



All for Jesus

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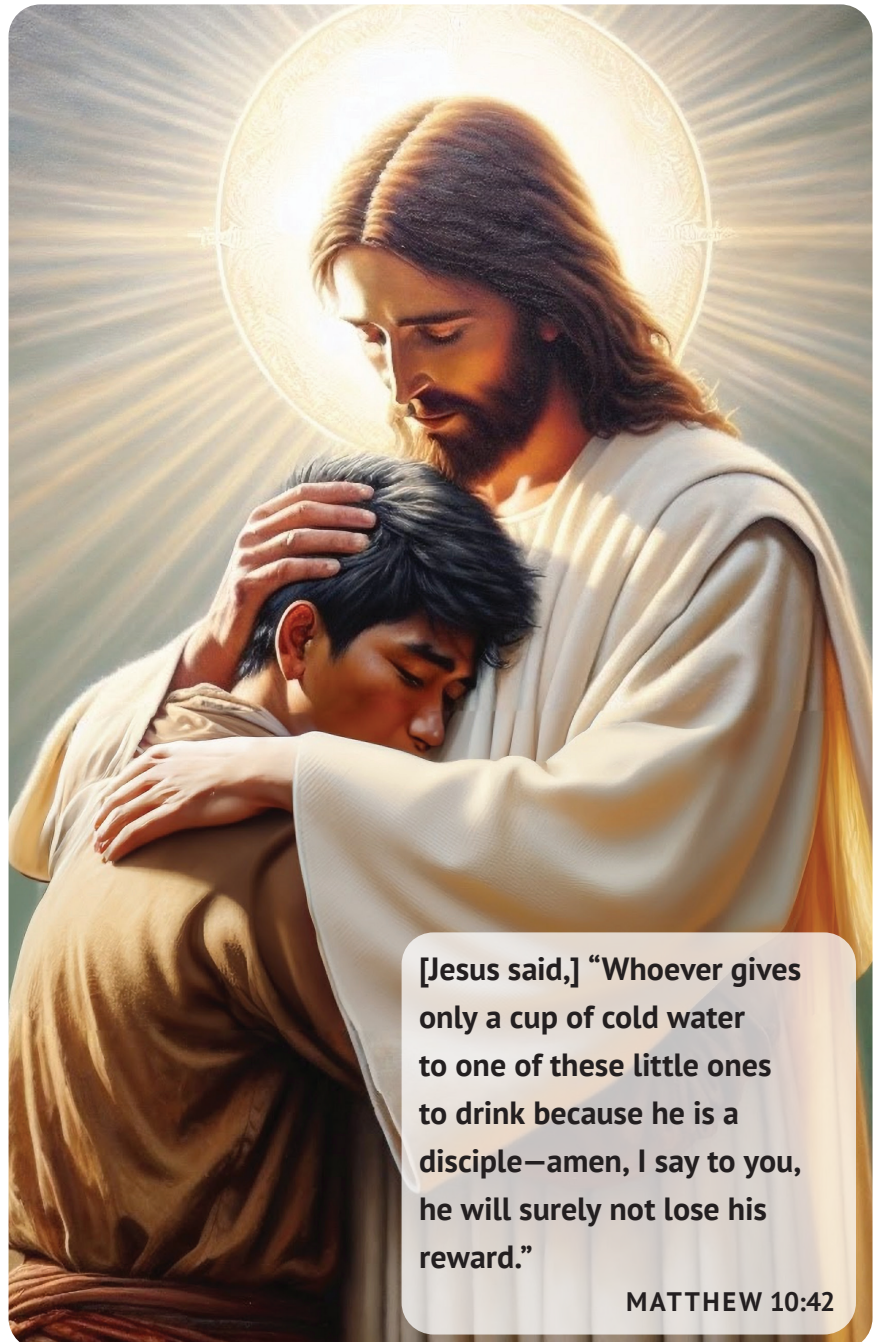
Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one."

It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●



[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42

Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**



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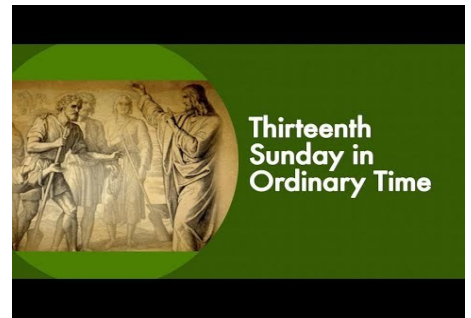
DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	June 27th	6:30pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun.	June 28th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00am	+	Antonio Mansinho, Humberto Santos
			+	Rogério & Manuel Santos Bolarinho
		11:30am	+	Carlos Almeida, Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida
		6:00pm		Fr. Pasquale Patrick (Pat) Aiello, C.R. St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	June 29th	7:30am		Special Intention of Kevin Alcantara
Tues.	June 30th	7:30am		Special Intention of Kevin Alcantara
Wed.	July 1st	7:30am		Special Intention of Fr. Sudie MacDonald, C.R.
Thurs.	July 2nd	7:30am		Special Intention of Kevin Alcantara
Fri.	July 3rd	7:30am		Special Intention of Kevin Alcantara
Sat.	July 4th	6:30pm		Stephen, Tracey, Candace & Ben DeSilva Jr., Birthday Wishes
Sun.	July 5th	8:30am	+	Maria Orselina Botelho De Lima
		10:00am		Special Intention of Natalie Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa
			+	Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Gil F. Mello
		11:30am	+	Souls in Purgatory
		6:00pm		CFC & Family Ministries Happy Birthday Elfriede Lewnowski & James Joyce

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : July 4th & 5th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Donaghy	A. D'Souza C. D'Souza	M. Pacheco F. Maxwell	K. Mosquito O. Anderson
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ONLINE ACCOUNTS:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4827 32100

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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral
 7pm 1st Friday of the month



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The announcement that was requested by Fr. Joe and published in the bulletins last Sunday, 21st of June 2026, has forced me to share this statement with you.

