

# LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ Behind the scenes of the first reading is a show of strength by God (Yahweh) over the worshippers of Baal (the god of fertility, rain, nature). Ahaz, the King of Israel, married Jezebel, allowed her to import her Baal priests, and eventually she attempted to convert everyone to Baal worship. Elijah showed God's strength by killing the priests of Baal and then proclaiming a drought as punishment on the land and teaching the people that Yahweh is more powerful than Baal. Elijah himself has become hungry and thirsty. God tells him to go to Zarephath. This town was enemy territory as it was the home of Jezebel's father! He would be met by a woman who would help him. A widow is on her last meal and desperate for survival. Open to God and showing hospitality, she responds to Elijah. Her response is blessed by God ... *'she was able to eat for a year'* ... Imagine this scene. Reflect on the obedience and trust of both Elijah and the widow. Do you trust God? How could you show it?
- ❖ The Letter to the Hebrews paints a picture of the special Feast of Atonement described in Lev 16. The Priest would take blood into the tent (Holy of Holies) and cover the mercy seat with blood to represent forgiveness of sins. The Priest would then appear at the entrance to the tent and announce forgiveness. Jesus has entered not a 'tent' but 'heaven' and his own blood has been offered as a 'sacrifice to take away sin'. He will return, not to take away sin but to welcome all those who eagerly await him. Do you look forward to Jesus' Second Coming? Does Sunday Mass give you an experience of 'salvation' – 'at-one-ment' – where the Priest is holding up the gift of our reconciliation and communion with God?
- ❖ Scribes were experts at knowing and interpreting the religious laws of the Jewish People. When a husband died, a widow was vulnerable and often without support if a brother-in-law chose not to marry her. With few legal rights, scribes at times became caretakers of widows' property. They were supposed to protect the vulnerable but often 'devoured' the widows' house and property, charging a commission for their services. At the same time they pretended to be holy and continued to wear their temple garb into the streets to attract attention. Jesus does not condemn the role of someone interpreting the laws but invites authenticity. Who today is a modern widow: vulnerable and in need of care? In what ways would Jesus' words challenge the Church, priests, theologians, lawyers, politicians?
- ❖ The 'treasury' was 13 trumpet shaped containers that collected the coins, tithes and contributions of people at the Temple. A poor widow places all she has, in contrast to rich people giving to God something of their surplus. Love of God and love of neighbour will actually look like something. Is God honoured by laws, lengthy prayers, long robes, large sums ... or the complete, total trust and surrender of the poor widow with her 2 cents?
- ❖ Jesus now leaves the Temple and walks toward the event of his total and complete self-giving to the Father for the salvation of the world. Like the widows in today's readings, he will hold nothing back from God. How could *you* make a further step to give all that you are and have to God?

## PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS OF THAILAND AND THEIR CANONISATION

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (... *take a silent moment* ...) **Amen.**

**Leader:** The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand

**Response:** Pray for us



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

November 11  
*St. Martin of  
Tours, Bishop*  
Ti 1:1-9  
Lk 17:1-6

### TUESDAY

November 12  
*St. Josaphat,  
Bishop and  
Martyr*  
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14  
Lk 17:7-10

### WEDNESDAY

November 13  
*St. Frances Xavier  
Cabrini, Virgin*  
Ti 3:1-7  
Lk 17:11-19

### THURSDAY

November 14  
*Weekday*  
Phlm 7-20  
Lk 17:20-25

### FRIDAY

November 15  
*Weekday*  
2 Jn 4-9  
Lk 17:26-37

### SATURDAY

November 16  
*Weekday*  
3 Jn 5-8  
Lk 18:1-8

### SUNDAY

November 17  
*Thirty-third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Dn 12:1-3  
Hb 10:11-14, 18  
Mk 13:24-32

## SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday, November 23rd**, Fr John will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Nicholas Bunker, in Samphran, Nakhon Pathom. Blessed Nicholas was a Thai Catholic Priest and martyr (1895 – 1944).

### Itinerary for the day:

- 07:30: Vans or buses will arrive at Assumption Cathedral
- 08:00: Depart Assumption Cathedral (***strictly no later than 08:15***)
- 08:00 – 09:15: Drive to Shrine
- 09:15 – 11:45: Visit the Shrine and celebrate Mass
- 11:45: Drive to the In House Cafe for buffet lunch together
- 13:15: Depart for Bangkok
- 14:30: Arrive at Assumption Cathedral

Cost for the trip will be **600 Baht per person**, which includes transportation as well as the buffet lunch.

*Members of the lay ministry team will be on hand at the exit of the church today to take registrations.*

**We hope all can join us for this special day!**

***Our website:***

**[www.assumptioncathedralbkk.org](http://www.assumptioncathedralbkk.org)**

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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

**November 10, 2024**

***TV's "The Chosen" portrays St. Peter as married. What does the Catholic Church say about this?***

Scripture gives evidence about earliest Church practice when it says bishops, presbyters (priests), and deacons should be "married only once" (see 1 Timothy 3:2, 12). That means some of them must have been married! Still, the discipline of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom was encouraged from apostolic times as a way to follow the example of Christ. In the 300s, decrees concerning celibacy of the clergy indicate it was becoming the norm.

Peter is the most frequently mentioned disciple of Jesus in all four Gospels. This Galilean fisherman—introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew (see John 1:40-42)—became a spokesman and figure of central importance among the other Apostles.

Of the Twelve, some, like Peter, were married. His wife was from Capernaum and their family household may have included his in-laws. According to Scripture, "Jesus entered the house of Peter and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, the fever left her, and she rose and waited on him" (Matthew 8:14-15; see also Mark 1:30-31 and Luke 4:38-39). Moreover, Jesus—who may never have owned a home of his own—made the house of Peter his headquarters when he ministered in Capernaum (see Matthew 4:12-13). This house of Peter and his family was venerated by early Christians. Today, the Church of St. Peter's House sits over the original dwelling. ●

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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: YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)**

**FINAL: I OFFER MY LOVE PLEASE STAND**

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you oh Lord.

All my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain I'm making them yours.

Things in the past, things yet unseen, wishes and dreams that are yet to come true,

All of my hopes, all of my plans, my hearts and my hands are lifted to you. (R)

**Refrain:** Lord, I offer my life to you, Eve'rything I've been through, use it for your glory;  
Lord, I offer my days to you, lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.  
Lord I offer you my life. Lord I offer you my life.

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

*Sunday, 10 November 2024*

**ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN (No. 848) 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 Kgs 17:10-16**

**A reading from the first Book of Kings:**

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!**

1. The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. (R)
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers. (R)
3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. (R)

**SECOND READING: Heb 9:24-28****A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:**

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

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 12:38-44**

**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.**

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

*The priest addresses the families presenting their children for baptism together with the gathered faith community:*

**Priest:** Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting? **All: I do.**

*The priest concludes:*

**Priest:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**"Loving God, hear our prayer."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS****OFFERTORY: ALL THAT WE HAVE**

**Refrain: All that we have and all that we offer, comes from the heart, both frightened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need, all done in his name.**

1. Some would rely on their power. Others put trust in their gold. Some have only their Saviour, whose faithfulness never grows old. (R)
2. Sometimes the road may be lonesome, often we may lose our way; take courage and always remember, love isn't just for a day. (R)

**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**