

A FEW MORE WORDS FROM OUR 10 AM COMMUNITY PASTORAL LEADER, FR. JOHN P. MURRAY OSA

We are coming back to Matthew's Gospel – a re-introduction.

- 1) Matthew's community is a community of Jewish Christians at odds with their parent religion, being urged to trust that what has happened in Jesus is indeed the fulfilment of their hopes.
- 2) Their entire tradition is being re-read in the light of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
- 3) In the person of Jesus, God has shown himself with them as the compassionate, faithful healer, calling them to live the challenge of the Good News of God's reign. *"A life they never dared hope for"*.
- 4) Emmanuel – God with us (1:23, 28:20)

Matthew challenges us to think again about our ideas of God and salvation. Matthew's focus on Jesus is an invitation to a faith relationship which leads to transformation – a new understanding of what it means to be human.

Reading Matthew challenges us to understand the idea of discipleship as being beyond adherence to commandments. It has to do with understanding that, in Jesus, God is with us and that as disciples our calling is to embrace the way of the Kingdom as shown by Jesus in word and deed.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the disciple is called to:

- Share a worldview (believing as Jesus believed)
- Live a relationship of faith with someone who is more than a teacher
- Community and Mission

Matthew's church is a community of disciples characterised by:

- Humility (18:1-5)
- Concern for the "little ones" (18:6-14)
- Reconciliation (18:15-20)
- Forgiveness and Mercy (18:21-34)

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (18:20)

Matthew's church is a small community on the margins. It is suspect because of claims in relation to a crucified rabbi. It is an idea of God and an ethic that speaks to those weighed down by Greco- Roman fatalism, decadence, or by the religious legalism of the parent faith.

Just offering some helpful thoughts from a Scripture Commentary by Sean Goan, to get us back into Matthew, on our re-entering Ordinary Sundays of the Year.

Ordinary Time in the Church Year

We have come through a rigorous cycle of the Church's year, having observed Lent, celebrated Easter, and then having rejoiced in the big three Sundays of Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi. Now we re-enter Ordinary Time of the Church Year. What does this mean? Simply, Ordinary Time refers to the rest of the year.

One may then ask if any time is ordinary? After all, the extraordinary in our life and world can happen anytime. Actually, it can easily be said that every day is extraordinary in our chaotic world. So what sense do we make of Ordinary Time? I did a Google search and here is what I found.

"Ordinary Time is the season of the Church Year when we are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of our faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter and the great periods of penance of Advent and Lent.

Ordinary Time is a time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist, and become a more holy and whole person.

Ordinary Time is a period when average people like you and me strive to become the extraordinary messengers of the Gospel that we have been commissioned to be through our baptism.

Ordinary Time is this day, this moment. Now."

No time is really ordinary in terms of being routine, normal or boring. With the pandemic, we can easily ask – What is normal? We live in times when the abnormal is more the normal. I think we name that as the "new normal", which keeps changing into ever newer normals. No, this is not what Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar means. Rather it "means ordered, or numbered, time and is derived from ordinal numbers (eg, 1st)".

In terms of being boring or routine, no time is ordinary. All time is the acceptable time. As St Paul says, "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6: 2). We are called to live in the present, in the now, and experience God and life in the midst of reality. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The Mystery of God is alive and real in our midst.

So let us pray the prayer of St John Henry Newman, in the hope that we may live life to the full.

***May Christ support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done!
Then, with mercy, may God give us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last!***

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CALENDAR

Monday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 21
St. Aloysius
Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 22
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 23
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18,
21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 24
Nativity of St. John
the Baptist
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday

June 25
Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

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.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 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

June 18, 2023

Is there a right to health care? As a Catholic, what kind of obligation do I have to use my resources to help with the purchase of medicine for my brother? His insurance won't cover the costs, and he's on a fixed income.

Saint John XXIII's 1963 encyclical *Pacem In Terris* (Peace on Earth) said people have a right to live and a right to the "means necessary for the proper development of life" (11). This text serves as a foundation for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' speaking of a right to "basic" or "adequate health care" in their Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholics. What is not clear in Church teaching is who has the duty to ensure that right. In some cases, the state has taken this responsibility, but this need not be the case. The condition of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ, however, urges us to action on their behalf.

Regarding the case of one's brother, the question is difficult because of the need for more information. What is the brother's prognosis? Is he taking care of himself responsibly? What do you feel capable of doing morally without placing yourself and others in your care at risk?

Whatever one's ability to respond in this case, one's relationship with one's brother should be marked by compassion and a sincere desire and will to help in whatever way is morally reasonable. ●

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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: DRAW NEAR (No. 935)

FINAL HYMN: AMAZING GRACE (No. 645) (PLEASE STAND)

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 18th June 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (No. 616) (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: Ex 19:2-6a

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 100: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE



1. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. (R)
2. Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. (R)
3. The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

PLEASE STAND

All: The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Mt 9:36—10:8

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

"Lord, hear our prayer."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (No. 795)

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.