

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **God's Presence:** The mountain of Horeb was another name for Mt Sinai, where Moses met God face to face. Unlike Moses, Elijah is being chased: he challenged the Queen for putting statues of Baal in the temple, killed 400 prophets of Baal, and is now running frightened in the desert, seeking God. He meets God not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in 'the sound of a gentle breeze'— God's voice in prayer.

[Q]: *Have you ever done something for God and met resistance? Where do you go to seek God? What have you heard from God recently?*

- ❖ **Anguish to Energy:** In Paul's letter to the Romans, chapters 9-11 carry a great sadness, that the Jewish people – Paul's own people – have not recognised and believed in Jesus. Paul turned this anguish into energy, becoming an extraordinary missionary who could preach in a relevant way.

[Q]: *Have you felt sorrow and anguish for someone who has abandoned their Christian faith? Consider placing them before God in prayer. How could you turn anguish to energy and be more missionary?*

- ❖ **Taking Grief to Prayer:** Remember Jesus has just heard his close cousin John has been beheaded. Jesus now 'compels' (in the Greek) the disciples to leave, dismisses the crowd, and goes up the mountain to pray. He mourns the loss of John – his cousin and close friend – and seeks to bring this to God in prayer.

[Q]: *Are you so busy you don't take time to grieve? What sadness do you want to bring to God in prayer?*

- ❖ **Don't Be Afraid:** A boat tossed on the sea has always been an early symbol of the Church, and in the Middle East the rough sea stood for darkness and chaos. Throughout history many storms have made the Church cry out to Jesus for help. Walking on the water displays Jesus' power over all chaos and darkness, along with his use of the Divine Name, '**It is I**' — a simplification of the name given to Moses on Mt Sinai. While the English translation says 'battling with a heavy sea,' the Greek is, literally, 'tortured.'

[Q]: *What forces torture you and the Church today? Enter the boat scene in your imagination and hear Jesus say to you, 'Take courage, do not be afraid.'*

- ❖ **Crash or Courage:** Peter represents church leadership, but also each one of us as individual disciples. Urged to take the risk of obedience and 'walk on the water to Jesus,' Peter starts to drown by dwelling on the strong winds and big waves — problems ... fears ... anxieties. When Jesus is invited into the boat he calms the storm; their crisis and his help eventually lead them to bow down humbly.

[Q]: *Have you ever had a crisis—calm—bow experience like this? What would you like to pray for God to 'save' you – the Church – from today?*

Mary, Mother of the Church, and our Mother too

For me, this is more than a truth. It is a deeply felt, life reality. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers debated on how to deal with Mary. Rather than write a separate document on her, they decided to include her in the Document on the Church (***Lumen Gentium***). So they taught.

This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the Cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the children of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore, the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. **(62)**

The Church indeed, contemplating her hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the Word of God in faith, becomes herself a mother. By her preaching, the Church brings forth to a new and immortal life the sons who are born to her in baptism, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God. She herself is a virgin, who keeps the faith given to her by her Spouse whole and entire. Imitating the mother of her Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, she keeps with virginal purity an entire faith, a firm hope and a sincere charity. **(64)**

Placed by the grace of God, as God's Mother, next to her Son, and exalted above all angels and men, Mary intervened in the mysteries of Christ and is justly honoured by a special cult in the Church. Clearly, from earliest times, the Blessed Virgin is honoured under the title of Mother of God, under whose protection the faithful took refuge in all their dangers and necessities. **(66)**

In the interim, just as the Mother of Jesus – glorified in body and soul in heaven – is the image and beginning of the Church, as it is to be perfected in the world to come, so too does she shine forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth. **(68)**

The entire body of the faithful pours forth instant supplications to the Mother of God and Mother of humankind, that she, who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers, may now, exalted as she is above all the angels and saints, intercede before her Son in the fellowship of all the saints. She intercedes until all families of people, whether they are honoured with the title of Christian or whether they still do not know the Saviour, may be happily gathered together in peace and harmony into one people of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. **(69)**



CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 10
*St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr*
2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8-3:4
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1-12
Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

August 14
*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
or 16:59-63
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

August 15
*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY

August 16
*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

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



Assumption Cathedral
cordially invites you
to celebrate
the Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
on Saturday, 15 August 2026,
at 17:00 hrs.
Mass in Thai will be celebrated by
H.E. Archbishop Francis Xavier
Vira Arpondratana

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

NEXT SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST 2026,
OUR ENGLISH MASS WILL BE
RESCHEDULED TO 10:30 A.M.
PLEASE NOTE IT WILL BE
A SOLEMN MASS
IN HONOUR OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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)

Amen. Amen.

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: BE STILL MY SOUL

1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to order and provide, in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
2. Be still, my soul, the God doth undertake. To guide the future as he has the past; Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake. All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on. When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

FINAL: ON EAGLE'S WINGS (No. 691) PLEASE STAND

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 9 August 2026

ENTRANCE: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (No. 694) 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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

A reading from the first Book of Kings:

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 85: LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS



1. I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land. (R)
2. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. (R)
3. The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 9:1-5

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

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

GOSPEL: Mt 14:22-33

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

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, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (No. 795)

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