

LIVING THE WORD

- The early Christian community described in Acts endures many challenging experiences. Today marks an incredible 'break-through'. Greek speaking Christians (Hellenists) complained their widows were not being fed in the daily distribution of food to the poor. Jewish Christians may have been favouring their own kind. The Church was transitioning from a Jewish Christian community to a more Greek speaking and Greek cultured community. Imagine the tensions and arguments! Yet the Apostles creatively responded with wisdom and preserved unity. A new service structure was implemented into the community. Who is getting all the attention in your community? Who is not? What creative response is needed to meet the needs of 'the poor'?
- The passage of scripture from Peter is regarded as part of an Easter Baptismal Homily. The image is of a Temple built with stones aligned with the 'cornerstone - Jesus' which holds the whole 'house' together. Who is a 'living stone' you look to in your local community for 'alignment' with Jesus? How do you 'measure up'?
- Priesthood, a Holy People set apart, a people bringing the world to God and God to the world, is not to be understood as confined to the 'Temple'. Peter reminds all the baptised they are no longer limited to bringing animal and grain offerings to the Temple. Their lives are to announce God's love and care. Feeding the poor, clothing and care for the sick, prayers for the community are all part of the great 'spiritual sacrifices' offered to God to bring God to the people and the people to God. Do you glimpse your 'royal' and 'priestly' job description of Baptism into the family of Christ? Can you glimpse the connection between the Sunday altar and the Monday office desk?
- John 14-17 are Jesus' departing words to his disciples. His words are filled with the language of intimate love. Have you ever had someone beautifully prepare a guest room for you? Say they want you to be always with them? How did it feel? How does it feel to know Jesus wants this relationship with you?
- Without Jesus and no longer welcome in the Jewish Temple, the Johannine community felt they were lost. 'How can we know the 'way'? 'I AM the way' is a theological punch. Jesus uses the 'divine name (I AM)' and challenges his followers to live 'his way - the way of God'. Our life-style, our time-style, our 'way', is to be in exact replication of Christ. How does this challenge you?
- "Going to Church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car." What 'works' are we called to do?

Today, Leo Graham Lines is being baptised a Christian and fully initiated into the Catholic Church

Leo made an adult choice to embark on an intense search for God. This search led him our way, where, for sometime, he and his young family have participated in the life of our worshipping community. His quest in faith has led him to pray, read, reflect on the big questions of life, on who we are before God and each other. So he has decided to come forward today for baptism and full participation in the life of the Church. It is our privilege to be part of his faith journey, at this special time. Today, we have the opportunity to stop, look and listen, so that we may appreciate more fully our shared baptismal commitment and the life given to us by God, and nourished by the sacraments for being church in our world.

At his Confirmation, we will pray:

"By your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become a member of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptised.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be a witness to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be an active member of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love."

With the laying of hands, the prayer of Confirmation will be prayed:

"All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon our brother to be his helper and guide. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill him with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."

As we celebrate Leo's initiation into Church, we are reminded of our own baptism, through which we are called to be a priestly and holy people. We are given a great dignity through our baptism. Life is truly a journey we share together with God and each other. So let us ever journey together in faith, hope and love, ever remaining faithful to building the Kingdom of God. - ***John P Murray osa***



CALENDAR

Monday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:17-21

Jn 15:9-11

Friday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 13

Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 14

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

HOSPITALITY

Communion

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray osa
Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community*

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 and 17:15 hrs.

Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass

Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.

English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).

English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Sat, Sun : Closed

& public holidays

Dear Padre

May 7, 2023

***I know a Catholic couple who wanted to
celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a
Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow
it. Why not marry in God's creation?***

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs...Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community... [Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!" ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: I HAVE LOVED YOU (No. 588)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY – Belmont Mass
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN – Belmont Mass **(PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD – Belmont Mass **(PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL HYMN: THERE ARE MANY ROOMS (No. 867) **PLEASE STAND**

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Sunday, 7th May 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! (No. 527) **PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY – Belmont Mass

GLORY TO GOD – Belmont Mass

(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33: LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US



1. Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. (R)
2. Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. (R)
3. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 2:4-9**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter:**

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and
A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

PLEASE STAND

**All: I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

GOSPEL: Jn 14:1-12

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do

not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Leo has completed a long preparation and is ready for the sacraments of initiation. He will receive new life from God who is love: He will become a Christian. He has come to share the faith of the Church and it is our community of faith which will support him in his Christian life. So let us make a renewal of our baptismal promises together.

The Priest addresses the Elect and the Community, who make their responses together:

Priest: Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried,
rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion
of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting? **All: I do.**

The priest concludes:

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

SPRINKLING OF CONGREGATION WITH BAPTISMAL WATER: NEW LIFE

Refrain: New life! New life! You came to bring us new life.

New life! New life! We find such joy in your abundant life

1. You are the source of our great joy, the fountain of all life.

You give us living water; you bid us come and drink.

We come to you; we bless you, Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

2. You are the source of our new life; in your light we see light.

You show to us your goodness; you bid us taste and see.

We come to you; we bless you Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Graciously listen to your people, O God."