

LIVING THE WORD

- The Book of Wisdom is thought to have been written by King Solomon. Today's text links to the story of young King Solomon, newly married to a princess from Egypt, acutely aware of leadership responsibilities, and following the example of his Father, King David. In 1 Kings 3:6-9, Solomon prays for wisdom – a heart to understand what is good and what is evil. Today is Solomon's reflection on just what a precious gift wisdom is. Have you ever needed to search for and find a wise person to offer direction and guidance? How would you describe your need? What happened?
- *'I chose to have her rather than the light'*. Wisdom is not a 'possession' or equal to worldly wealth of gold or silver. It is the spiritual gift of knowing the truth and the very will of God. 'Discernment' of God's will is a discipleship skill. It literally means 'to cut away'. Consider a choice that you need to make. List the choices. Pray for wisdom. 'Cut away' options that are shallow or not spiritually motivated. Pay attention to the desire beneath the choice. Ask a wise person for advice.
- Hebrews was written for Jewish Christians struggling with persecution and the difficulties and fragility of the early Christian Church. They remembered with joy the clear Jewish Laws and Customs, and the sacrificial practices of the Temple. The author of Hebrews points them to the penetrating power of the Word. Have you ever experienced the powerful and personal way the Scriptures can reach deeply inside you and speak to your profoundest pain and questions? Reveal you to yourself? Challenge you? Inspire you? What Scripture passage has done this for you? What happened?
- The theme of wisdom is contrasted with wealth in the Gospel. A rich young man faithful to the Law still finds himself unsatisfied in life. His question: *'What must I do?'* is still focused on external actions of obedience. Jesus wishes to lead him from 'observance of laws' to 'living in love'. The invitation to change the base of his security from possessions to 'treasure in heaven' causes his face to fall. What possessions would *you* be terrified of letting go? Why? Do you trust that God will supply everything you need?
- The invitation to a deeper discipleship does not necessarily require letting go of wealth, but letting go of your *attachment* to wealth. Jesus uses an image. To get a camel loaded with items for trade through a 'narrow gate' in Jerusalem required unloading items and the camel sometimes having to kneel down and crawl through a small space (eye of a needle). Some scholars also suggest a misspelling of a word means it is a 'cable' that is trying to be threaded through the eye of a needle. How would you describe your 'use of wealth'. Is it available for building the Kingdom of God? The needs of the poor? How much 'security' and 'life' does your bank balance or possessions bring you? What does this story reveal to you personally?
- Peter implies a disciple's question about reward and security. 100% is an incredibly fruitful return. Normally a return would be 10%. However, it will be mixed up with persecutions. Consider asking a Priest, Brother, Sister or Christian friend how *they* have experienced God's faithfulness in relying on God for their security.

DON'T FORGET NEXT YEAR IS A YEAR OF JUBILEE — A HOLY YEAR ... continued ...

A pure heart is necessary for prayer to be vital and to show God what we need, just as the publican did in the Temple. *"Prayer is not a magic wand! It is not a rigid formula that, when repeated correctly, gives the requested product, as in a business; in prayer, it is **God** who must convert **us**, not we who must convert **God**"* (Pope Francis – General Audience, May 26, 2021). *"What is offered must be our own life, even our own misery! Only in this way can we experience that compassion of God who, like a Father, comes to encounter his children, full of merciful love"* (Pope Francis – General Audience, May 25, 2016).

From the very first months of his pontificate, Francis has described how prayer is the place where Christians recognise themselves as part of the 'one family in God' (General Audience, September 25, 2013), because through prayer we strengthen those bonds of fellowship that unite us to the same Father. These words echo those of the Catechism, which teaches that it is in liturgical prayer that the Church recognises herself as one Body addressing her Lord (Cf. CCC 2641-2643). *"Where there is prayer, there is fellowship; and where there is fellowship, there is prayer"*.

Taking up the words of St Pio of Pietrelcina, the Pope urges us to make prayer our own like a key that can open God's heart, a heart that is not heavily guarded. Pope Francis says: *"You can open it with a common key, with prayer. For His is a heart of love, a father's heart. And it is the Church's greatest strength!"* (Address for the Jubilee for Prayer Groups of Padre Pio, February 6, 2016).

With these words in our hearts, we encourage all the faithful to set out on the path toward the gifts of the Jubilee, discovering God's mercy, strength and love, and to give concrete expression to the Pope's invitation, transforming 2024 into *"a great 'symphony' of prayer, [...] to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him, thus making prayer the 'royal road to holiness', which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity"* (Letter to H.E. Msgr. Rino Fisichella for the Jubilee 2025, February 11, 2022).



CALENDAR

MONDAY

October 14
Weekday
Gal 4:22-24,
26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY

October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*

Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

October 16
Weekday
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY

October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY

October 18
*St. Luke,
Evangelist*
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

SATURDAY

October 19
*Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs*

Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

SUNDAY

October 20
*Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 53:10-11
Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

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

October 13, 2024

***When should confirmation take place?
I read that baptism, confirmation, and
Eucharist were received all at the same
time in the early Church.***

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●

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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: EYE HAS NOT SEEN (No. 728)

FINAL: THESE ALONE ARE ENOUGH (No. 650) PLEASE STAND

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday, 13 October 2024

ENTRANCE: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD (No. 606) 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: Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 90: FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! (R)
2. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil. (R)
3. Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! (R)

SECOND READING: Heb 4:12-13**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:**

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL: Mk 10:17-30

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to

them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

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:
"Compassionate God, hear our prayer."**

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