

SAVE THE DATE — Sat 16th August

Pilgrimage to St Joseph's Church – Ayutthaya

Following announcements over the past few weeks, our Pilgrimage is confirmed to take place on Saturday, August 16th. **Itinerary for the day:**

- Buses will depart from the Cathedral at 08:00 am; it will take just over 1 hour to reach Ayutthaya.
- Visit to the Portuguese Settlement (*remains of St Dominic's Church from the Ayutthaya period, the 1st Dominican church built in Thailand, in 1540*).
- Short drive to St Joseph's Church.
- Fr John will celebrate Mass, after which we will visit the on-site museum.
- Lunch at De Riva restaurant on the bank of the Chao Phraya River.
- We are aiming to be back here at the Cathedral by 03:30 pm at the latest.

Cost: 700 THB per person. This includes transportation to and from Ayutthaya, as well as a scrumptious Thai lunch. As final costs will depend on the actual number of people joining the Pilgrimage, any leftover funds will be donated to St Joseph's Church.

Registration: If you are interested in joining, please email assumptionpilgrimage@gmail.com, and provide the following information:

1. Name, last name and mobile telephone number;
2. Number of people in your party; *and*
3. Will you be joining us on the bus, or make your own way to Ayutthaya?

Payment: We will start collecting payments from the beginning of August. Participants will have to pay in advance, via online transfer only. **Banking coordinates will be shared directly with all who register at the above-mentioned email address.**

JUBILEE OF YOUTH: 28 JULY TO 3 AUGUST

When I read that over 1,000 young people from South Korea are going to Italy for the Jubilee of Youth this week, I got excited. I thought: *I want to be part of this*. There is just so much life in our Universal Church. Let us celebrate it and be inspired by it, so as to be Pilgrims of Hope in a world that so needs to be reminded that hope is real and ever present in our midst. Christian hope is not a scam, for it arises from the living God with us.

— John P Murray *osa*

Prayer for Youth "Let the children come to me." (Mt. 19:14)

(Source – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Loving Father, you look with compassion on all your children, especially those who are vulnerable. May we work to create a world in which every child has access to food, clean water, shelter, education, health care, and all other basic rights. May we teach youth about their role in working for peace, justice and the common good. May we act together to ensure that the lives and dignity of children everywhere can be respected. Amen.

A Saint for Youth

Bl. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006, feast day October 12). Patron saint of the internet and the first millennial saint. He lived a life of heroic holiness and deep devotion to the Eucharist. He built a website tracking Eucharistic miracles and evangelised his family and friends during his short life, before dying from leukemia at the age of 15.



CALENDAR

MONDAY
August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Nm 11:4b-15
Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY
August 5
Weekday
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY
August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Lk 9:28b-36

THURSDAY
August 7
Weekday
Nm 20:1-13
Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY
August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Dt 4:32-40
Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY
August 9
Weekday
Dt 6:4-13
Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY
August 10
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
or 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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.

John P. Murray osa
Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community

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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 : 08:30 – noon
Other public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

August 3, 2025

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a “Bible church” with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?

The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in “one mind and in one spirit.” It is an act of unity, a real “communion.” Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.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.

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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: JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD (No. 909)

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)

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 3 August 2025

ENTRANCE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Please see insertion) 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

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

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: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune.

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 90: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VINCE



1. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night. (R)
2. You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades. (R)
3. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! (R)
4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands! (R)

SECOND READING: Col: 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians:

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL: Lk 12:13-21

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.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

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:

"Gracious God, hear us."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O LORD, THE GUARDIAN OF MY HEART (No. 654)

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

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



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.



to Refrain