

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ The special office of 'Master of the Palace' also had another well-known title '*Keeper of the Keys*'. This involved wearing the key to the palace door. It hung from just below the shoulder and was obvious to all who saw it. Symbolically and physically, this person had access to the King and had authority to act in the name of the King. Unfortunately, Shebna, in the first reading, had a liking for the King's chariots (Is 22, 16-18) and was building himself a special tomb – both expressions of status and power. He was removed from his office by the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah makes a prophecy that such a person given this role will be a 'peg in a sure spot'. What do you think this means?
- ❖ St Paul comes to the end of his painful sharing and confusion as to why his own people (Israel) could not accept Jesus. After all his wrestling and argument with God he finishes in prayer. He hands over this struggle to the mystery of how God works. What do you feel you need to hand over to God?
- ❖ The Gospel of Matthew, from Chapter 14, has Jesus giving special instructions to his 12 disciples. Dramatically he leaves Galilee and walks them into a place filled with temples built for Roman Emperors and Baal worship. There is even a temple dedicated to the fertility cult of the 'dancing goat'! Against this background of pagan worship he confronts his disciples, and us: Who do YOU say I am? What do YOU think of me? Imagine being in this scene. Jesus asks this question of you.
- ❖ Simon's response brings together two 'titles'. The Christ (in Greek) or Messiah (in Hebrew) is the long awaited one promised by God to save his people. But added to this, Simon recognises the unique filial relationship Jesus has with God. Jesus is not simply a Prophet (John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah...) but uniquely '*one*' with God. Would you say you 'know about' Jesus or that you '*know Jesus*'? Is your Christian faith 'second hand' or grounded on a 'personal encounter' with Jesus?
- ❖ Peter – Cephas (meaning Rock) was not a known Jewish name. It is a striking image. 'Rock' was immediately associated with God. And combined with the role of 'keeper of the keys', Peter's leadership and authority within the group of 12 is made clear. The Church is being provided with a teaching authority for the time when Jesus will not be physically present to interpret the Laws of Moses and Gospel of Jesus. Do you view this gift of authority by Jesus positively or negatively?
- ❖ 'Binding' and 'loosing' and 'powers of the netherworld' present a Jewish view of the rule of God. Jesus is understood as wrestling the human world from the grip of Satan and reclaiming it for God. How do you relate to power, order, authority. Is it needed in the Church?

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Part Three: Discerning

"What is the Spirit saying to the Church in Asia in our present times?"

In particular, we asked ourselves, how do we respond to the nine challenges we have discerned together? We sensed that we are called to:

- A. accompany migrants, refugees, indigenous people;
- B. give special attention to the family;
- C. open new roles of leadership to women in the Asian Church;
- D. address gender issues;
- E. minister to the youth;
- F. encourage the effective use of digital technology;
- G. promote an economy based on inclusive growth in the context of urbanisation and globalisation;
- H. care for our common home; and
- I. be bridge-builders and bridges, instruments of dialogue and reconciliation in Asia.

Part Four: Offering Our Gifts – Asian Culture and Spirituality

In Matthew's portrait of the Magi, who allow themselves to be guided by a star to a lowly home in Bethlehem, we see an image that is typically Asian: visitors stopping by and reverently removing the sandals off their feet as we have been taught to do when entering our own homes. This is the Asian way of reminding ourselves that 'family' is about creating a sacred space together.

The choice to see in every human being a fellow sufferer opens us to the Asian path to peace and reconciliation, even as we learn to navigate our way through the many conflicts in our societies. We fight for justice in a nonviolent way, and always in a manner that is mindful of the spirit of healing the victims of injustice and violence.

When some of our local churches in Asia speak of the need of presenting Jesus with an "Asian face", it is because they belong to parts of Asia that received the Christian faith in a European garb, through the evangelisation efforts of European missionaries.



CALENDAR

Monday

August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5,
8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

August 29
Passion of
St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8
Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

August 30
Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

August 31
Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

September 1
Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

September 2
Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY

September 3
Twenty-second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

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 27, 2023

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

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HOLY (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 5)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 5)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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 (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 6)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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 (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 6)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **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: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (No. 742) PLEASE STAND

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 27th August 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS (No. 801) 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, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 3)

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. (R)
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. (R)
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Is 22:19-23

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall

shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 138: LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL



Lord, your love is e - ter - nal; do not for-sake the work of your hands.

1. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. (R)
2. I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. (R)
3. The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 11:33-36

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

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?

Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA (SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL PAGE 4)

PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL: Mt 16:13-20

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.

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly

Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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:

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: THE SUMMONS (No. 790)

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