

## LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **Begin the Year** — This Sunday marks the beginning of Ordinary Time. The season of Christmas has ended. Isaiah is among the group of Jewish exiles who return to Jerusalem (Zion). They see a city in ruins. Some wish to return to Babylon. Isaiah sees in hope and envisions a city shining beautifully, 'like a burning torch'. When some think *'forsaken'*, Isaiah thinks *'my delight'*. When some see *'desolate'* Isaiah sees *'married'*. As you look at yourself, the Church and the world, what do you 'see'? How do you think God 'sees' you, the Church, the world? Do you need to move from self-condemning thoughts to rejoicing thoughts? Imagine God wanting to dance and rejoice with you as if in a marriage dance. What are your feelings...?
- ❖ **Gifted to Serve** — St Paul is concerned about people in the Corinthian community who believe that only Christians who have the gift of tongues have great spiritual powers. Self-righteous people have hurt others in the community. St Paul wants to heal the community and remind people there are many gifts – *and* he places tongues last! What gifts have you noticed within you? In others? What area of need in the Church matches your passion, energy and gifts? Will you place your gifts in service of the Church?
- ❖ **Invited into Ministry** — Mary was attentive to the ordinary needs of people around her. She noticed that they had run out of wine and had compassion for them. How attentive are you to the people around you? Mary invited Jesus to help. Have you ever invited someone to do something and their response was "I'm not quite ready"? It's not the right time. Mary encourages Jesus into public ministry – and doesn't get put off by his response! Jesus reminds her his 'hour' is something deeply personal between Him and the Father. Have you reached a point in life when *your* hour is near? Is it time to commit to a public witness of your faith? To ministry ... single life ... marriage ... religious life ... priesthood? Will you listen to the Father? Have you had a 'Mary person' ask and invite you into service? What was your response?
- ❖ **Do what he tells you** — Huge water jars were used for purification and ritual cleansing. The servants were told by Mary to 'do whatever he tells you.' They were not asked to perform the miracle. They were simply asked to do what they knew how to do; but to do it even when they did not understand why. They 'filled the jars to the brim'. Their obedience and commitment to service allowed the miracle of super-abundant wine to be revealed. When we serve God with what we know how to do, even when it seems insignificant, God's abundant grace not only fills *us* with wonder, but provides amazing grace *for others*. Name a time you were asked to go the extra mile and do something apparently simple, then saw God work in a special way for others? What was that like for you? For them?
- ❖ **\$15,000 of wine!** The Jewish people had a prophecy that the Messiah would bring an abundance of great wine. Jesus' first public sign in the Gospel of John is to enter a marriage ceremony and replace water with at least \$15,000 of the best wine ever tasted. What do you think this reveals for the Church? For you? For John, a 'sign' points to a deeper reality. What is the difference between water and wine? Water is life-giving and cleansing. Wine is celebration-giving and joy-making. Is your spiritual journey more like water or wine? Do you 'believe'?

### The Word of God — A Source of Hope

The *Sixth Sunday of the Word of God* will be celebrated throughout the Church next Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the Psalmist, *"I hope in your Word"* (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

It is a deeply human experience. Everyone hopes, we all have hopes, but what is communicated to us in this Jubilee is a "Hope", in the singular. It is not an abstract idea or naive optimism, but a person, alive and present in everyone's life: Christ crucified and risen, the only one who never abandons us. Pauline theology is extremely clear on this point: *"Christ Jesus our hope"* (1 Tim. 1:1).

God's word can be a source of hope, if for us God remains the source of the word itself. Only if we hear the word from the voice of the present Word, who looks upon us with love, can it nourish in us an unshakable hope, because it is founded on a presence that never fails. God's word is a promise in which not only the one who promises is faithful, but remains included in the promise itself, because Christ promises us himself. *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* (Mt. 28:20). Jesus' last word, the last promise before he ascends into heaven, is the promise of himself to our lives, not only at the end of time but every day, every moment of our lives.

This indelible link of God's word with his presence, so radical from the time *"the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"* (Jn. 1:14) until he died on the cross for us, is the sense and promise of the entire Old Testament. As when Psalm 27 cries out to the Lord, *"if you are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the Pit"* (Ps. 27:1). Man has within him the deep, ontological awareness that if God does not speak to him, if God does not create him at every moment with his word, death, the dissolution of life, is inevitable for him, because God creates by saying everything in the Word through whom all things exist.

One can live without listening to the Word who creates him with love, but in this way he or she experiences, as so many do today, an inconsistent life, a dissipated life, escaping from our hands, unable to hold it. Instead, we are given the grace to live by listening, to live ready to listen to the Lord who is constantly at the door of our freedom, knocking and asking to enter. We are granted to live in an infinite friendship by listening to his voice, which calls us to communion with him, thus allowing the Spirit to generate in us and among us a new life, overflowing with hope, not in something, but in God who fulfills the promise of his presence at the very instant his word expresses it.



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

January 20  
Weekday  
Heb 5:1-10  
Mk 2:18-22

### TUESDAY

January 21  
*St. Agnes, Virgin  
and Martyr*  
Heb 6:10-20  
Mk 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY

January 22  
*Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*  
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17  
Mk 3:1-6

### THURSDAY

January 23  
Weekday  
Heb 7:25-8:6  
Mk 3:7-12

### FRIDAY

January 24  
*St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*  
Heb 8:6-13  
Mk 3:13-19

### SATURDAY

January 25  
*The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle*  
Acts 22:3-16 or  
Acts 9:1-22  
Mk 16:15-18

### SUNDAY

January 26  
*Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Neh 8:2-4a,  
5-6, 8-10  
1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27  
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## 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 and 17:15 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

January 19, 2025

***Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?***

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

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**HOLY (No. 263)**

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. **PLEASE KNEEL**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No.264)**

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 (No. 374)**

**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 (No. 391)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

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 HYMN: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (No. 932)**

**FINAL HYMN: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PLEASE STAND**

**Refrain:** Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you.  
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people, find a light within your Word.  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters, find a home in your dear Son. (R)
2. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. (R)
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.  
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. (R)

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

*Sunday, 19 January 2025*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (No. 837) 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 / LORD HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie, eleison, Lord, have mercy on us. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy on us.*

**GLORY TO GOD**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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 of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.

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.

Amen, amen.

**FIRST READING: Is 62:1-5**

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

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your

land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 96: PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS**



**R. Pro - claim his mar - vel - ous deeds to all the na - tions.**

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. (R)
2. Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. (R)
3. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name! (R)
4. Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth;  
Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity. (R)

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:4-11**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:**

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: God has called us through the Gospel  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL: Jn 2:1-11**

**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.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from—although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

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

**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:  
"Christ, be our light."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: THERE IS ONE LORD (No. 905)**

**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**