

# LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ The Prophet Isaiah is with God's people in Exile in Babylon. He makes a prophecy of a great leader who will not be like any leader ever known. God will allow his life to be crushed, which will 'ransom' and 'justify' (make right) all people. Verses like this in Isaiah form the '4 songs of the suffering servant'. Christians understand these texts as teaching us about Jesus' suffering. Have you experienced anyone willing to suffer for you? Can you think of any story where someone restored friendship with another at great cost? What happened? How does this help you make sense of Jesus' suffering for you?
- ❖ The Letter to the Hebrews continues to explain how Jesus' death and Resurrection have replaced the Jewish High Priest in the Temple. Instead of 'walking through the curtain' that separated people in the Temple from the sacred place – the 'Holy of Holies' (God's presence) – Jesus' death allows him to 'pass into heaven'. Instead of the High Priest sprinkling blood on the 'Mercy Seat' inside the Holy of Holies to bring forgiveness, Jesus on the cross has become the 'throne of grace' – the new revelation of God's Mercy. Where do you go to, look at, feel, the mercy and forgiveness of God? Consider praying with a crucifix this week, or at church in front of the Tabernacle – to 'find grace'.
- ❖ Jesus has just finished his third prediction of his suffering and death (Mk 10:32). The immediate request of James and John, for positions of power, reveal they do not yet understand what Jesus' death means. The indignation of the others reveals they were all secretly seeking power and glory. The Kingdom of God and the Messiah (to bring the Kingdom about) is still thought of as a strong political and military figure, and a triumphant banquet and honours will be given when victory is won. And, like other rulers, power will then be exercised as authority over them. Such a mindset will breed continual violence. How do you view violence and war? Do you secretly wish leaders would use power over others? Do you think the way of non-violence works?
- ❖ 'Drink the cup' and 'baptism' are terms full of meaning. The Father of the house would fill the cup of each member of the home. It was descriptive of God the Father giving out the plan / lot which was assigned to each person. It symbolised God's will. Baptism was not so much a water baptism as an immersion into the will of God – often involving some struggle and pain. Jesus is sharing with his disciples that the cup (job) is to set people free from the grip of sin and bondage, and Satan. This is a task which will involve hardship and suffering. What does 'drink the cup' and 'baptism' mean for your life? Now? Does it cost you anything?
- ❖ Jesus teaches about leadership. He uses some colourful images: servant / slave; humble service at a meal rather than a position of glory and being waited on, hand and foot. Ransom: in Jewish culture a person in debt or enslaved could be 'ransomed' back. Like a special family object in a pawn shop that is to be recovered and returned to the family. In religious worship it was also understood as an 'atonement' (at-one-ment), offering to bring forgiveness and a re-union with God. How do *you* understand and exercise leadership? Have you ever actively said NO to power? Pride? Greed?

## **DON'T FORGET NEXT YEAR IS A YEAR OF JUBILEE — A HOLY YEAR** *[continued]*

Let us now be guided by some of the teachings from the 38 "Catecheses on Prayer" that Pope Francis gave between May 2020 and June 2021:

"Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. There is hope, but I open the door with my prayer." *(General Audience, May 20, 2020)*

"Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to him. Sometimes we, human beings, believe that we are the masters of everything or, on the contrary, we lose all self-esteem; we go from one extreme to the other. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all Creation." *(General Audience, November 4, 2020)*

"Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God seek to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world [...]. Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions and sustains action; it gives us strength and serenity, and even when it challenges us, it gives us peace." *(General Audience, 27 January, 2021)*

"Everything in the Church originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer. When the Enemy, the Evil One, wants to fight the Church, he does so first by trying to drain her fountains, preventing her from praying [...]. Prayer is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit, who inspires progress. Changes in the Church without prayer are not changes made by the Church. They are changes made by groups." *(General Audience, April 14, 2021)*

"Jesus not only wants us to pray as he prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on his prayer. We must be aware of this: Jesus prays for me." *(General Audience, June 2, 2021)*



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

October 21  
*Weekday*  
Eph 2:1-10  
Lk 12:13-21

### TUESDAY

October 22  
*Weekday*  
Eph 2:12-22  
Lk 12:35-38

### WEDNESDAY

October 23  
*Weekday*  
Eph 3:2-12  
Lk 12:39-48

### THURSDAY

October 24  
*Weekday*  
Eph 3:14-21  
Lk 12:49-53

### FRIDAY

October 25  
*Weekday*  
Eph 4:1-6  
Lk 12:54-59

### SATURDAY

October 26  
*Weekday*  
Eph 4:7-16  
Lk 13:1-9

### SUNDAY

October 27  
*Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 31:7-9  
Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52

## 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.

*John P. Murray osa*  
*Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community*

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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 20, 2024

***I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?***

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●

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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: PAN DE VIDA (No. 920)  
TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)**

**FINAL: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (No. 663) PLEASE STAND**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Sunday, 20 October 2024

**ENTRANCE: WE GATHER TOGETHER (No. 638) 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: Is 53:10-11**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33: LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US**

1. Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. (R)
2. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. (R)
3. Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. (R)

**SECOND READING: Heb 4:14-16****A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

**GOSPEL: Mk 10:35-45**

**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.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**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:  
"God of Wisdom, fill us with your love."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: THE SERVANT SONG (No. 751)**

**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**