

LIVING THE WORD

- Jeremiah was a young prophet who spoke out against King Jehoiakim. The King was so upset with Jeremiah's words pointing out injustice that he burnt Jeremiah's writings. Prophets were passionately aware of the call to love God and show this in true worship. To care for the poor and the stranger through hospitality and giving. Often this put them in conflict with the religious, political and social systems of their day. Do you see in the world a cause for 'crying out'? Do you see and wish to share outrage at what is accepted by society? What would you feel is a desire 'burning in your heart, imprisoned in your bones'?
- Both Roman citizens and Jews in Rome were familiar with offering sacrifices in a temple. St Paul leads them on. It is not an external sacrifice of food to God which is required, but your very bodies offered in loving service. Do you consider your daily faithful service as an *'offering pleasing to God'*? How could you offer your body more to God? Are you conformed to this age or the will of God?
- Within minutes of Peter being made the 'Rock' upon which the Church would be built, Jesus now calls him 'Satan'. Although Peter recognised Jesus as the Christ and Son of God he was wrong in understanding what this actually meant. The Jewish hope was of a glorious ruler who would put to death all enemies of Israel. It was inconceivable that the 'Christ', the 'Anointed One' should suffer. He was supposed to make others suffer. Can you glimpse how difficult it would have been for Peter and the disciples to have their understanding of the 'Christ' changed? Would you naturally presume glory rather than suffering is fitting for God?
- Satan is a Hebrew word meaning 'adversary'. One who puts another pathway against you which leads away from God. Peter is suggesting 'another way' from the path to suffering in Jerusalem. He is acting as Satan does. He is told to 'get behind' (the position of a disciple following his master). What are you arguing with God about in your life? Does it involve the pathway of comfort and glory, or suffering and self-denial? Will you 'get behind' or stay arguing?
- *'Taking up the cross'* is more than coping with burdens and failures. It is an act of revolutionary zeal to stand in opposition to structures of injustice which block the coming of the Kingdom of God. Only revolutionaries against the Roman authorities suffered crucifixion on the cross. Are you willing to lose your life in the cause of justice and true reconciliation? Can you imagine the joy when your conduct and life is repaid in Heaven?

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Part Five: Opening New Pathways

Returning by Another Route

A. From Foreign Expressions to an Inculturated Proclamation of the Gospel

Christ, the Son of God, assumed a humanity that was Asian. The mystery of the Incarnation continues with the Church. The Holy Spirit continues to take flesh in the communities of disciples who make up the Church, the Body of Christ, in the local churches or communities of disciples around the world. Faith never comes in a vacuum. Evangelisation always happens in the context of Interculturality. This opens us to what we might call *'Transculturation'*; namely, the discovery of shared values that allows us to transcend cultures, and even lead to the growth and purification of cultures.

B. From Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) to Basic Human Communities (BHCs)

Indeed, *'Synodality'* goes beyond dialogue. It is not just about fostering communication. More essential than communication is accompaniment, journeying together, conviviality. Our Basic Ecclesial Communities will not be truly incarnating synodality as a lifestyle if our communities only stick to themselves and their own 'churchy' concerns. If they are to be true to their mission, i.e. to be like yeast in a mass of dough, then we must build the kind of Christian communities that will lead to Basic Human Communities.

C. From Dialogue to Synodality

Over the past five decades, FABC has consistently pursued the path of a threefold dialogue – with cultures, with religions and with the poor. The way of dialogue is now finding its fuller expression in synodality. The objective is none other than to transcend the otherness of the dialogue partner so that s/he becomes a neighbour and partner in communion. The purpose of dialogue is more eloquently spelt out by synodality, which encompasses the aspiration for communion, participation and mission.

D. From Proclamation to Storytelling

It was the coming of God's reign that Jesus proclaimed as Good News in first century Palestine. He invited people to discover the dignity and nobility of our humanity, in our common aspiration for the realisation of God's reign in our midst. His method is still the most effective one in this day and age: *Storytelling*.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

September 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6,
9-11
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 6
Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 7
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 8
*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

SATURDAY

September 9
*St. Peter Claver,
Priest*
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 10
*Twenty-third
Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

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

September 3, 2023

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●

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HOLY (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET 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 (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET 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 (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET 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 (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET 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: JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD (No. 909)

FINAL HYMN: HERE I AM, LORD (No. 777) PLEASE STAND

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 3 September 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 (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET 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: Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

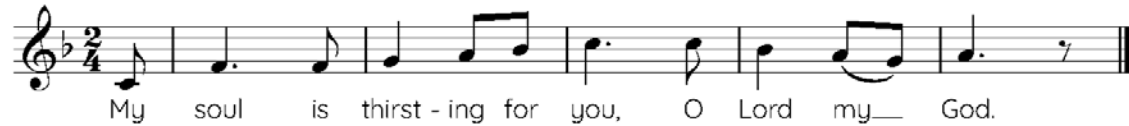
Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 63: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING



1. God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. (R)
2. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. (R)
3. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. (R)
4. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 12:1-2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 4)

PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

GOSPEL: Mt 16:21-27

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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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:

"Show us how to take up our cross and follow you, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: ONLY THIS I WANT (No. 782)

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