



The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●



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Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



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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

Website: www.romancatholicbermuda.bm – Where you can find information about our Diocese.

DATES

TIMES

INTENTIONS

Sat.	October 3rd	6:30pm	+	Carlos DeSousa, Rest in Peace with the Risen Lord and Holy Mother
Sun.	October 4th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Albert & Doris Ramsay Special intentions of Natalie Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa + Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pereira + Mr. & Mrs. Jacinto F. Mello, Mr. & Mrs. Gil Mello + Kevin Ledo, Filomena da Mota, Manuel Sousa Medeiros + Gabriel Garrafa, Norberto Garrafa, Manuel Garrafa + Daniel Garrafa, Manuel Sousa Medeiros, Emanuel Garrafa + Miguel Franco, Merrill Hess, Frederick George Eatherley + Carlos Almeida, Rogerio & Manuel Santos Bolarinho + Humberto & Carlos Santos, Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida CFC & Family Ministries + Jorge J. Bosch
Mon.	October 5th	7:30am	+	Ann DeSilva, Birthday in Heaven
Tues.	October 6th	7:30am	+	Juanita, Michelle, & Maida Baluyot
Wed.	October 7th	7:30am 12:10pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Thurs.	October 8th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Paul & Marion Scaife
Fri.	October 9th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Special intention of Lucy Attride-Stirling + Paul Scaife, Aurelia Leite, Irmelinda Serodeo, + Fr. Julio Blazejewski & Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	October 10th	6:30pm		Spiritual Baptism for the Unborn, destined for abortion
Sun.	October 11th	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony and Special Intention of Maurice Barreto + Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz + Jorge J. Bosch

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: October 10th & 11th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	C. D'Souza A. D'Souza	I. Aleria M.T. Ayensa	J. Placedes
Communion Ministers:	C. Maiato J. Judd C. Johnson	B. D. Knights H. Cabral E. Cabral	G. Edwards A. Tan M. Tan	M. Bergonio R. Ronquillo C. Sevilla J. Sevilla
Song Leaders:	B. Barreto-Hogan	F. Wohlmuth	M. Gravito	L. Consolacion



ONLINE BANKING SUNDAY OFFERINGS & PARISH ENVELOPES: Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100**. Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes**.

Thank you for your continued support!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

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Memo Field: Add your name and purpose of donation, ie. "In memory of..." (IMO and the name of person).

Email (Optional): Send an email to svdp@northrock.bm for confirmation and acknowledgement.

Donations in Cash: Please use the envelopes provided in the alcove of Our Lady of Lourdes, and place it in the slot provided near the alcove.

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month

St. Michael's Church

4:30pm Every Sunday

SATURDAY MORNING HOLY MASS:

The Saturday Holy Mass will be held in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Chapel at **9am**. This Holy Mass, in Portuguese, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration.

Benediction will be at **10:15am**.

LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM:

Monday's at 7:30pm.

Please contact Franz

Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join.



FOCUS: The antidote to despair is to keep our hearts focused on God's gracious gifts.

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. When we contemplate the good around us instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we play a role in God's plan to redeem the world.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Sept. 26th & 27th	\$4,881.00
Electronic Offering:	Sept. 26th & 27th	\$2,498.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 39	\$237,285.04

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

October 4th-10th, 2026

Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
and Two Roses

Intentions of Cosimo & Grace Lovecchio

LUNCH & MOVIE PROGRAM:

This **Tuesday, October 6th**, we will re-start our Lunch & Movie Program.

At 12pm lunch will be served (this Tuesday it will be a Split Pea & Ham Soup and rolls), and afterwards we will watch the movie, with ice-cream during the intermission.

The movie will be "**Immortal Beloved**" from 1994, written and directed by Bernard Rose. It is a mesmerizing mystery based on the tumultuous life of Ludwig Van Beethoven. Gary Oldman gives a tour de force performance as the passionate, volatile genius who inspired love and hatred in equal measure. Whether seducing regal followers or criticizing the ruling class, Beethoven made many enemies. But he also had one true love - the unnamed "Immortal Beloved" mentioned in an enigmatic letter discovered upon his death. The thrilling search for the identity of this mystery woman leads us into Beethoven's dark past, his hidden passions, and ultimately into the unparalleled genius of his music. Film length is 121 minutes. It is rated R for violence and language. In the UK it was classified for 15 years and older audience.



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our coffee social will be **Sunday, October 11th**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.

All are welcome to attend!



ANNUAL FALL SUPPER:

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will be hosting their Annual Fall Supper on **Saturday, October 24th**.

Take out available between 5:30-6:30pm.

The dine in supper begins at 6pm followed by raffles.

Adults: \$40 Children Under 12: \$15

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Liz Card at lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com or call 234-0872.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Thinking these days about St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, the Patroness of our Diocese and our Cathedral with its Parish, I would like to share with you a poem by Dr. John Celes:

*If every flower be a rose,
And drape the world in hues,
The earth could look less beautiful,
And every dawn – stale-news!
If every flower be a lily,
And emanate perfume,
Then nostrils will discontent be,
And women all could fume!*

*If every flower, daisy be,
And turn the fields to lawns,
The feast to eyes could soon be lost,
And empty will be dawns!*

*o, every flower, God has made
With beauty that can't fade;
And uniqueness that is well-laid,
To decorate the braid.*

*No matter, how silly, it be,
Each flower seems so nice;
The flower in the wilderness
Is dressed to well entice.*

*You cannot belittle something
In Mother Nature's lap!
For God has taken every care
To give each, needed sap.*

*The world God made is perfect most,
And man can't find a fault;
Man's wisdom is far too little
To make salty, the salt!*



Happy St. Thérèse Feast! And a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027:

Preparation classes for Confirmation will start at the beginning of November.

There will be two options:

Miss Maura Almeida will hold classes on **Mondays from 4pm – 5:30pm** in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on November 2nd.

Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on **Wednesdays from 5pm – 6:30pm** also in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on November 4th.

Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 16th, 2027, at 2pm in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. Please contact the Chancery Office to register for classes at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com if you have not already been contacted by them.



Dear Padre,

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?



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Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (“Why We Bless Animals,” *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it’s especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

“PRAY WITH THE POPE” VIDEO MESSAGE, MARCH 2026

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Monday

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10