

LIVINGTHEWORD

- Baptism Job Description: The Prophet Isaiah speaks often of the promise that God will send a Messiah. Today's prophecy foretells Jesus' coming. Celebrating Jesus' Baptism we learn also of our own 'job description', to live following Jesus' lifestyle and example in the world. Have you made your baptism personal and meaningful? What does it mean for you: to be chosen ... upon whom I have put my spirit ... bring forth justice ... be called personally for the victory of justice? Have you recognised God trying to take you by the hand and form you, asking you to be an example and light for others? Transform the lives of people who are blind and suffering in darkness?
- Water and Fire: It was custom for disciples to carry the master's sandals. It was a sign of discipleship. John shares the image that he is not even worthy to bow down and undo the sandals of Jesus. The holiness and distinctiveness between John and Jesus is reflected upon as the difference between water (cool – cleansing) and fire (hot purifying). Is your discipleship journey cool or hot at the moment?
- Baptism: Historical and theological writing is present in this Baptism scene of Jesus. Isaiah had cried out to God in the Old Testament – open the heavens and come down! Now the clouds are pushed apart, the Spirit of God descends and God's voice is heard. Here he is! The Messiah. The Promised One. My Son. Imagine being at this scene. Imagine this is your baptism scene. What do you feel? Think? Fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of Isaiah, do you accept being 'beloved', as well as your baptismal 'job description'?
- You may have been too young to remember your own baptism. It does not mean that you cannot now become conscious of what happened and what it means today. A special prayer was prayed over you as part of your anointing, your '*Christ-ing*'. Your call is to be a Priest, Prophet, and King.
 - Priest — bring the world to God and God to the world
 - Prophet — listen to the Scriptures and speak God's word of comfort and challenge to the world
 - King — lead the world, *not* follow the world
 - Have you embraced this baptism call / vocation?



Message of Pope Francis for 58th World Day of Peace — 1st January 2025

5. The celebration of the Jubilee spurs us to make a number of changes, in order to confront the present state of injustice and inequality, by reminding ourselves that the goods of the earth are meant not for a privileged few, but for everyone. In his infinite mercy the Lord does not abandon sinful humanity, but instead reaffirms his gift of life by the saving forgiveness offered to all through Jesus Christ.

6. Once we lose sight of our relationship to the Father, we begin to cherish the illusion that our relationships with others can be governed by a logic of exploitation and oppression, where might makes right. Like the elites at the time of Jesus, who profited from the suffering of the poor, so today, in our interconnected global village, the international system, unless it is inspired by a spirit of solidarity and interdependence, gives rise to injustices, aggravated by corruption, which leave the poorer countries trapped. A mentality that exploits the indebted can serve as a shorthand description of the present "debt crisis" that weighs upon a number of countries, above all in the global South.

7. Foreign debt has become a means of control whereby certain governments and private financial institutions of the richer countries unscrupulously and indiscriminately exploit the human and natural resources of poorer countries, simply to satisfy the demands of their own markets. In addition, different peoples, already burdened by international debt, find themselves also forced to bear the burden of the "ecological debt" incurred by the more developed countries. Foreign debt and ecological debt are two sides of the same coin, namely the mindset of exploitation that has culminated in the debt crisis. In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.

8. The cultural and structural change needed to surmount this crisis will come about when we finally recognise that we are all sons and daughters of the one Father; that we are all in His debt but also that we need one another, in a spirit of shared and diversified responsibility.

I believe this section of Francis' message is the greatest challenge he presents to us. We can all say YES! to peace and no more war, even if we do nothing. But forgiving world debt is a contentious issue, bringing forth robust discussion. I highlight this challenge of Pope Francis in the dual hope of our pursuing critical reflection and sharing.

~ John P Murray osa

CALENDAR

MONDAY

January 13
Weekday
Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY

January 14
Weekday
Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 15
Weekday
Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 16
Weekday
Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 18
Weekday
Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 19
*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 62:1-5
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

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

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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 12, 2025

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

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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

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

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: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL HYMN: GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES (No. 769) **PLEASE STAND**

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)

Sunday, 12th January 2025

ENTRANCE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Hymn for The Jubilee Year 2025) **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 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104: O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



1. O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.
You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth; (R)
2. You have constructed your palace upon the waters.
You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers. (R)
3. How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all--the earth is full of your creatures;
the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number
of living things both small and great. (R)
4. They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. (R)
5. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

SECOND READING: Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus:

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

GOSPEL: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES PLEASE STAND

The Priest addresses the Community, who make their responses together.

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.

SPRINKLING OF CONGREGATION WITH BAPTISMAL WATER: NEW LIFE

Refrain: New life! New life! You came to bring us new life.

New life! New life! We find such joy in your abundant life

1. You are the source of our great joy, the fountain of all life.

You give us living water; you bid us come and drink.

We come to you; we bless you, Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

2. You are the source of our new life; in your light we see light.

You show to us your goodness; you bid us taste and see.

We come to you; we bless you Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Bless your people with peace, O God."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: COME TO THE WATER (No. 584)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND