

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **Leprosy Loneliness:** Our readings today have 2 characters who suffer from leprosy. Lepers were excluded from living in the community. People didn't want to catch the disease. It was also commonly believed that leprosy was a sign of being punished by God and that the leper was both morally and ritually unclean. The forced isolated, shunned life living outside the community (Lev 13:46) caused incredible loneliness and constant rejection. How do we shun, isolate and cause chronic loneliness and rejection for people today? What are some modern forms of social leprosy?
- ❖ **Courageous Healing:** Naaman was a general in the Syrian Army, both a foreigner and an enemy, and he had leprosy so was excluded and to be feared. Israel and Syria were not friendly. Possibly from a previous conquest, Naaman had even taken a Jewish slave girl for his household. Everyone would have been against him! Consider the courage he had in going to a holy man, called Elisha, in Israel. Consider all the obstacles Naaman had to overcome for healing? What obstacles do you need to step through toward healing and courageous asking for help?
- ❖ **Challenging Exclusion:** Scholars suggest that St Paul's letter to Timothy was written while he was in prison. St Paul was 'in chains', treated as a criminal for preaching the Gospel of inclusion by God, in Christ, to the Gentiles. He invites young Timothy to also be willing to persevere and suffer for this mission. What would you be willing to endure the hardship or damaging reputation of chains for? Jesus – and Paul – challenge the patterns of exclusion in our community and society. How could you reach out to include someone feeling excluded, in your family or workplace?
- ❖ **Giving Thanks:** Gospel stories are like icebergs – 90% of the story is beneath the surface. Underneath the story of the lepers are further stories of exclusion, hurt and isolation. The Samaritan is like Naaman in the first reading: a hated foreigner. Events in the past meant Samaritans no longer acknowledged Jerusalem and the Temple as the place of true worship. Healing from leprosy required a certificate of health by the priest before a leper could be accepted back into the community. The 9 lepers are obviously so keen to see the priest that they lost sight of who did the healing – Jesus. Only the foreigner stopped and showed gratitude. When do you take your life and health for granted? Have you had some high moments and forgotten to give thanks to God? Write, share or pray a 'thank-you-list' to God, about things in life you forget to say thanks to God for.
- ❖ **Including or Excluding?** God wishes to include and bring to faith the most unlikely of characters. Naaman and the Samaritan leper show God's desire to *include*, not exclude. What does this teach us about God? Does it change your image of God? Which unlikely character in your community might God be inviting you to bring to faith? What misconceptions do you have, and need to let go of, so that God's welcome and inclusion can be realised?

Pope Leo gave his first major interview in July, extracts of which were published by Crux on the occasion of his 70th birthday. He was speaking with journalist Elise Ann Allen.

With regard to efforts to promote peace, Pope Leo, referring to the war in Ukraine, repeated that "peace is the only answer." "The useless killing, after all these years, of people on both sides – in that particular conflict, but also in other conflicts – I think people have to somehow be awakened to say, *there's another way to do this!*"

He continued, "We keep hoping. I believe strongly that we cannot give up hope, *ever*." While acknowledging the reality of "bad actors" and "temptations," Pope Leo says it is nonetheless possible "to encourage people to look at higher values, the real values, that make a difference. ... You can have hope, and you keep trying to push and say to people, 'Let's do this in a different way.'" He, therefore, calls for "dialogue".

For Pope Leo, it is important "to continue to remind ourselves of the potential that humanity has to overcome the violence and the hatred that is just dividing us more and more." Recognising that we live in times of polarisation and also in times of lost values, Pope Leo said: "The value of human life, of the family, and the value of society ... if we lose the sense of those values, what matters anymore?"

He also pointed to "the continuously wider gap between the income levels of the working class and the money that the wealthiest receive." The Pope notes that "CEOs that 60 years ago might have been making four to six times more than what the workers are receiving, the last figure I saw, it's 6,600 times more than what average workers are receiving." On this point, the Pope says he also read that Elon Musk will be the world's first trillionaire: "What does that mean and what's that about? If that is the only thing that has value anymore, then we're in big trouble..."

Pope Leo XIV spoke on the concept of synodality, which, he says, "means each and every member of the Church has a voice and a role to play through prayer ... reflection ... through a process." "Some people have felt threatened by that," the Pope says. "I think that synodality is a way of describing how we can come together, be a community, and seek communion as a Church, so that it's a Church whose primary focus is *not* on an institutional hierarchy, but rather on a sense of '**we together**', '**our Church**'."

He reflects that this is an attitude that can "teach a lot to the world today." It is not about trying to transform the Church into some kind of democratic government." Instead, it is about "respecting and understanding the life of the Church for what it is and saying, '*We have to do this together.*'"



CALENDAR

MONDAY
October 13
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY
October 14
Weekday
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY
October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*
Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY
October 16
Weekday
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY
October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY
October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

SUNDAY
October 19
*Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Ex 17:8-13
2 Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

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
Public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

October 12, 2025

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

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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: TASTE AND SEE (No. 930)

TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD (No. 636) PLEASE STAND

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING (ALTERNATIVE) (No. 635)

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 12 October 2025

ENTRANCE: WE GATHER TOGETHER (No. 638) 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: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

A reading from the Second Book of Kings:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 98: THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS



The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav - ing pow'r.

- 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. (R)
- 2. The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. (R)
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands: break into song; sing praise. (R)

SECOND READING: 2 Tm 2:8-13

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

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

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

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Lk 17:11-19

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.**

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

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 of mercy and compassion, hear us."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL (No. 639)

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.