

LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ The mountain of Horeb was another term for the famous Mt Sinai, where Moses met face to face with God. Unlike Moses, Elijah is being chased. He challenged the Queen for putting statues of Baal in the temple, killed 400 Baal prophets and is running frightened in the desert. He seeks God. He experiences God in the 'tiny whispering sound' of God's voice in prayer. Have you had an experience of doing something for God and it meets resistance? Where do you go to seek God? What would you say you have heard recently from God?
- ❖ In St Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapters 9-11 reflect a great sadness that the Jewish people – Paul's own people – have not recognised and believed in Jesus. Have you experienced sorrow and anguish for someone who has not believed in Jesus or has left their Christian faith? Consider placing them before God in prayer. Paul used this anguish to become an incredible missionary and very talented at preaching in a way that resonated strongly with his audiences. How could *you* be more missionary?
- ❖ After feeding the 5,000 people start to suggest that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. This has dangerous consequences. Herod, who has just killed John, could be identifying Jesus as the next target and threat to his power. Jesus 'compels' (in the Greek) the disciples to leave, dismisses the crowd and goes up the mountain to pray. Not only does he wish to mourn the loss of John, his close friend and cousin; he is also teaching the disciples about mission (Mt 14) and seeks to be grounded in prayer with God.
- ❖ A boat tossed about on the sea has always been an early symbol of the Church. In the Middle East the rough sea was considered a symbol of darkness and chaos. Throughout history many storms have caused the Church to cry out to Jesus for help. Walking on water is a display of Jesus' power over all chaos and darkness, along with his use of the Divine Name '*It is I*'. A simplification of the Divine Name given to Moses on Mt Sinai. While the English uses 'tossed about', the Greek word is, literally, '*tortured*'. What forces torture you and the Church today? Imaginatively enter the boat scene and hear Jesus personally say the words '*Take courage, do not be afraid*' to you. What would this mean for you?
- ❖ Peter represents church leadership but also the individual disciple. Urged to take the risk of obedience to Jesus' word, the '*walk on the water to Jesus*' can be sunk by dwelling on the experience of strong winds and big waves. Problems. Fear. Sinking. What could you pray for God to 'save' the Church from today? Save *you* from today?
- ❖ Jesus is invited into the boat. The storm calms. Their crisis and Jesus' help leads them to bow down humbly. Have *you* had an experience like this?

FABC50 Document continued – Part One: Journeying Together

Responding to the call of synodality

The new route proposed for the Church is the path of SYNODALITY. These are the three essential elements of a synodal church: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION.

Communion is the antithesis of our tendencies towards exclusivity. Every baptised member is equal in dignity. We may play different roles, but as baptised members, we all are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people" (1 Pt 2:9). There are no first and second class members in the Church. The Spirit further empowers us to enter into communion, not only with our fellow Catholics, but also with every Christian, every human being and every created being. We cannot be agents of communion except by the power of the Spirit of communion which we have received at baptism. Only in communion with the Spirit can we grow into communities of disciples and become builders of basic Christian and Human communities that act like leaven in a mass of dough.

Participation is the most palpable sign that the body of Christ is alive and that each part is animated by the same Spirit. What can hinder participation in the Church is the "power issue". When the roles of the clergy are translated into positions of power, there is a tendency to prevent the other parts of the body of Christ from playing their proper roles according to their charisms. The Church is thus reduced to a 'clerical' Church. When the ordained ministry, whose principal role is to promote a variety of ministries and coordinate them for the building up of the Church, ends up monopolising leadership, we need to be reminded of Jesus' admonition to James and John: "*It shall not be so with you*" (Mt 20:26). Leadership has to be exercised always in the spirit of servanthood.

Mission is the opposite of our tendencies towards what Pope Francis calls "self-referentiality". We become self-referential when we forget that we do not exist for ourselves but rather for the world. This happens when our ministries are established primarily with the purpose of getting people to serve the Church alone, rather than serve society as part of a servant Church.



CALENDAR

Monday

August 14
St Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

August 15
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

August 16
Weekday
Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

August 17
Weekday
Jos 3:7-10a,
11, 13-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

August 18
Weekday
Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

August 19
Weekday
Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

August 20
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15,
29-32
Mt 15:21-28

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

August 13, 2023

**At what precise point in the Mass does the bread
and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?**

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, "This is my body." Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn't the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375-81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn't seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we're changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●

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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: ON EAGLE’S WINGS (No. 691)

FINAL HYMN: BLEST BE THE LORD (No. 686) (PLEASE STAND)

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 13th August 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN: WE PRAISE YOU (No. 617) (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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

A reading from the first Book of Kings:

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 85: LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS



Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

1. I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. (R)
2. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. (R)
3. The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 9:1-5

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

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

PLEASE STAND

All: I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

GOSPEL: Mt 14:22-33

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened;

and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Priest: The Gospel 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:
"Give us courage, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: YOU ARE NEAR (No. 695)

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.