1. Canon Law regulates very clearly that the authority of establishing and closing a parish belongs only to the bishop. Any priest who even attempts to do this is subject to the sanctions determined by the same Canon Law.

2. In the past years, our Diocese has supported St. Michael's Parish with internal loans and extended credit which have reached the amount of \$317,660.00. Additionally, since June 2025 St. Michael's has been receiving from the Diocese a monthly subsidy of \$2,000.00. I believe that our Diocese has been truly generous in assisting this parish.

Bishop Wes



CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to **Nicholas Medeiros**, who will be confirmed by Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R. this **Saturday, June 27th, 2026.**

May you always walk with the Holy Spirit!



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward.

In the first reading we hear about the woman from Shunem who served God by her hospitality to his servant, Elisha. She served Elisha because she knew he was a holy man of God. Jesus promises that whoever receives those he has sent receives not only him, but his heavenly Father as well. When we open our hearts to receive the Lord and his messengers, we receive the best reward: God's divine presence with us.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	June 20th & 21st	\$4,047.50
Electronic Offering:	June 20th & 21st	\$1,066.00
2026 Collection to Date: Week 26		\$158,295.54

Thank you for your support!



BAPTISM:

We welcome **Ariyah Appiah Antwi, Isaac Addai Antwi, & Azaiah Rei Antwi**, children of Kwabena Appiah Antwi & Gifty Ama Osei who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday June 28th, 2026**.

Welcome to the Church Family Ariyah, Isaac, & Azaiah!

FUNERALS:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.** He was our Rector, here at St. Theresa's, from 2002-2004.



May he rest in peace with the angels!

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**. The last Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 4th. Finally, there will be **no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's**. The last Mass before the summer pause will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7pm. Masses will resume in September.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

We will take up the Peter's Pence Collection **this weekend, June 27th/28th**, to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV carry out his charitable works. Special envelopes will be made available for your donation or consider making an online donation to St. Theresa's BNTB #2000 6060 4827 32100. Please send an email notification of your deposit to the office for proper distribution of your funds.



RENTAL ACCOMODATION REQUIRED:

There is a parishioner who is in need of a studio apartment to rent for a maximum of \$1,400 with a washer and dryer, plus electricity included. The rent will be paid directly into the landlord's account by financial assistance. Move in date by the end of August. If you can assist, please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I have been hearing a lot of euphoric comments regarding the growing number of adults asking for baptism or reception into the Catholic Church in the Western World. I share the joy of seeing this happening. However, I believe that it is good for us to be aware of the entire image of the situation in order to avoid unnecessary triumphalism.

A study by the respected American research institution, the Pew Research Center, presents a picture of religious changes taking place among generations that are alive today. It examined religious shifts occurring between childhood and the time of the survey, which was conducted in 2023-2024. Assuming the population of the United Kingdom is approximately 69 million, nearly 700,000 people converted to Catholicism over recent decades despite not having been raised in that faith. At the same time, almost one-third of Britons left their faith during adulthood.

The study found that many people raised in countries with Catholic majorities still identify as Catholic, including 92 percent of all adult Poles. However, the findings also show that Catholicism lost more adherents than it gained in nearly all 24 countries included in the analysis. Hungary was the only country surveyed in which a greater percentage of people joined the Catholic Church (5 percent) than left it (2 percent).

The United Kingdom, Sweden, and Germany were identified as the countries with the largest net losses in the number of adults who were raised as Christians but declared themselves religiously unaffiliated in adulthood.

Have a restful Sunday and a good summer!

Bishop Wes

SUMMER LUNCH/MOVIE:

On **Thursday, July 2nd at 12pm** in St. Theresa's Hall, we will begin our Summer Lunch & Movie Program.



As it has been announced in the bulletins, there will be soup with bread/sandwiches at 12:00pm and then a movie, with ice-cream during the intermission.

The movie will be "Wonder", and it is suitable for all audiences.

JOY IN JESUS:

St. Theresa's Parish Pastoral Council will be holding a children's event for the children of our parish between the ages of 5-14 years on **Saturday, July 11th, 2026 from 9am until noon** in the St. Theresa's Hall. Please join us for a morning of prayer, games, crafts, and refreshments. To reserve your child's place at this event, please contact John Pacheco at 538-8969 or jpacheco@logic.bm by **Thursday, July 9th**.



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next social will be on **Sunday, July 12th**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.



Food and drink donations welcomed. *All are welcome to attend!*

Dear Padre,

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14–15, 21–24

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025