

LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ Amos was a curious character. His 'job' had been to cut and prune trees. But he decided to go to the Bethel Shrine (think National Cathedral) and declare that while the country was not at war — and wealth was increasing — the poor were being oppressed. Because God's will was often 'spoken' through prophets, a King would carefully silence this prophetic voice by putting priests and prophets 'on the payroll' and at work in the national shrine. Amos declares *enough is enough!* The Priest of Bethel, Amaziah, wants Amos to 'go away'. Amos declares *'I am not corrupt and paid off like you'*. In the wealthy-and-oppressed debate today, who is an 'Amos' you know? And who is an 'Amaziah'? What do you say about the issues affecting the poor when it is raised in conversation?
- ❖ Paul's letter to the Ephesians can be understood as a collection of hymns and prayers used in the early liturgy of the Church. Consider the beauty of this prayer. You are blessed with every spiritual blessing. You are chosen to be holy and pure. You have been adopted into God's family. You have been forgiven and washed clean from all sin by the Blood of Jesus. You exist for the praise of God. You have heard the word of truth. You have been sealed and marked and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Which idea in this prayer resonates most strongly with you?
- ❖ At the beginning of the Gospel of Mark a very clear pattern of events takes place with Jesus. Everywhere. Everyday. Jesus casts out evil. The Kingdom of God is more than an idea. It is to be an experience where good replaces evil. After his own townspeople of Nazareth refuse to believe in him, instead of sulking and being limited by their rejection, he calls 'The Twelve' to go out with power to cast out evil. Jesus empowers others to become like him. Have you experienced a moment of decision — *Shall I react and let myself become 'small' or be proactive and allow myself to become 'big'?* How can you work toward becoming a kingdom person of 'healing and curing'?
- ❖ The lifestyle of the disciple is significant. We are to live as Jesus lived. Only wandering missionary items were to be taken — sandals and a walking stick. An extra tunic was frequently used as a tent to keep one warm for the night. No extra signs of wealth or comfort. No 'house-hopping' when the food or bedroom may not be appealing. Disciples were to witness to a lifestyle that revealed the concerns of the Kingdom, *not* concerns for comfort. Are you concerned or comfortable? Is life becoming cluttered with items, at the expense of interest in 'taking authority over unclean spirits'?
- ❖ A missionary disciple can become worried or saddened they are not welcomed or listened to. Jesus tells them they can adopt the Jewish practice of 'dusting their shoes'. Jewish people, on returning from a gentile land into the Holy Land, dusted their feet at the border crossing. They symbolically 'shook off' any rejection of God from unbelievers. Is there a rejection experience you are still trying to work through and 'shake off'?

On the Solemnity of the Ascension, Pope Francis declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee — continuing from his Bull, proclaiming 2025 as a Jubilee Year —

Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, and finding their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord's words always find an echo in our hearts: *"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"* for *"just as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me"* (Mt 25:35.40).

The elderly, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations. I would also mention grandparents, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren.

I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life. Before the constant tide of new forms of impoverishment, we can easily grow resigned. Yet we must not close our eyes to the dramatic situations that we now encounter all around us, not only in certain parts of the world. Each day we meet people who are poor or impoverished; they may even be our next-door neighbours. Often, they are homeless or lack sufficient food for the day. They suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many. It is scandalous that in a world possessed of immense resources, the poor continue to be the majority of the planet's population. They are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

July 15
*St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

July 16
Weekday
Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

July 17
Weekday
Is 10:5-7,
13b-16
Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

July 18
Weekday
Is 26:7-9,
12, 16-19
Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

July 19
Weekday
Is 38:1-6,
21-22, 7-8
Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

July 20
Weekday
Mi 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY

July 21
*Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

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

July 14, 2024

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. "I didn't know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call 'God's perfect will.' As it evolved, my prayer became 'Lord, let me live until I die.' By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn't matter." ●

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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. (2)

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: AMAZING GRACE (No. 645)

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday, 14 July 2024

ENTRANCE: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME (No. 615) 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: Am 7:12-15

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos:

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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: Eph 1:3-14**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: 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: Mk 6:7-13

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.

Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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:**

“Send us out into the world as your disciples, O God.”

PLEASE BE SEATED**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

OFFERTORY: 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER