

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ In the first reading the People of God were returning from exile in Babylon. They were a band of refugees returning to their 'religious' home. Nehemiah was their leader, helping the community to rebuild the wall around the city of Jerusalem. Ezra was their priest, leading the community in listening to the 'laws' of God. Ezra is known for strict adherence to the laws of Moses and not allowing intermarriage. The people cry because they hear the law and have it interpreted for them so that they understand. Is there an area of the Church's teachings which you may need to hear and have interpreted for you? What is it? Who could you ask for help? Why do you think Ezra tells them to eat and drink?
- ❖ St Paul continues teaching the community about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some in the community thought they were better than others because they had the gift of tongues. St Paul teaches the gifts of the Spirit serve the community and help it to truly be the Body of Christ in the world. Do you feel your *gifts* for serving the Church are in the head (teaching), heart (caring), hands (serving), or feet (missionary) of the Church? Are you accepting and celebrate your gifts or are you jealous of others? How could you share your gifts this week? This year? In your parish?
- ❖ In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus begins his public ministry to the most difficult group: his hometown! Jesus is clear and bold in his vision. Do you have a clear sense of mission and purpose in your life and service of God? Jesus uses 50 words; what would *you* write in 50 words – for your personal mission statement – as you begin the year?
- ❖ The 'Lord's Year of Favour' is the 50th year – the Jubilee Year as established in Leviticus 25. Debts were cancelled, prisoners and slaves freed, and land was returned to its original family ownership. The whole financial, social and political structure was renewed. The Jewish people called this the 'Tikkan Olam', meaning 'the repair of the world'. Repairing the world is an essential part of the work of the Church and every follower of Jesus. Allow this idea to enter your imagination for a moment. Do you consider 'healing the world' as part of your consciousness and job description as a follower of Jesus? What area of need in the world attracts you – *calls out to you*? What has been your response so far?
- ❖ This year we will journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. A focus for Luke is Jesus' care and attention to those who are hurting, excluded, downtrodden. If you were to look about in your family, community, wider society, who do you notice has been knocked over and hurt by life, and is now 'trampled on' by the invisible hidden foot of society's structures? The Gospel of Luke is also known as the 'Gospel of Mercy'. Mercy comes from the Hebrew word for 'womb'. Will you be moved to compassion for those in need? Information *without* application is fascination. Information *with* application is transformation. Will the Gospel of Luke transform you this year?

A Reflection and Prayer for Word of God Sunday

God wants to enter into a personal, intimate relationship with us. Jesus touched the hearts of so many of those who had an encounter with Him in the Gospel. These people understood that having a friendship relationship with Jesus means trusting in His Word, recognising that He alone has the words of eternal life (cf. Jn. 6:68), even despite it not always being easy to understand His way of doing things – neither for the disciples nor for us today. We see this in Peter, when he says to Jesus, "*we have worked all night long but have caught nothing.*" Nevertheless, there was something in Him that encouraged trust, inspired confidence and gave rise to hope in His Word: "*if you say so, I will let down the nets.*" Peter and the other apostles found only in Him the answer to the thirst for life, thirst for joy, thirst for love that animates them. It is only thanks to Him that they experienced the fullness of life they seek. (Papa Francesco, Angelus, 25 August 2024)

L./ You who showed Your glory on Tabor...

R./ Let me enjoy the joys of each day, Lord. (cf. Mt. 17:1ff)

L./ You who called Your disciples to the lake shore...

R./ Let me also hear your call, Lord. (cf. Mt. 4:18-22)

L./ You who saw the resourcefulness of Zacchaeus...

R./ Let me offer you my efforts, Lord. (cf. Lk. 19:1ff)

L./ You who, by touching the deaf, showed them your closeness...

R./ Let me receive your Word. (cf. Mk. 7:33)

L./ You who changed the whole perspective of Matthew's life...

R./ Fill my life with meaning, Lord. (cf. Mt. 9:9-13)

L./ You who, turning toward Lazarus, brought him back to life...

R./ Encourage my fervour and desire for holiness, Lord. (cf. Jn. 11:1ff)

L./ You who, explaining the Scriptures to your disciples along the way, turned their sadness into joy.....

R./ Enkindle in us a love for your Word and the certainty of your presence. (cf. Lk. 24:13-35)

We thank you Lord because you are always near us, especially in the Eucharist and in your Word. At all times we want to turn to You, Word of Eternal Life, to welcome You with faith and simplicity, to share You with others with enthusiasm, to live Your Word in daily life and to proclaim You with courage. With the confidence of sons and daughters and in your own words we dare to say:

Our Father



CALENDAR

MONDAY

January 27
Weekday
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 29
Weekday
Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 30
Weekday
Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

February 1
Weekday
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

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 26, 2025

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—uscbb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

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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

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: HOW GREAT THOU ART (No. 578)

FINAL: 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)

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 26 January 2025

ENTRANCE HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME (No. 615) 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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah:

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it

so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19: YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE



R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

1. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (R)
2. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. (R)
3. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. (R)
4. Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:12-30

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

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

GOSPEL: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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:
"Make us, O Lord, heralds of your Word!"**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: BLESS THE LORD (No. 620)

Pilgrims of Hope

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence (♩ = c. 69)
INTRODUCTION

Organ

REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is burn - ing, may my song a - rise to you: Source of

life that has no end - ing, on life's path I trust in you.

Pilgrims of Hope

VERSES

1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a light with - in your Word. Scat - tered
2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing, for our God is born in time. Son made

to Refrain

1. frag - ile sons and daugh - ters find a home in your dear Son
2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free.
3. man for you and man - y who will find the way in him.