



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears 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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseBermuda – Visit our page & "LIKE" us to join our on-line community.

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. August 8th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. August 9th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Maria Gilda & Antonio Garca
	10:00am	+ Jose Cunha, Espirito Santo & Jeremias
		+ Joe & Theresa DoCouto, Alda Carreiro
	11:30am	+ Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. August 10th	7:30am	Lucy Willits, Birthday wishes
Tues. August 11th	7:30am	+ Bernice Sinclair, Birthday in Heaven
Wed. August 12th	7:30am	James Scarth, Birthday wishes
Thurs. August 13th	7:30am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Fri. August 14th	7:30am	Linda DeSilva, Christopher DeSilva, Jenny Sue DeSilva, & Diana DeSilva, Birthday wishes
Sat. August 15th	6:30pm	+ Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes & Maria Encarnação Martins
Sun. August 16th	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Cleo Janet Douglas
	6:00pm	+ Laura Rivera

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: August 15th & 16th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	C. Scarth K. Scarth	E. Mosley K. Mosquito	J. Placedes
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Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	M. B. Tan	M. Tan K. Delgado

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL: Our next social will be today, **Sunday, August 9th, 2026**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall, for coffee and baked goods. *We look forward to seeing you there!*



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. All information will be confidential, according to the PIPA ACT.



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: God speaks to our hearts in quiet moments.

In today's Reading, Jesus goes up the mountain by himself to pray. Jesus often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us that it is good to seek quietness and stillness when in prayer. God is always with us, but we need to seek him out and listen for the tiny whispering sound of his voice calling us to him.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	August 1st & 2nd	\$4,146.00
Electronic Offering:	August 1st & 2nd	\$1,008.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 32		\$193,202.04

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
August 9th—15th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
& Two Roses
In Loving Memory of Consuelo Scarth



BAPTISMS:

We welcome **Oscar Eze Folarin Oladokun**, son of **Tyson Oladokun & Naima Westmaas**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, August 9th, 2026**.

Welcome to the Church Family Oscar!



FUNERALS:

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of the late **Andrea Marie Matcham** whose funeral was held at the Cathedral on **Friday, August 7th, 2026**.

May she rest in peace with the angels!

SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

On **Thursday, 13 August**, the 2007 film "The Amazing Grace", will be shown at the Summer Lunch & Movie Event.



John Newton is captain of a slave ship moored off the coast of Nigeria. He stands at a crossroads of his life, his morality and religion at odds with the brutality of his chosen profession. Stepping ashore, he starts on a journey of redemption that will end in tragedy but prove the catalyst for greater achievements. A local anthem sung in adversity by the slaves whom he captures punctuates the film. It will be the inspiration for Newton's redemption and, years later, for his writing of the world's most enduring hymn, "Amazing Grace". Running time: 92 minutes. Not Rated.

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.



CHILDRENS SERVICE AT OUR 6PM MASS:

On **Sunday, August 30th at 6pm**

We encourage our children to participate in this mass!



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This is a Bishop's Corner that I would have preferred not to write, but life does not always unfold as we would wish.

I would like to inform you that Fr. Dandy Traje, CP, has been called by his religious superiors to return to the Philippines. Religious orders enjoy a degree of autonomy within the Catholic Church, and in matters of obedience and internal discipline they are governed by their own constitutions and regulations, independently of the authority of the diocesan bishop.

I appealed this decision both to Fr. Dandy's Provincial Superior and to the Superior General of the Passionists. However, the decision has been upheld, as Fr. Dandy has been entrusted with important responsibilities within his Province and his presence is needed there. I am grateful, however, that the Passionists have assured me they will send another priest to replace Fr. Dandy in ministry in our Diocese as soon as possible.

Fr. Dandy will be leaving our island on 20 October 2026. Our annual St. Theresa's Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, 3 October, will provide us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to Fr. Dandy for his four years of faithful and dedicated ministry in our Diocese.

Please join me in praying that the necessary personnel arrangements will be made soon so that our Diocese may continue to provide effective pastoral care for the People of God.

Have a peaceful weekend and a good week!

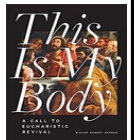
Bishop Wes

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!



"THIS IS MY BODY" - A Call To Eucharistic Revival:

FREE copies of this wonderful book can be found at the front and back entrances to the Cathedral. Please collect your copy and read Bishop Robert Barron's attempt to assist all of us to understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood.



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

CLOSED: Tuesday's & Saturday's
Until August 15th

OPEN: Saturday's ONLY

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

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



SUMMER SCHEDULE:

There will be **no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's**. There will be **no 9am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's**. Finally, there will be **no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's**. Masses will resume in September.



Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
*St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr*
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
*The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary*
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
*Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28