



Who Do You Say That I Am?

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“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to



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name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●

Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the
Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16



Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)



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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
Sat. August 22nd	6:30pm	+ John M. DeSilva
Sun. August 23rd (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
	10:00am	+ Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade
	11:30am	+ Maria Jose da Silva, Joao da Silva
	6:00pm	+ Maude Bertrand
Mon. August 24th	7:30am	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family
Tues. August 25th	7:30am	Special Intention of William Brackstone
Wed. August 26th	7:30am	+ Mateo M. Penawin Jr.
Thurs. August 27th	7:30am	Special Intentions of Annae DeSilva-Minks and Ariana DeSilva-Minks
Fri. August 28th	7:30am	Special Intention of Adrian DeSouza
Sat. August 29th	7:30am	+ Consuelo Scarth, Happy Birthday in Heaven
Sun. August 30th	6:30pm	+ Wanda & Edward Spiewak
	8:30am	+ Albert & Doris Ramsay
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Albert Victor Soares Jr.
	6:00pm	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: August 29th & 30th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Donaghy	A. Aguila K. Scarth	L. LeFevre A. Cannonier	C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva C. Carreiro S. Booth	I. Brackstone G. Lovecchio C. Scarth	P. LeFevre	R. Ronquillo A. Galea
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	A. L. Garina	O. Anderson R. Arano

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP: The next Men of God monthly group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm.**
We hope to see you there!



AUGUST 30TH 6PM MASS:

All the children of our parish are invited to serve at this Mass!

We look forward to your participation!



"Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE

BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES: Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at **BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 3210**. Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes**.

Thank you for your continued support!

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



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on the last Friday of the month at 6pm, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Donations can be made by

Direct Deposit to:

BNTB BD\$ 20006060476711100 or BNTB US\$ 8400784730010.

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.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: Trusting Jesus as Lord, let us ask for God's grace to follow him.

Who do you say that I am? If we confess, like Peter, that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, there should be evidence of this in our lives. If Jesus is Lord of Sunday morning, he should be Lord of Saturday night. He should also be Lord of our speech and our actions. When we walk closely with Jesus as disciples, we will begin to look more like him.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	August 15th & 16th	\$4,277.00
Electronic Offering:	August 15th & 16th	\$560.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 34	\$199,814.04
Donation:	August 12th	\$13,500.00



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
August 23rd—29th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
& Two Roses
Intentions of Celestina DeSilva
Happy Belated 91st Birthday

SUMMER THURSDAYS LUNCH & MOVIE:

Our last film for the Summer Lunch & Movie event on **Thursday, 27th August**, will be the 2008 film **"The Bucket List"**. The Star Magazine's critic described it as, "Absolute dynamite! The chemistry between Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman is outstanding!"



You only live once, so why not go out in style? That's what two cancer-ward roommates, an irascible billionaire and a scholarly mechanic, decide when they get the bad news. They compose a bucket list and head off for the around-the-world adventure of their lives. Under the nimble direction of Rob Reiner, the two great stars (Freeman and Nicholson) provide the heart and soul, wit and wiles of this inspired salute to life that proves that the best time of all is right now.

The movie's length is 97 minutes.

The movie contains mature theme and coarse language. Not suitable for all audience.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you and your family registered? Is your contact information up-to-date? If not, please contact the Rectory Office and request a Parish Registration Form, or download it via the Diocesan website, www.romancatholicbermuda.bm under the "Useful Links" section. By being registered, it gives the Priests and the Church the ability to act on your behalf. All information sent will be private and confidential, according to the PIPA Act.

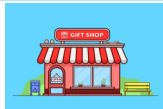


ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

OPEN: Saturday's ONLY

August 22nd & 29th and September 5th & 12th

FULL REOPENING: Tuesday's & Saturday's
Starting Tuesday, September 15th



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Monastic life has long been a fertile ground for creativity and innovation. Through their hands, monks have cultivated the earth and crafted ideas and tools that have shaped the world. Here are five things we owe to the ingenuity of monastic communities:

1. Champagne - This celebratory sparkle in your glass owes its refinement to Dom Pérignon, a Benedictine monk who devoted himself to perfecting winemaking. Using careful methods to control fermentation and blend grapes, he transformed wine into a bubbling marvel that captured the effervescence of celebration itself.

2. Clocks - In their devotion to the rhythm of prayer, monks became pioneers in measuring time. The mechanical clock was first developed in monasteries, not for secular purposes but to ring bells that marked the hours for prayer and work. Over time, these early inventions evolved into the intricate timekeeping devices that regulate modern life.

3. Distilled alcohol - Distillation may have ancient origins, but it was in monastic infirmaries and kitchens that the process was refined into an art. Monks experimented with combining herbs and alcohol to create elixirs for medicinal purposes. Over time, their concoctions, became celebrated beverages, showing how the work of healing could also bring delight.

4. Modern genetics - The quiet work of Gregor Mendel, an Augustinian friar (admittedly, not exactly a monk), transformed our understanding of biology. His experiments with pea plants revealed the laws of heredity, laying the foundations for modern genetics. Mendel's work, rooted in a contemplative life of study and observation, demonstrates the profound discoveries that can emerge from a single monastery garden.

5. Pretzels - A simple snack with profound symbolism, the pretzel was first crafted by monks as a reward for children learning their prayers. Its shape, with arms crossed in prayer, reflected the piety of its origins, while the three holes symbolized the Holy Trinity.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes

VISITING THE SICK:

Do you know of anyone who is sick, infirm, or homebound? Would they like to be visited by our priest? If so, please call our office at 292-0607 ext.

2, or send an email to sttheresas@northrock.bm to arrange a visit or to receive the Anointing of the Sick.



SUMMER SCHEDULE:

There will be **no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's.**

There will be **no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's.**

These masses will resume in September.

The **9:00am Saturday Portuguese Mass** at St. Theresa's Cathedral will resume on **Saturday, August 29th, 2026.**



Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD
DAY OF THE SICK,
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Monday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27