

LIVINGTHEWORD

- **Leaving the Comfort of Home** — Paul and Barnabas traveled great distances, endured resistance and persecution, and spent years away from their 'home base' of Antioch. On finishing their journeys, they returned back through the various towns – even those that persecuted them! Paul was a teacher and Barnabas' name reveals he was an 'encourager'. Who could you pair up with on mission in your workplace / community to share God's love and life?
- **From Exclusion to Inclusion** — Paul and Barnabas broke centuries old prejudices of considering God only loved the Jews. His *chosen people*. Going to the Gentiles was an enormous change. To put this into context, if a Jew married a Gentile in Jesus' time, the Jewish family would conduct a public funeral to say to everyone that you were now dead to the family. Non-Jews were considered intrinsically unclean. Which groups of people today are considered outcasts ... sinners ... beyond God's love? What might need to change in you / in the Church so that they feel welcomed and included?
- **The Seventh Vision** — Although Jerusalem had been destroyed and Christians were being severely persecuted, a vision is seen of what is **now** true. Can you look at the Church today – with all its struggles – and see the bride (Church) adorned for her husband (Christ)? God's presence ever-dwelling in the Church, in the Word and Eucharist, making things new?
- **Glory** — In John's Gospel, the moment of Jesus dying on the Cross is not simply a place of suffering; it is also an event which brings glory as it reveals a moment of God's victory – the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection from death. The word *glory* is used 5 times. Jesus is 'lifted up' on the Cross like a winning coach on the shoulders of the winning sports team. Can you glimpse the glory of Easter?
- **A New Lifestyle and Love-style** — Jesus gives a commandment to his disciples which is new. While the Old Testament encouraged Jews to love their neighbour, it was interpreted within the boundaries of your inner circle of family. Jesus tells his disciples the love his followers are to show is to be qualitatively different. A love of outsiders, not simply insiders. A self-sacrificing love for all, like his own love on the Cross. Would people see something different in your lifestyle and love-style? Can you identify an action where you lived and showed Christ recently?

— Habemus Papam! —

On Thursday, 8th May, the Conclave elected a new Pope – Leo XIV. Amazingly, I have known him since 1983, as Bob Prevost. That is because we both belong to the Order of St Augustine. We first met when we were both members of the Order's student community in Rome. From my first meeting, I have known him as a most friendly and welcoming, fellow Augustinian.

In 2012, when my parents died in the same week, Bob, then our Prior-General, sent me a personal email, telling me that he so felt for me in my loss. I was so touched by his kindness and affection. He is a genuinely personable and caring character, who always makes you feel at home, with his hearty laugh and enduring smile. These are my lasting and personal memories of a man who is now our Pope.

So now we welcome and celebrate Leo XIV, a missionary, a bridge between peoples, leading us in the spirit of love, in the spirit of our dear Pope Francis, in reaching out to the poor and marginalised. Let us take to heart his words to the Church and world, on being presented as the newly elected Pope. He proclaimed to all:

“Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people – wherever they are – and all the peoples, and all the earth.

Thank you to my Cardinal brothers who chose me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a united Church, searching all together for peace and justice, working together as women and men, faithful to Jesus Christ without fear, proclaiming Christ, to be missionaries, faithful to the Gospel.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, "With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop." So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving, with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.”

— John P Murray osa



CALENDAR

MONDAY

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY

May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY

May 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY

May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY

May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY

May 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY

May 25

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,

22-29

Rv 21:10-14,

22-23

Jn 14:23-29

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 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 : 08:30 – noon
Sun & public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

May 18, 2025

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

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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: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (No. 932)

FINAL HYMN: LEAD ME, LORD PLEASE STAND

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.
2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. (R)
3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace; all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward. (R)

5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Sunday, 18 May 2025

ENTRANCE HYMN: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! (No. 527) 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: Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary

for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145: I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME



I will praise your name for ev - er, my king_ and my God.

- 1. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. (R)
- 2. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. (R)
- 3. Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations. (R)

SECOND READING: Rv 21:1-5a
A reading from the Book of Revelation:

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”
The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)
All: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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:
“Loving God, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: THERE ARE MANY ROOMS (No. 867)

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