PILGRIMAGE – *Saturday, 29th November*

We will be going on our final pilgrimage of this **Jubilee Year**, to the **Immaculate Conception Church**, one of the 4 designated pilgrimage churches in the Archdiocese of Bangkok, on **Saturday 29th November**.

Itinerary:

- 09:15 arrival at Immaculate Conception
- 09:30-09:45 introduction to the pilgrimage site
- 09:45-10:45 visit the area around the church (including the original church); confessions; quiet time for prayer
- 10:45-11:30 Mass, celebrated by Fr John
- 11:30 **end**

  [*no lunch will be organized* this time, but we encourage everyone to be creative and head for an impromptu meal in the area with fellow pilgrims]

As the church is nigh impossible to reach by bus (it is located at the end of a maze of several small sois), no transportation will be organised this time, so please make your own way there.

For those planning to come by car, ample parking is available at **Wat Rachathiwat**: 3, Sam Sen Road, Wachira Phayaban, Dusit District, Bangkok 10300. The church is a short, 5-minute, walk from the temple's parking lot. Ushers will be on hand to guide you to the church.

Please register at assumptionpilgrimage@gmail.com, and indicate:

(1) how many people will be in your party; and

(2) whether or not you will be coming by car *(the latter information is needed so we can inform the temple how many vehicles to expect)*.

No participation fee will be charged, but we will hold a collection during Mass on the day. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Immaculate Conception church, and part to the **Migrant Learning Centre (**MLC) in Pathum Thani.

Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation DILEXI TE: *On Love for the Poor* – *a Synthesis* *(Part III)*

Chapter Four – A story that continues: The acceleration of technical and social transformations of the last two centuries, full of tragic contradictions, not only was endured but also confronted and reflected on by the poor. The contribution of the Social Doctrine of the Church has this popular root: its rereading of Christian Revelation within modern social working, economic and cultural circumstances would be unimaginable without the participation of Christian laypeople addressing the challenges of our time.

The papal magisterium has addressed the social question with encyclicals such as *Rerum novarum* (1891) of Leo XIII and *Mater et Magistra* of John XXIII. The Second Vatican Council brought it to the centre, thanks to John XXIII and Paul VI, who emphasised the closeness of the Church to the poor and suffering. Documents such as *Gaudium et spes* and *Populorum progressio* reaffirm the universal destination of goods. John Paul II consolidated the preferential option for the poor as an expression of Christian charity. Benedict XVI, in *Caritas in veritate*, identified love of neighbour as the search for the true common good, denouncing the limits of institutions. Pope Francis valued the contribution of the Latin American Episcopal Conferences. In continuity, the magisterium has emphasised that the mission of the Church is tied indissolubly to justice and to universal solidarity.

Attention of the Church focuses on two fundamental elements: the recognition of the existence of "sinful structures" that create poverty and extreme inequalities, and the need to consider the poor as "subjects" capable of creating their own culture, more than as objects of beneficence.

Chapter Five – An Ongoing Challenge: The bi-millennial history of the Church with the poor is an essential part of its journey. The care of the poor is part of the Great Tradition of the Church, like a beacon of light that has illuminated the hearts and steps of Christians of all time. Therefore, we should feel the urgency to invite everyone to immerse themselves in this river of light and of life that comes from recognising Christ in the face of the needy and the suffering. Christians cannot consider the poor as a social problem, but as a "family matter;" these are "our own." The parable of the Good Samaritan invites us to reflect on our attitude towards those wounded along the road. "Go and do likewise" is a daily command.

This Apostolic Exhortation recalls that Christian love overcomes all barriers, goes out to the distant, unites strangers, and makes family members of enemies. It is prophetic, performs miracles and has no limits. A Church that does not put limits on love, which does not have enemies but only men and women to love, is the Church the world needs. Through the change of unjust structures and gestures of personal help, the poor can hear the words of Jesus – *"I have loved you"* (Rev 3:9).

CALENDAR

MONDAY
November 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20
Lk 21:1–4

TUESDAY
November 25
Weekday
Dn 2:31–45
Lk 21:5–11

WEDNESDAY
November 26
Weekday
Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28
Lk 21:12–19

THURSDAY
November 27
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

FRIDAY
November 28
Weekday
Dn 7:2–14
Lk 21:29–33

SATURDAY
November 29
Weekday
Dn 7:15–27
Lk 21:34–36

SUNDAY
November 30
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1–5
Rom 13:11–14
Mt 24:37–44

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

November 23, 2025

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the Roman Missal provides "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" that are suited to these observances (Ordo #5, GIRM 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for "Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father" on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, "thy daily bread," and the Eucharist—a word that means "thanksgiving."

"Become what you pray"—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

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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: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS (No. 949)
YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)

FINAL: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (No. 574) **PLEASE STAND**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year C)

(Solemnity)
Sunday, 23 November 2025

ENTRANCE: TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING (No. 573) **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)

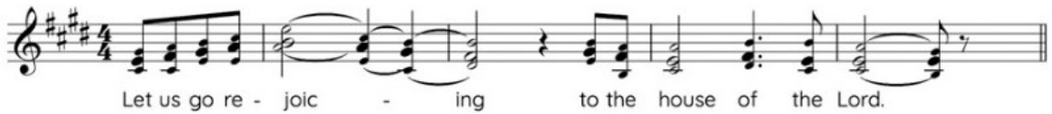
FIRST READING: 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the Book of Samuel:

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel

and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 122: LET US GO REJOICING

1. I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."
   And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R)
2. Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.
   To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. (R)
3. According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
   In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. (R)

SECOND READING: Col 1:12-20

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

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

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

ALLELUIA (No. 326) **PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

GOSPEL: Lk 23:35-43

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 rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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:
"May your reign come alive in us, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (No. 712)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **PLEASE STAND**