

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **The Wilderness Journey:** The journey in the desert and through the wilderness for 40 years is a symbol of our own journey from slavery (Egypt) to the promised land (Israel). God is described as 'carrying you on eagles wings'.
[Q]: *Can you recall a time God 'carried' you through the wilderness in your own life? How could you listen to God's voice more in your life?*
- ❖ **Proof of God's Love:** Paul makes a startling truth: God's love does not wait until we deserve it – while we were still sinners – Jesus died for us. This undoes a perfectionist mindset of being perfect before being loveable.
[Q]: *Which messy part of life do you struggle to bring to God?*
- ❖ **Moved with Compassion (felt sorry):** the Greek word is the same word used by the Father in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It has a deep symbolism of one's internal organs all moved so deeply; the experience of being torn and turned inside out with the grief of love and compassion. Jesus is sad with the experience of his people feeling 'harassed and dejected'. He now selects disciples to become shepherds.
[Q]: *How are people feeling harassed and dejected today? How could you shepherd them?*
- ❖ **Go to the Lost Sheep:** Jesus is full of compassion for 'lost sheep'. We are invited to show concern and commitment to welcoming back home those who are feeling 'lost' and can't find their way back.
[Q]: *Who in your circle of influence may be feeling 'lost'? How could you be a compassionate 'shepherd' for them? How could you welcome them 'home' to Church?*
- ❖ **Become a Blessing:** Count some of the blessings; talents and gifts you have received.
[Q]: *How could you 'give without charge'; mercy, time, faith, attention, compassion, money, so that God blesses others through you*

Pope Leo XIV – His Presentation at the Launch of Magnifica Humanitas – 25/05/26

Magnifica Humanitas is Leo's first Encyclical, which is a teaching letter addressed to Church and world. This is taken from his own presentation, given at the launch of the encyclical.

Like Leo XIII (in *Rerum Novarum*), I feel entrusted to look upon another huge transformation with eyes of faith, with lucidity of reason, with openness to mystery, and with cries of the poor and the earth resounding in my heart. [Magnifica Humanitas](#) was born from listening, like Leo XIII did. I have listened to scientists and engineers who work with sincere enthusiasm on technologies capable of alleviating immense suffering; to political leaders and public officials who have perseveringly sought just rules; to parents and teachers who are deeply concerned for the future of younger generations.

Other, very troubling voices have also reached me about increasingly autonomous weapons systems. I hear very troubling accounts of algorithms that can block access to healthcare, employment and security on the basis of data tainted by prejudice and injustice. I have heard the silence of those who have no voice when decisions are made—decisions likely to generate new forms of exclusion and suffering.

From this listening matured a disturbing conviction expressed in [Magnifica Humanitas](#): artificial intelligence needs to be disarmed. The word is strong, I know, but deliberately chosen because this moment needs words capable of attracting attention, awakening consciences and indicating paths forward for humanity.

The Church has long been working for nuclear disarmament, aware that every great technical power can affect people's lives and so must be accompanied by adequate moral discernment and public control. Nuclear disarmament remains a service to peace and the dignity of the human family.

In a similar sense, artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility. "Let us not sleep as others do," admonished the Apostle Paul, "but let us keep awake" (1 Thess 5:6). Such vigilance is necessary today. Peace, not merely the absence of war, is justice at work. But when technology weakens our critical sense, peace itself is at risk. Disarming, however, is not enough. We must build.

To be continued...

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CALENDAR

MONDAY

June 15
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY

June 16
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY

June 17
Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6,
16-18

THURSDAY

June 18
Weekday
Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY

June 19
Weekday
2 Kgs 11:1-4,
9-18, 20
Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY

June 20
Weekday
2 Chr 24:17-25
Mt 6:24-34

SUNDAY

June 21
Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

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

Good News!

June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 19:2–6a / Romans 5:6–11

/ Matthew 9:36–10:8

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Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●

OFFERTORY: THE SERVANT SONG (No. 751)

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.**

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. 390) 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: WHEN TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED (No. 907)

FINAL: HERE I AM, LORD (No. 777) PLEASE STAND

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 14 June 2026

ENTRANCE: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING (No. 598, Verses 1 & 3) 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: Ex 19:2-6a

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and

brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 100: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE



1. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. (R)
2. Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. (R)
3. The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 5:6-11

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

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Mt 9:36—10:8

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 your people."**

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