

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 next 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: 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.**



*This coming Saturday, we will go on a short, but significant, Pilgrimage to Ayutthaya, the previous royal capital in the history of Siam and the home of the Catholic Church in this country. I offer a humble introduction, taken from **LICAS News Thailand**:*

"A concise history of Catholicism in Thailand" — October 9, 2019

The first Catholic missionaries who traveled to Asia were Portuguese, during the 16th Century. In 1567, Dominican missionaries arrived in the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. They were later followed by the Franciscans and the Jesuits. Thus began the establishment of the Catholic Church in what is present day Thailand. They came to minister to the Portuguese community already settled in Ayutthaya for purposes of commerce and trade.

In 1622, the Pope established Propaganda Fide, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, for the purpose of foreign missions. This allowed for the future entry of Papal sponsored missions into Asia. In 1659, Propaganda Fide established the Missions Étrangères de Paris (MEP). These French missionaries headed east under the authority of Pope Alexander VII, who appointed Bishop François Pallu to China and Laos and Bishop Pierre Lambert de la Motte to Cochinchina (present day Southern Vietnam).

On his way, Bishop de la Motte visited the Kingdom of Ayutthaya in 1662, during the reign of King Narai the Great. He was the first bishop to enter then Siam. Bishop François Pallu arrived in Siam in 1664 and held the first Synod assembly for clergy in the country where it was agreed:

1. The MEP would build the first seminary in Siam, with the aim of forming local missionaries. The construction of the seminary was completed in 1665.
2. Guidelines and regulations were formed for missionaries who would evangelise in Asia.
3. The founding of a local congregation – Lovers of the Cross – to further the local mission.

Three years after the first Synod, Bishop Pallu returned to the Vatican to ask permission for the Missions Étrangères de Paris to oversee missionary work in Siam. On July 4, 1669, Pope Clement IX established the Mission de Siam, with Bishop Louis Laneau appointed as the first Apostolic Vicar to oversee missions in the region. On March 25, 1676, Bishop Laneau became the first Bishop of Siam with a ceremony held in Ayutthaya.

Thus, the Thai Church formally began, amid humble beginnings, in Ayutthaya.

CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1-8
Mt 18:1-5, 10,
12-14

WEDNESDAY

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

August 14
*St. Maximilian
Kolbe, Priest
and Martyr*
Jos 3:7-10a, 11,
13-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

August 15
*The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

SATURDAY

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY

August 17
*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53

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 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 10, 2025

**Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last
days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?**

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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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.

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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: EYE HAS NOT SEEN (No. 728)

FINAL: YOU ARE CALLED TO TELL THE STORY (No. 774) **PLEASE STAND**

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 10 August 2025

ENTRANCE: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (No. 853) **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: Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries,

in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33: BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN



R. Bless-ed the peo-ple the Lord has[cho-sen,]cho-sen to be his own.

1. Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. (R)
2. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. (R)
3. Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. (R)

SECOND READING: Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.**

GOSPEL: Lk 12:35-40

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.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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:
“Lord of glory, hear our prayer.”**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: WAIT FOR THE LORD (No. 406)

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.