



## Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

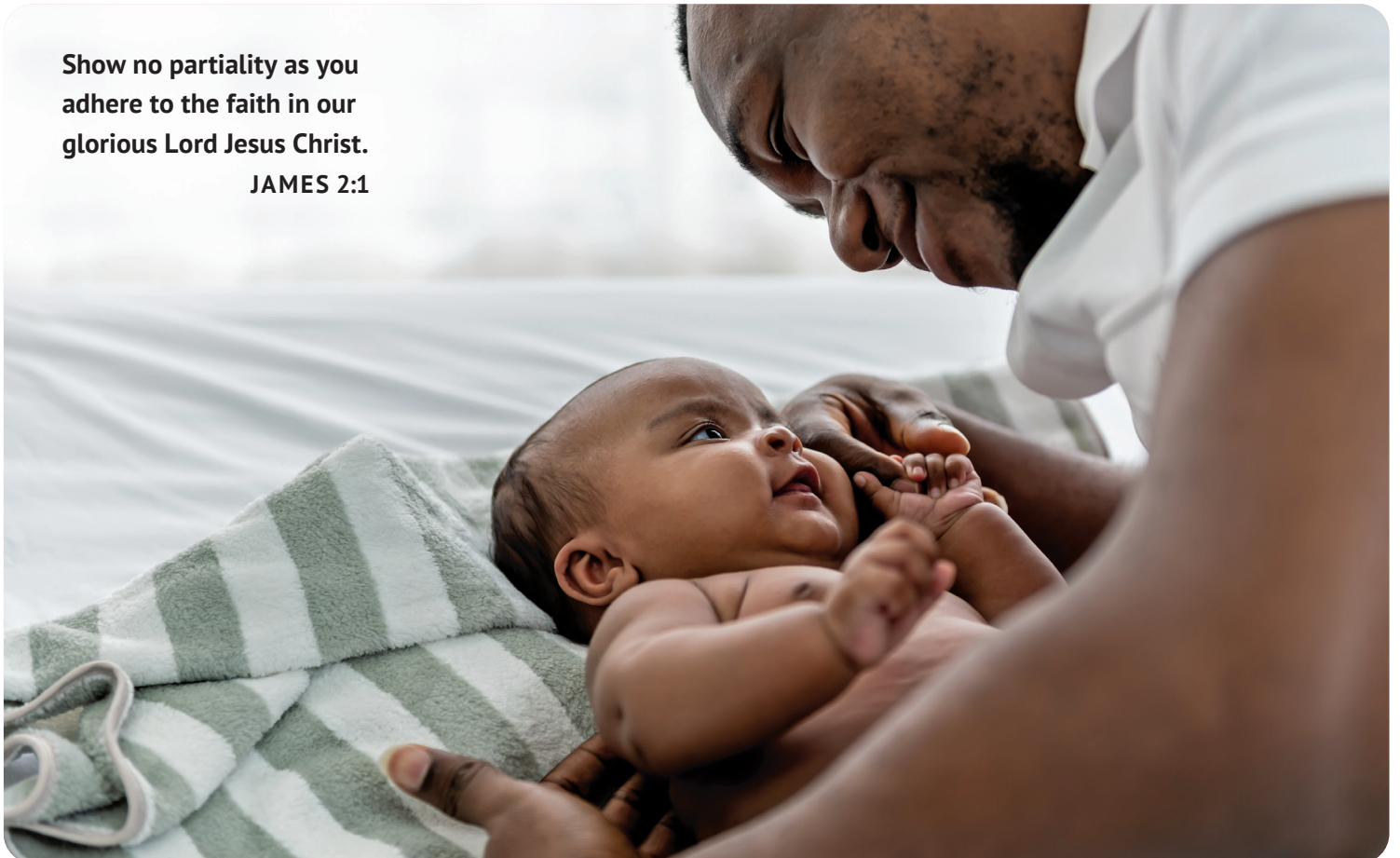
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

### Reflect

***Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?***

**Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.**

**JAMES 2:1**





# St. Theresa's Cathedral

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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

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Sept. 7th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun. Sept. 8th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Carlos “Café” de Almeida, Urania Rego,
	11:30am	+ Silvestre Araujo, & Jose Cunha
	6:00pm	+ Giuliana Nazio St. Theresa’s Parish Family
Mon. Sept. 9th	7:30am	+ Karl Doll
Tues. Sept. 10th	7:30am	+ Ivone Alves
Wed. Sept. 11th	7:30am	
	12:10pm	
Thurs. Sept. 12th	7:30am	+ Arnold De La Cruz Francisco
	12:10pm	
Fri. Sept. 13th	7:30am	+ Promote Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary
	12:10pm	
Sat. Sept. 14th	6:30pm	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak CR
Sun. Sept. 15th (Portuguese)	8:30am	Bishop Robert Kurtz CR (ordination anniversary)
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Victory Moniz & Manuel Arminda Garrafa
	6:00pm	St. Theresa’s Parish Family

**NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Sept. 14th & 15th, 2024**

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	A. Machado	K. Scarth	V. Turner	J. Amper
<b>Communion</b>	C. Carreiro	B. D. Knights	J. Alacantara	M. Tan
<b>Ministers:</b>	P. Whitecross	G. Lovecchio	A. Cannonier	A. Tan
	J. Judd	C. Scarth	C. Kieck	E. Dangl
	C. Maiato	O. Scarth	Volunteer needed	
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	B. Barreto-Hogan	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	J. Madio

**Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa’s Cathedral:** Please be advised that, after the summer break, the Saturday Portuguese Service at St. Theresa’s Cathedral will resume on Saturday, 14th of September 2024, with Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



**SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES**

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa’s Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield **A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100** and include “Sunday Offering” in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of **Sunday Offering Envelopes** to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. **Thank you** for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral!

**FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:**

**St. Theresa’s Cathedral**

7PM 1st Friday of the month (usually)

**St. Joseph’s Church**

11AM 3rd Saturday of the month

**Stella Maris Church**

7PM Last Wednesday of the month

**St. Patrick’s Church**

7PM 2nd Friday of the month

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Monday evenings

at 7pm online via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, [fgwohlmuth@logic.bm](mailto:fgwohlmuth@logic.bm) to join. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

#### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	August 31/Sept 1	\$4,893.00
Electronic offering:	August 31/Sept 1	\$190.00
To Date:	Week 36	\$227,200.50

*Thank you for your support!*



#### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

September 8th—14th, 2024

Donation Given for Two 7-day Candles & 2 Roses

Intentions of Levy, Pat, Lisa, & Chris Rodrigues

**INTRODUCTION:** God's loving presence is with us always.

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in the Gospel today. In the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:



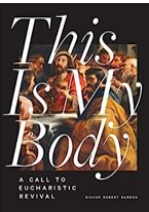
Looking for a way to share and assist others?

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Direct deposit to **SVDP Society –BNTB 2000 6060**

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or donate with **use of the SVDP envelopes.**



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

Free copies of this wonderful book are still available and can be found at the back entrance of 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.

*Only a few copies left. Be sure to collect yours!*



**FUNERAL:** Our deepest sympathy to the family of Carlos D'Almeida whose funeral mass was held at the Cathedral on Friday, August 16th, 2024.

*May he rest in peace with the angels!*

### THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis had a private audience with Beniamino Zuncheddu, the Italian shepherd from Sardinia who spent thirty three years in prison for allegedly murdering three people, but he was acquitted in January 2024. The meeting took place in the Library of the Apostolic Palace. Beniamino Zuncheddu, who was arrested in 1991 at the age of twenty six, is now in his sixties. He says that he has forgiven the person who identified him as the murderer of the three people but later retracted the accusation. Italy's Court of Appeals exonerated Mr. Zuncheddu after thirty three years in prison.

Mr. Zuncheddu co-authored a book, with his lawyer, titled *Io sono innocente* (I Am Innocent), which he presented to the Pope at the audience. In his book, Mr. Zuncheddu recounts the tragic experience he endured for so long. He served time in three different prisons, sometimes sharing a small cell with eleven people, facing great difficulties with washing and sleeping.

Calling it an inhumane experience, he said he was able to help others who were worse off than himself. Mr. Zuncheddu said he drew strength by trusting in God and thinking of his family.

Reading this story, I was asking myself, and what if Italy would have continued to administer the death penalty...?

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*

#### ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP HOURS:



The Gift shop will now resume its regular schedule, opening on

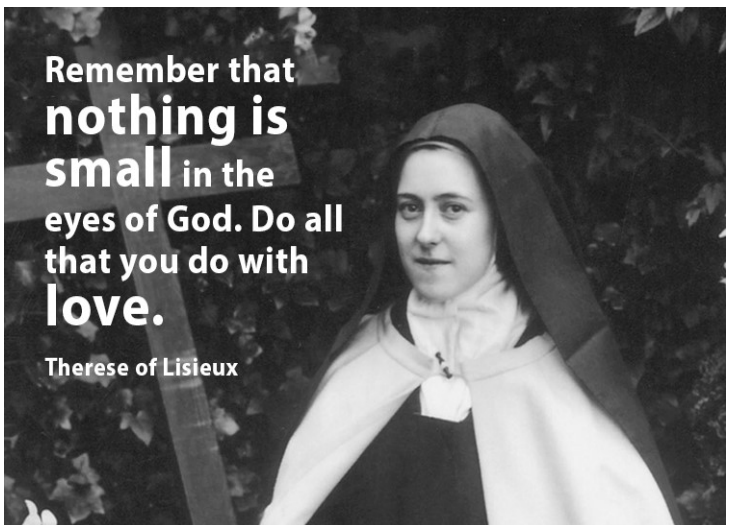
**Tuesday's and Saturdays from 10:00am—2:00pm .**

Pop in and see what hidden treasures you may find!

***Do support our Gift Shop!***

Remember that **nothing is small** in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with **love.**

Therese of Lisieux



# Dear Padre,

**What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?**

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

**Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? ....Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....**

**The healing of the heart begins with listening....**

**We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:**

**“Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.**

**ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

### **Monday**

September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
1 Cor 5:1–8  
Lk 6:6–11

### **Tuesday**

September 10  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 6:1–11  
Lk 6:12–19

### **Wednesday**

September 11  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 7:25–31  
Lk 6:20–26

### **Thursday**

September 12  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13  
Lk 6:27–38

### **Friday**

September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27  
Lk 6:39–42

### **Saturday**

September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### **Sunday**

September 15  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 50:4c–9a  
Jas 2:14–18  
Mk 8:27–35