

LIVING THE WORD

- Joshua leads God's people from their long journey in the desert (Exodus) into the Promised Land. 'Shechem' (meaning 'shoulder') is a very important geographical location, and an ancient place of worship linked to Abraham. It is the entry point between two mountains. Today is truly a 'crisis / decision' time: will they worship the local gods or Yahweh their LORD? We all place our lives in service of something. What 'worship' temptations do you struggle with? What ... where ... how ... who do you worship?
- Have you ever experienced in your life journey being led 'out of a state of slavery'? Being protected mysteriously along the entire journey of your life among many peoples? What are some significant 'God moments' of your life journey? How might 'reflecting backward' help you 'live forward'?
- A basic starting principle is being 'subordinate' or 'give way' to one another because of our relationship with Jesus. A 'give way' sign stops crashes. This 'code of behaviour' is seeking unity. If the wife is to be in imitation of the bride the Church and the husband is to be in imitation of Christ, can you see how the typical cultural view of the time is being turned upside down? What challenges you personally in this new family code of behaviour?
- Paul places the relationship of marriage into the beautiful mystery of the marital relationship between Christ and the Church. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the bodily language of love is expressed with the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood being received by the Church bringing a one-flesh Holy Communion. How could you make this reception special ... more intimate ... meaningful? Consider creating your own personal prayer to pray in silence after Communion.
- Today is a 'crisis / decision' time for the disciples. Is Jesus a man with strange teachings or the "Holy One of God" teaching 'Truth'? Accepting that Jesus will give his Body and Blood is hard for them. They are shocked. Their minds and expectations cannot grasp this large and challenging truth. The mystery of God leading the heart and mind into belief is involved. Who and what has helped you in your journey of discovery of the Eucharist? Has your journey of faith reached a decision-making step of belief in the real, true, substantial presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Do you believe?
- **Jesus, we thank you for your teaching on the Eucharist over the past 5 weeks. You are who you claim to be – the Holy One of God. Your words are filled with the Spirit and they are Truth. We know and believe that in you God has come to meet us and be with us. We believe in you. We receive you. We follow you. We live for you. Amen.**

Pope Francis established 1st September as 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation', encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This day is inspired by his encyclical, 'Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. The theme for 2024 is "**Hope and Act with Creation**". Let's read some of Francis' message for this day.

"The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit, and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

Let us begin with a question. If we are truly believers, how did we come to have faith? As Saint Paul tells us, it is because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are believers because the very love of God "has been poured into our hearts". The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit's way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other. We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is love. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God.

The life of a Christian, then, is one of faith, active in charity and abounding in hope, as we await the Lord's return in glory. Faith is a gift, the fruit of the Spirit's presence in us, but it is also a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus' commandment of love. Such is the blessed hope to which we must bear witness. Yet where, when, and how are we to bear that witness?

Surely by caring for the flesh of suffering humanity. As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering, which embraces not only humanity, but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the 'oikos', the home and living environment of humanity. Salvation embraces creation as an 'earthly paradise,' Mother Earth, which is meant to be a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all.

Our Christian optimism is founded on a living hope: it realises that everything is ordered to the glory of God, to final consummation in his peace and to bodily resurrection in righteousness, as we pass 'from glory to glory.' The whole of creation is caught up in this process of new birth and, in groaning, looks forward to its liberation."



CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

August 27
St. Monica
2 Thes 2:1-3a,
14-17
Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
2 Thes 3:6-10,
16-18
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

August 29
Passion of St. John
the Baptist
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mk 6:17-29

FRIDAY

August 30
Weekday
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

August 31
Weekday
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY

September 1
Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8,
14-15, 21-23

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 25, 2024

***A friend claims that various saints have
appeared to her. Is this something that really
happens?***

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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: DRAW NEAR (No. 935)

FINAL: TASTE AND SEE (No. 930) **PLEASE STAND**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday, 25 August 2024

ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR (No. 596) **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: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

A reading from the Book of Joshua:

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a

state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 34: TASTE AND SEE



1. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. (R)
2. The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry.
The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. (R)
3. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. (R)
4. Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him;
he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. (R)

SECOND READING: Eph 5:21-32

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

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL: Jn 6:60-69

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.

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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:

"God of life, hear us."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: 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.**