

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Samuel is a young boy who eventually becomes one of the great prophets of the Old Testament. It is possible he was given the job of ensuring the 'sacred flame' in the Temple did not burn out and for that reason is 'sleeping in the temple'. Today God calls him. He is confused, and even his mentor Eli takes a while to recognise it is God speaking in prayer to Samuel. Is your lifestyle allowing for time in prayer and silence? Have you ever sincerely presented yourself before God and stated '*Here I am ... speak ... I am listening*'?
- ❖ Samuel needed Eli to mentor him in the ways of listening to God and prayerful obedience. Who has been an 'Eli' figure for you in your journey with God? Has there been any word or inspiration from God or an 'Eli-mentor' that you have heard but not been obedient to? What happened?
- ❖ Samuel was blessed. The Lord helped him to not let any word spoken '*fall to the ground*'. He both caught the Lord's word and spoke the Lord's word. How could you be more effective in 'catching' every word of the Lord spoken to you? Consider starting a spiritual journal of your prayer time and finding a spiritual director (*your Eli*). Check out www.livingtheword.org.nz/ resources and click on spiritual director and keeping a journal.
- ❖ There was a problem among some of the community at Corinth. Some separated the 'body' and the 'spirit', believing that it did not matter what one did with their bodies. Paul teaches them about the dignity of their bodies. Joined with Christ, filled with the Spirit, our bodies are true '*temples*' of God. What we do in and with the dwelling place of God should bring glory to God. Do you respect and protect the dignity of your body? How could you give God greater glory? Whose 'bodies' are being broken or abused in society today. Do you care?
- ❖ John the Baptist points his disciples toward Jesus and they begin the journey of discipleship. The first question Jesus asks of a disciple points deeply to their heart: '*What are you looking for?*' Imaginatively enter the scene. What is your response to this very first question of Jesus?
- ❖ '*Come and see*' is an invitation by Jesus to 'abide' and 'stay' with him. Like Samuel, could you find a frequent way of drawing close to Jesus, spending time beside the Tabernacle in church? It means leaving friends, normal routine, unknown conversation. What does the adventure of 'come and see' ask of you?
- ❖ While Peter is well known, it was his brother Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus. The time spent with Jesus impacted Andrew so much he had to find someone to share this good news with. Have you experienced the joy of Jesus and the desire to lead others to share this faith experience? Is your lack of courage stopping a future Church leader? A future Saint?

Message of Pope Francis for WORLD DAY of PEACE – 01.01.2024: Artificial Intelligence and Peace

In its Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, the Second Vatican Council restated the truth, that "humanity has ceaselessly sought to better its life". When human beings, "with the aid of technology", endeavour to make "the earth a dwelling worthy of the whole human family", they carry out God's plan and cooperate with his will to perfect creation and bring about peace among peoples. Progress in science and technology, insofar as it contributes to greater order in human society and greater fraternal communion and freedom, leads to the betterment of humanity and the transformation of the world.

Scientific research and technological innovations are not disembodied and "neutral", but subject to cultural influences. As fully human activities, the directions they take reflect choices conditioned by personal, social and cultural values in any given age. The immense expansion of technology thus needs to be accompanied by an appropriate formation in responsibility for its future development. Freedom and peaceful coexistence are threatened whenever human beings yield to the temptation to selfishness, self-interest, the desire for profit and the thirst for power. We thus have a duty to broaden our gaze and to direct techno-scientific research towards the pursuit of peace and the common good, in the service of integral human development.

This should lead us to reflect on something frequently overlooked in our current technocratic and efficiency-oriented mentality, as it is decisive for personal and social development: the "sense of limit". Human beings are, by definition, mortal. By proposing to overcome every limit through technology, in an obsessive desire to control everything, we risk losing control over ourselves. In the quest for an absolute freedom, we risk falling into the spiral of a "technological dictatorship". Recognising and accepting our limits as creatures is an indispensable condition for welcoming fulfilment as a gift.

The world has no need of new technologies that contribute to the unjust development of commerce and the weapons trade. By so doing, the human heart itself would risk becoming ever more "artificial". The most advanced technological applications should be employed to pave the way for peace. If artificial intelligence were used to promote integral human development, it could introduce important innovations in agriculture, education and culture, an improved level of life for entire nations and peoples, and the growth of human fraternity.

I hope that efforts to ensure that progress in developing forms of artificial intelligence will ultimately serve the cause of human fraternity and peace. It is not the responsibility of a few but of the entire human family. For peace is the fruit of relationships that recognise and welcome others in their inalienable dignity, and of cooperation and commitment in seeking the integral development of all individuals and peoples.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

January 15
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 16
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
1 Sm 17:32-33,
37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 18
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6-9;
19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

January 19
Weekday
1 Sm 24:3-21
Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 20
Weekday
2 Sm 1:1-4,
11-12, 19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

January 21
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

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

January 14, 2024

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●

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HOLY

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday, 14 January 2024

ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (No. 837) 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

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 great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 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 prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 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: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

A reading from the Book of Samuel:

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep,

and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 40: HERE AM I, LORD



1. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. (R)
2. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." (R)
3. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!" (R)
4. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

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:

"We come to do your will, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: LORD, WHEN YOU CAME (No. 781)

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