

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Amos continues his public speech in Jerusalem, against the incredibly wealthy who are so satisfied with beautiful beds, couches, food, wine, concerts and cosmetics. *‘They are not made ill by the collapse of their fellow people (Joseph)’*. How can wealth create a blindness to the poor? Can you remember any experience where you had your eyes opened to the cry of the poor? What happened?
- ❖ God’s covenantal relationship in Dt. 15:4 stated that *‘there should be no poor among you because the Lord will richly bless you’*. Implied in this is that the richly blessed share with others to ensure all are provided for. How aware are you that our Christian commitment / covenant involves a social obligation / covenant toward the poor? What are you doing to make that commitment practical ?
- ❖ Some scholars consider this passage from Timothy could come from an ordination ceremony. Who might be your Pontius Pilate? Do you have courage under fire to give your testimony and confess your faith in difficult situations? Where and when have you found it hard?
- ❖ Purple clothing was the ultimate sign of luxury and wealth because its source was a rare shellfish and insect being crushed to make the dye. It showed status in the way branded clothing and luxury merchandise distinguish a person of wealth today. What symbols today mean great wealth to you? What part of the economic system are you in? How do wealth and status impact you?
- ❖ The Great Reversal of fortunes is a theme of the Gospel of Luke. The rich will be brought low while the poor will be lifted up. However, it is not riches themselves that are the problem (Abraham himself was a very rich man!). It is allowing wealth to so preoccupy and claim one’s attention and energy that the needs of others go unnoticed. The rich man clearly knew Lazarus because he uses his name. However, he refused to share his wealth, and his conscience is dulled to conversion or compassion. The rich man claims he had no warning about the reversal. If this Parable describes what will happen in the afterlife, what does it demand of us today? How are you wealthy and what would it take for you to share it? We are charged to give to the poor not just because they need it, but because it is essential for our own salvation. Have you considered the difference between charity and true justice, which recognises that we are intrinsically in solidarity with every member of the human family who has equal rights to the goods of the earth? The gulf between rich and poor is immense. What can I change around me?
- ❖ How might the Parable of Lazarus challenge our Eucharistic Communities? The parish is charged with the care of every soul within its geographic boundaries. Are we wealthy in God’s great blessing and Eucharistic Banquet? Who do we share with? Do we drive vehicles yet fail to arrange transport for those in need? Are we wearing fashionable clothes and enjoying fancy coffees, while nearby, people struggle to feed, clothe or house their family? In Luke, Jesus refuses to allow his disciples to be satisfied with the world’s default settings. Every 6th line of Luke’s Gospel is a challenge to reach out to the poor in either charity or justice. What are your obstacles to deeper conversion to solidarity and justice for the poor?

REFLECTING ON A CHAOTIC WORLD

Given the world we live in and all that is happening, I judge it is a good time to revisit my reflection that I wrote after having had Covid. That was back in February 2022, not so long ago. I wrote it based on the Gospel reading, from Luke’s Sermon on the Plain.

Back then, I noted that it had been a transformational time for me. I reflect now how quickly we forget. At that time, Pope Francis had said that we would not come out of the pandemic the same as when we entered it. Now, I am not so sure. Do we ever learn?

“Blessed are the vulnerable, for they will receive much —

- a fertile time for enriching their humanity;
- a new and deeper perspective on life;
- the unrequited kindnesses, thoughts and prayers of others.

Woe to us when hiding our vulnerability, when being held back by it.

Remember it’s as simple as — we are naturally frightened to be vulnerable, as we may surrender control; enter the unwanted and the unknown; lose what we value. Who cares in the end?

The fact is the opposite happens for we shall appreciate —

- more deeply who we are;
- what truly matters;
- with new eyes the basic goodness of others.

We see that we are limited and that is okay.

We see that every person / every life situation has a redeeming side. It takes vulnerability to see that.

So we receive so, so much. We know ever deeper that we are all loved by God as we are.

It is that simple; it is that difficult.”

---- John P Murray osa



CALENDAR

MONDAY
September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12ab
Jn 1:47-51

TUESDAY
September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY
October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY
October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Mt 18:1-5, 10

FRIDAY
October 3
Weekday
Bar 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY
October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY
October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

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

Dear Padre

September 28, 2025

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.

Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship. Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

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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 (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

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: DRAW NEAR (No. 935)

TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (No. 828) PLEASE STAND

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 28 September 2025

ENTRANCE: 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

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: Am 6:1A, 4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos:

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet

they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!



1. Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. (R)
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers. (R)
3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Tm 6:11-16

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

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

GOSPEL: Lk 16:19-31

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 the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named

Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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: THE SERVANT SONG (No. 751)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND