



The Path to Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

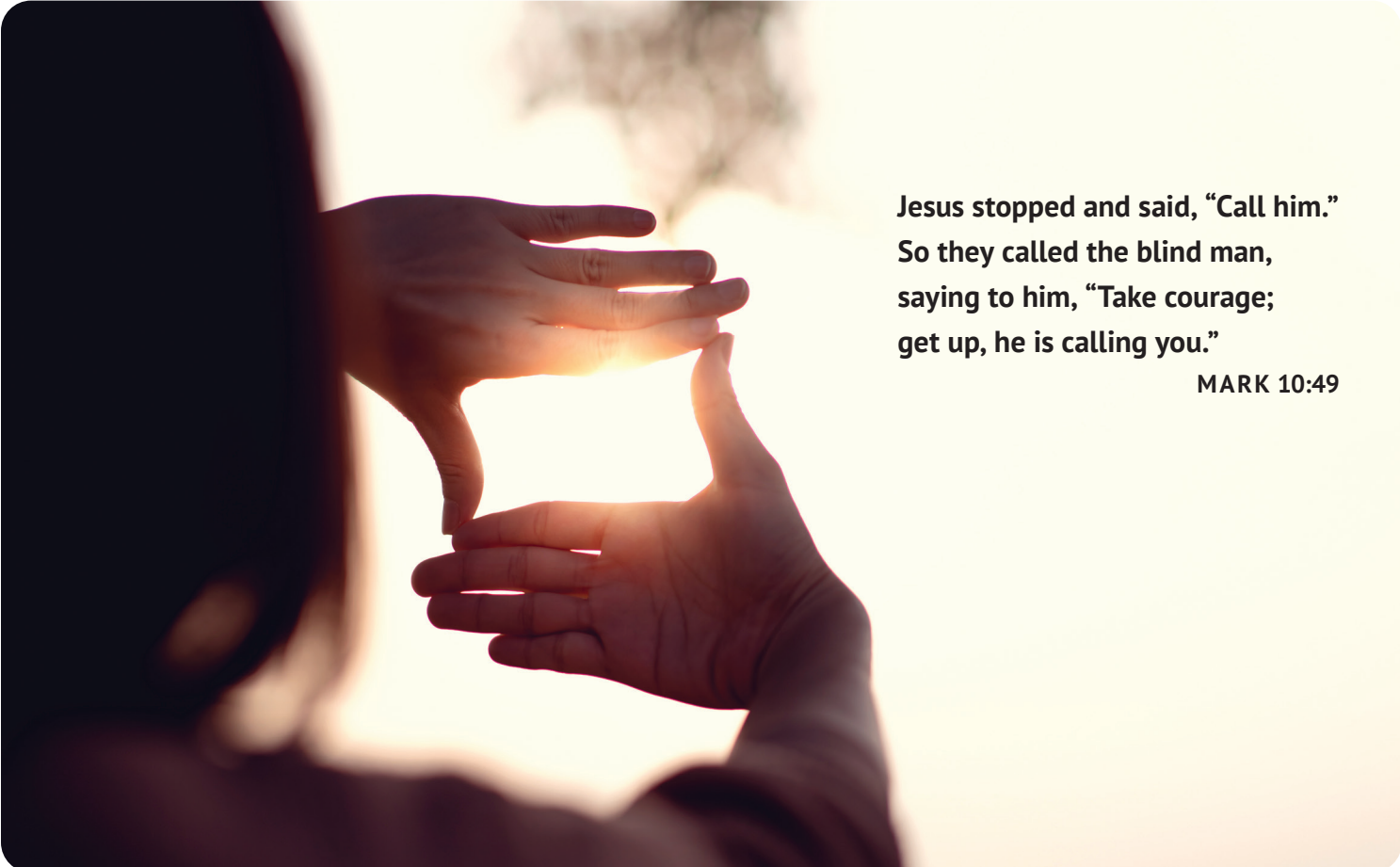
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?

A photograph showing two hands reaching towards each other against a bright, hazy sunset background. The hands are positioned as if about to clasp or support each other, symbolizing faith, hope, or divine assistance.

**Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man,
saying to him, "Take courage;
get up, he is calling you."**

MARK 10:49



St. Theresa's Cathedral

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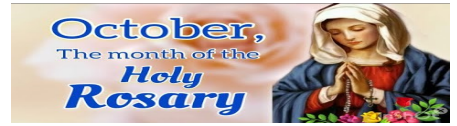
Confessions: By appointment only, at this time

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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OFFICIAL VISIT:



Next Sunday, the **3rd of November**, the President of the Azores, with the official Azorean delegation, will be attending the **Portuguese Mass at 10:00am**. After the Mass the President will meet with our Portuguese Catholic Community at St. Theresa's Parish Hall. This means that there will be difficulties with parking near the Cathedral. **For those attending the 11:30am Mass**, please park at the Bull's Head parking lot. It is free on Sundays although you still have to go through the ticketing process.

Thank you for your understanding.

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Oct. 26th	6:30pm	Belated Birthday Wishes for Bishop Wes Spiewak
Sun. Oct. 27th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Jose Fernando Pimentel, Angelina Botelho, + Antonio Pimentel, & Senhor Padre Julio + Roy Thomas St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Oct 28th	7:30am	Happy 75th Birthday Kathy Johann
Tues. Oct. 29th	7:30am	Intentions of Darin & Evelou Mosley
Wed. Oct. 30th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Molly Funk Intentions of Kyra King
Thurs. Oct. 31st	7:30am 12:10pm	Intentions of Evelou Mosley + Aureilia Leite, Irmelinda Serodeo, & Miguel Franco
Fri. Nov. 1st	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Baby Chloe + Brian & Stephen Tobin
Sat. Nov. 2nd	6:30pm	+ Pacheco Family & Maiato Family
Sun. Nov. 3rd (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Oskar Lewnowski Couple for Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to the 11:00am All Souls Mass on **Saturday, 2nd of November, 2024** at St. Theresa's Cathedral, the 9:00am Mass with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will **NOT** take place.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

INFORMATION SESSION:

Mount Saint Agnes Academy will be hosting an INFORMATION SESSION on **Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 at 5:30pm**. This Information Session will focus on the MIDDLE SCHOOL years. Come out to see what our only Catholic school has to offer, with a tour and opportunity to speak with some of the faculty members. Please RSVP to email; msaoffice@msa.bm or call 292-4134.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: November 2 & 3, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	K. Scarth	F. Maxwell	C. Duqueza
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva A. Machado P. Whitecross S. Booth	O. Scarth I. Brackstone H. Cabral E. Cabral	E. Mosley A. Tan M. Tan	E. Dangi C. Sevilla D. Robiso
Song Leaders:	B. Barrreto-Hogan	M.S Brackstone	K. Judd	O. Anderson K. Delgado

LOSS & GRIEF GROUP:

The **Loss & Grief Group** objective is not to replace, nor to offer psychological therapy that is needed at times, but to create a space for being listened to and supported through the experience of grief. This group's next gathering will take place on the **Sunday, 3rd of November, 2024, at 3PM at the Bishop's House; "Halcyon" 2 Astwood Road, Paget.**



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: If you would like to donate– Direct Deposit: SVDP Society BNTB 2000 6060 4767 11100 or SVDP envelopes are available.





WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the source of all they are and have.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	October 19th/20th	\$3,825.00
Electronic offering:	October 19th/20th	\$1,897.00
To Date:	Week 43	\$265,120.00
World Mission Sunday	October 19th/20th	\$512.00

Thank you for your support!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

October 27th—November 2nd, 2024

Donation Given for Two 7-day Candles

No intention at time of print



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. 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.



REMINDER - CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:



Mondays with Miss Maura Almeida

Start Date: 28th October from 4:00pm – 5:30pm
St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall

Wednesdays with Mr. Nelson Pimentel

Start Date: 31st October from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

St. Patrick's Church Hall

If you have not yet registered, please email orcc@northrock.bm **as soon as possible**.

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 \$35.00 Children (5-12) \$25.00

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BINGO:

St. Patrick's Church will be holding a Soup (Red Bean) and Sandwiches Bingo on **Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 from 3pm – 5pm** in their Church Hall, in recognition National Sandwich Day! **Tickets are \$10 which includes one bingo card**. MC for the bingo will be Ronnie Lopes. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses from Parish Council Members.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I missed this topic when it was published in May. I have learned about it now and want to share it with you, as I find it is very important.

Better collaboration between schools and mental health providers, an emotional skills program tailored for Bermuda, and the promotion of healthy behaviors are among priority areas being explored to address high levels of depression and anxiety symptoms among Bermuda's young people.

Daniel Cavanagh, a PhD student at the University of Melbourne, and Shawnee Basden, a Psychologist, conducted a survey in the last academic year involving seventy six per cent of middle and high school students. The study of students aged ten to nineteen showed that thirty one per cent of those surveyed had "moderate to severe" symptoms of depression or anxiety. This figure is about five to six per cent higher than global averages during the Pandemic. The study also identified an urgent need to remove the stigma attached to mental health as seventy three per cent of those who reported symptoms said they would try to deal with depression or social anxiety on their own. Of those, sixty two per cent cited being too embarrassed to get help as the main reason.

Mr. Cavanagh told The Royal Gazette: "A big recommendation for us is that we have to improve the social and emotional skills of young people to deal with modern-day stresses. We need a culturally adapted program to the Bermuda context that teaches adolescents, and also educates parents, about mental health and how to develop certain social and emotional skills. The biggest thing was prevention efforts; we need to target the cause as opposed to targeting the symptoms. That's why a culturally adapted program is a good idea as well as targeting healthy behaviors. It requires a whole community effort to really tackle the problem. Schools need to be working out how to promote healthy behaviors, service providers need to develop anti-stigma campaigns, the working group needs to assist in promoting healthy behaviors, and the research team needs to continue working in this context and help with the next phase."

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE

During the 2024 Advent season, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to support a "Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive". How does it work? Each day of Advent, add one item, from a list that will be provided at a later date, to your collection box. By Christmas, you will have a food basket which will be donated to those in need in the New Year. This is a great way to get the whole family involved in the Advent season and demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas! Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks. Any questions can be forwarded to Elaine Kelly at ekelly@ibl.bm

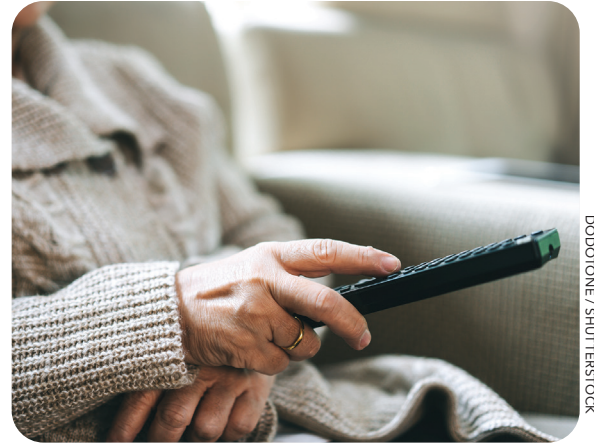


Dear Padre,

I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30	Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40	Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus hears [Bartimaeus’] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!

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