at 11:00am

STELLA MARIS

- A Filipino mass is celebrated on the LAST Wednesday OF THE MONTH at 7:00pm

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP

- *Opening hours* - 10:00am-2:00pm. Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** that can assist for 2 hours/week on Saturdays from 12-2PM, or as a fill-in for any absences. If you can assist, please call 292-0416 or drop by in person. Thank you

Upcoming Events

SUMMER LUNCH & MOVIE Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a Summer Lunch & Movie Thursdays in St. Theresa's Hall. The event will take place on Thursdays in July and August, starting with the 2nd of July and ending on the 27th of August. This event will include lunch (soup + sandwiches/bread + ice-cream + coffee/tea) at 12:00pm, with the movie starting at 12:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organisation 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

PETER'S PENNCE COLLECTION:

On June 27th/28th, NEXT WEEKEND we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV carry out his charitable works.

These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Special envelopes will be made available for your donation or consider making an online donation to (your church info) and send an email notification of your deposit to your church office for proper distribution of your funds.

Please be generous!



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

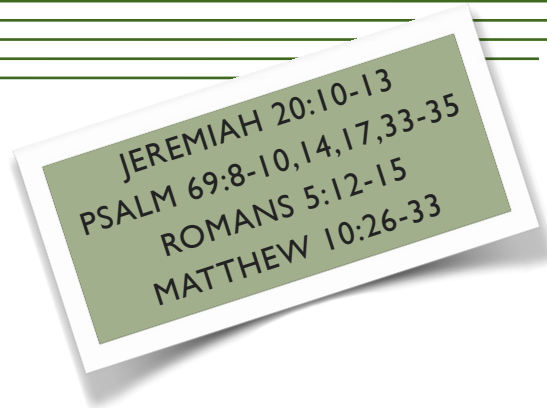
It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling...each of us can say with confidence: "Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me. He accompanies me with his Spirit; he enlightens me and makes me an instrument of his love for others, for society, and for the world."

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025

STUDIO APARTMENT REQUIRED

There is a parishioner who is in need of a studio apartment and this single man is hoping to rent for a maximum of \$1400 a studio or one bedroom, with washer and dryer, plus electricity included. The rent is paid directly into the landowners account by financial assistance. He does not have any pets, is quiet and not a smoker or drinker. Would prefer any area, hopefully not on a hill and that this place is safe. Hoping to move at the end of August. If you have such a place, please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

Our Sunday Readings



Courageous Disciples

JEREMIAH 20:10-13

Reading closely

1. What seems to be happening to Jeremiah?
2. What are Jeremiah's friends doing?
3. What all might Jeremiah be feeling?
4. What does Jeremiah believe about God?
5. What does Jeremiah want?
6. Do you think Jeremiah wants God to *probe his mind and heart*? Why/Why not?
7. Why do you think Jeremiah stays faithful to God?

Living the word

8. Have you ever felt like Jeremiah?
9. If you were in Jeremiah's place, how would you speak to God?

THE FIRST READING

All alone

God called Jeremiah in the seventh century BC to warn Israel to stay faithful to God or suffer the consequences. Jeremiah prophesied as God wanted, but because God's word was slow to come true, people mocked and attacked him (v.10). Right before this passage the prophet was whipped and placed in the stocks (20:2).

Proving the prophet wrong

As Jeremiah's warnings fail to materialize, even his allies turn against him (v.10). They hope he'll say something that obviously isn't true so that they can silence him for good. Jeremiah is now on the defensive. He had been pointing out their failures. Now they're looking for opportunities to point out his.

Staying faithful

Jeremiah declares that God is with him as a warrior, a *champion* (v.11a). Eventually his opponents will realize this, and God will ensure that they are dishonored because of their past behavior (vv.11b-12). Until then Jeremiah will speak God's word despite the pain it brings him.

Jeremiah is like all the *just* and the *poor*. The just often suffer for doing what is right in God's eyes. The poor turn more readily to God than the rich because they can't easily satisfy their material needs. Jeremiah praises God for helping people remain faithful and righteous, come what may.

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Reading closely

1. What parts of the gospel might a disciple be hesitant to share?
2. In what ways could a disciple feel threatened?
3. What all might Jesus' disciples fear?
4. How can fear be helpful for a disciple?
5. Could this passage make God seem frightening?
6. Will God prevent disciples from suffering?
7. How might a disciples react to Jesus' assurance of God's loving care?
8. Why is there a correlation between what a disciple says about Jesus and what Jesus says about that disciple to his *heavenly Father*?
9. What might an acknowledgment from Jesus sound like?
10. What might a denial from Jesus sound like?

Living the word

11. What all do you fear?
12. How do your fears affect how you speak and act in the world?
13. How courageous a disciple are you?
14. How does God show his loving care for you?

THE GOSPEL READING

Have no fear

Jesus speaks these words to his disciples as he prepares them to further his mission to bring about God's kingdom (10:1f). He warns them about the rejection and persecution they will encounter. Although they will suffer for the sake of God's kingdom just as he did (10:16f), he urges them not to fear what will happen to them.

Those who proclaim the gospel shouldn't be afraid of anything, not even death (v.28). Instead they should fear what would happen if they stopped living and proclaiming the gospel. Losing a place in God's kingdom is far worse than losing one's comparatively brief life on earth.

Public faith

Jesus wants his followers, both the Twelve disciples and all who will later believe in him, to proclaim all that he did and taught. This proclamation now

includes the good news of his resurrection. No part of the story should be ignored, nor should Jesus' words and deeds be shared with only a select few (vv.26-27).

More than many sparrows

Jesus doesn't say that God will prevent the suffering of those who minister in his name. Instead he assures them that God knows they are suffering for his sake. God cares about them even more than they care about themselves (vv.29-31). If God has counted all the hairs on our head, then God is paying much closer attention to us than we think.

A divine mirror

Jesus tells his followers that the testimony they give (or not) about him on earth will become the testimony he gives about them in heaven. His words are a warning to wayward disciples but a consolation to brave and faithful ones.

Gehenna

Gehenna was a valley near Jerusalem that had been the site of pagan sacrifice. By Jesus' day it was a vast garbage dump. It became synonymous with hell, a place or state of eternal punishment.

Prayer

*by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(composed while in a Nazi prison)*

O God,
early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts
on you: I cannot do this alone.

In me there is darkness, but with you there is light.
I am lonely, but you do not leave me.
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help.
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is
patience. I do not understand your ways, but you
know the way for me...

Restore my liberty, and enable me so to live now
that I may answer before you and before me.
Lord, whatever this day may bring,
your name be praised. Amen.