

LIVINGTHEWORD

- Today is the only time this year we hear from the Prophet Habakkuk. Disheartened by the violence and the harm done to the innocent, he receives a vision and instruction from God. Literally, he is told to write a sign so that those who run by may be able to read it. The first billboard! God will save the just. He is asked to trust that the Babylonian army entering Israel will ultimately serve God's purpose of a renewal of faith in Israel. What disheartens you? What words of comfort have you heard from God or friends? What billboard sign would you create to help and comfort people to trust in God?
- Timothy is a young man Paul appointed to lead his community in Ephesus. He is discouraged and thinking about giving up that mission. Paul encourages him to stir into flame the gifts that God has given him. When we 'stir' a fire, we poke it to break it open and expose more oxygen and fuel so the flame burns hotter. What will help you fan the flame of your faith? What fuel and oxygen do you need? Timothy is not to be timid or ashamed of his youth and is to see his strength in God, not his own abilities. Is your faith precious to guard and fan for the service of others? What gifts do you recognise and celebrate in yourself? Talk to God about how fear, shame, timidity or tired faith limit you.
- When a text is confusing it can be helpful to place it in context. Luke 17 has a number of small teachings, given by Jesus to his disciples on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus guides them on their leadership responsibilities in their future communities. They are not to cause the downfall of a single little one (17:2). They are to forgive people in their community seven times a day (17:4)! This challenge makes the disciples ask 'increase our faith' (17:5). The word faith can also be understood as loyalty, in following the instructions of a teacher. Is there a little one you may be bringing down by a poor example? Is there anyone you find difficult to forgive seven times?
- The disciples do not ask for more teaching. They ask for help in surrendering more fully to God. Write a one-line prayer asking for deeper trust in and surrender to God.
- A servant was normally working in the fields or in domestic housework. Strikingly, this servant is doing double duties and is expected to do so without complaining. Society today expects individuals to be accoladed for their service. Yet Jesus calls disciples to servant leadership; the double duty of gentle, faithful servant leadership and extravagant forgiveness is a minimum for discipleship in Christ. What are your struggles with servant leadership?
- The idea of obedience is very unpopular today. The image of Master and Servant can stir up feelings and resentments. Expectations are often the source of those feelings. *"I should / should not have been treated..."* What are your expectations about serving God? How comfortable are you with the identity of being an obedient servant? A joyful servant sees the gift in work and delights in serving. They know their housing, responsibilities, food and needs will be provided for. Can you trust God to provide? Am I able to say truthfully *'I am simply a servant'*? What are your usual feelings about your expectations and identity?

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2025 – *Highlights of Pope Leo's Message* ***'Migrants, Missionaries of Hope'***

The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family.

Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of Creation. This future has already begun, since it was inaugurated by Jesus Christ, and we believe and hope in its full realisation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man and woman; it takes up the hopes that inspire human activities". The search for happiness, and the prospect of finding it beyond one's place of origin, is certainly one of the main motivations for the movement of people today.

This link between migration and hope is clearly evident in many contemporary experiences of migration. Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. They demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible.

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death. Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue.

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalise ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence should be appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: *"Show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it"* (Heb 13:2).



CALENDAR

MONDAY

October 6
Weekday
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11
Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY

October 7
Our Lady of the
Rosary
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

October 8
Weekday
Jon 4:1-11
Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

October 9
Weekday
Mal 3:13-20b
Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

October 10
Weekday
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY

October 11
Weekday
Jl 4:12-21
Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY

October 12
Twenty-eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17
2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19

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

October 5, 2025

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

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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: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (No. 932)

FINAL: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Please see insertion) PLEASE STAND

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 5 October 2025

ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (No. 837) 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: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk:

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me

and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

- 1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. (R)
- 2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. (R)
- 3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." (R)

SECOND READING: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

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

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

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

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: The word of the Lord remains forever.
This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.**

GOSPEL: Lk 17:5-10

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.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

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:
“God, graciously hear us.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: WE WALK BY FAITH (No. 680)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

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