

[Jesus said,] “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

MARK 10:43–44

## Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else’s evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ. ●

### Reflect

***Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?***



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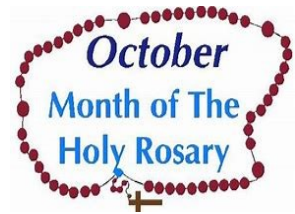
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**Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

**Weddings:** By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseBermuda](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseBermuda) – Visit our page & “LIKE” us to join our on-line community.



## KARAOKE & DINNER:



St Theresa's will be holding an Autumn Dinner with Karaoke on **Saturday 16th November, 2024 at 7:30pm at St Theresa's Hall.** Tickets: Adults \$35 Children (5-12) \$25.

If anyone is able to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Please advise by 10th November, 2024.

## DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	Oct. 19th	6:30pm		Birthday Wishes for Bishop Wes Spiewak, C. R.
Sun.	Oct. 20th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00am	+	Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Francisca do Rosário, Jose Fernando Pimentel, Theresa & Joe DeCouto, Humberto Santos, & Carlos Almeida
		11:30am	+	Eugenia Malanga Ved. Ferigo
		6:00pm		Birthday Intentions & In Thanksgiving from Maurice Barreto
Mon.	Oct 21st	7:30am	+	Efigenia Reynaldo
Tues.	Oct. 22nd	7:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Wed.	Oct. 23rd	7:30am		Special Intentions of Evelou Mosley
		12:10pm	+	And for the Soul of Anita Lindo Steven W. DeSilva (Birthday in Heaven)
Thurs.	Oct. 24th	7:30am	+	Fr. Julio Blazejewski, C.R.
		12:10pm		Birthday wishes for Fr. Michael Morris
Fri.	Oct. 25th	7:30am 12:10pm		In Honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje Intentions of Robert Sinclair
Sat.	Oct. 26th	6:30pm		Belated Birthday Wishes for Bishop Wes Spiewak
Sun.	Oct. 27th	8:30am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		11:30am	+	Roy Thomas
		6:00pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: October 26th & 27th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	C. Powell	J. Hill	A Cannonier	B. Mandocdoc
<b>Communion</b>	J. Judd	I. Brackstone	J. Alcantara	D. Robiso
<b>Ministers:</b>	P. Whitecross G. Alayon C. Maiato	G. Lovecchio C. Scarth O. Scarth	A. Kelly G. Edwards	E. Dangl R. Ronquillo
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	B. Barreto-Hogan	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	A. Alayon CFC Kids

## CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM:



We invite everyone from all walks of life – married, single, divorced or widowed individuals, who would like to deepen their relationship with God

to attend the Christian Life Program (CLP) offered by Couples for Christ & Family Ministries Bermuda. The Couples for Christ and Family Ministries is a community of faithful, anchored in the Catholic Church which offers a family-oriented support system for individuals to deepen their spiritual life.

The CLP will be held for 2 Saturdays – October 19th and October 26th, from 11:00am-3pm on both days at the St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall.

Please come for a restful day and fellowship with a vibrant community, listening to powerful sharing and testimonies and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments will be served. If interested, please RSVP to George & Grace Alayon at [cfcbermuda@gmail.com](mailto:cfcbermuda@gmail.com) or call/text 704-0125.

## ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:



The **2025 Catholic Faith & Catholic Life** calendars are now on sale at the Giftshop @ \$10:00 each.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :**

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure		
	Date	Actual
Collection:	October 12th/13th	\$3,345.00
Electronic offering:	October 12th/13th	\$410.00
To Date:	Week 42	\$259,398.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**

October 20th—26th

Donation Given for Two 7-day Candles

*In Thanksgiving & Birthday Intentions of Maurice Barreto*



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

The third Sunday of October is annually celebrated as **World Mission Sunday**. This year it falls on the October 20th. It has always been an occasion to express our support of the missionary work of the Catholic Church through prayer and a special collection. Envelopes will be available next Sunday in all our churches. **The collection will be taken this weekend, October 19th & 20th.**



**ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:**

The CCD Program will commence on **Saturday, November 16th** from **9am-10am**. All **NEW** students need to register for the program. Registration forms are available from the Rectory office or by emailing [diocesanbermuda@gmail.com](mailto:diocesanbermuda@gmail.com). Children who attended the program last year do not need to register. If your contact information has changed please send that information to the email address provided.



**CONFIRMATION 2025:**

Confirmation preparation for the 2024/2025 academic year will commence on **October 28th & 30th** for students born in **2010 or prior**.

There are two class options :

**Mondays from 4:00pm – 5:30pm** in St. Theresa's Hall with Maura Almeida *or*

**Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm** in St. Patrick's Hall with Nelson Pimentel.

To register, please email [orcc@northrock.bm](mailto:orcc@northrock.bm) with your class preference *as soon as possible*. Children who were **not** Baptized in Bermuda will need to provide a copy of their Baptism Certificate if not already submitted. The scheduled date to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is **Sunday, June 8th, 2025. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Cathedral beginning at 2:00 p.m.**



**THE BISHOP'S CORNER**



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This Sunday, the 20th of October, is celebrated as World Mission Day. In his special message, Pope Francis says that the Church's mission is directed towards all peoples and requires the participation of every baptized Christian. The Pope reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast, as many as you find". Pope Francis writes "In the king's command to his servants, we find two words that express the heart of the mission; the verbs to go out' and 'to invite'." The Pope reflects on each of these words in turn. "Mission," he said, "is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him, just as Jesus, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep." He stresses that, "Christians today should do the same; they are called to preach the Gospel with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them."

The Pope's message concerns also the fact that the king extends his invitation to 'everyone'. Francis points out that "This is the heart of mission; all excluding no one. Christ's disciples have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status." He notes that, in the parable, the king orders the servants to gather "all whom they found, both good and bad, as well as the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." He further stresses that, "the mission for all requires the commitment of all. This implies that, in order to become more truly missionary, the Church must also become more synodal; Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal."

For the full official text of the message go:

<https://tinyurl.com/a2u8pfkf>

Have a serene weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*



**AWARD CEREMONY:**

On **Friday, October 25, 2024 from 7pm to 10pm** in St. Theresa's Hall, The Peace & Social Justice Committee of our Diocese will be hosting its Award Ceremony honoring **Ms. Denise Carey** Executive Director of Home, and **Mr. Arthur Wightman** Founder of Home as this year's recipients! They have worked tirelessly with the Bermuda Government and other local agencies and charities on island to create a single plan to eradicate homelessness in Bermuda. This is a diocesan event and all are welcome!

**Please RSVP** your attendance by contacting Alice Astwood-Smith via [email llajsmith@logic.bm](mailto:llajsmith@logic.bm) or phone 337-0751 (leave a message), no later than **Monday, October 21, 2024**. There is no charge to attend however, if you wish to make a donation at the door it would be greatly appreciated!

# Dear Padre,

*I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?*

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●



*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	Jer 31:7-9
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	Heb 5:1-6
						Mk 10:46-52

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 17, 2021

