

- * **A Young Prophet:** Jeremiah was a young prophet who spoke out against King Jehoiakim. The King was so upset with Jeremiah's words pointing out injustice he burnt Jeremiah's writings. Prophets were passionately aware of the call to love God and show this in true worship. To care for the poor and the stranger through hospitality and giving. Often this put them in conflict with the religious, political and social systems of their day.

[Q]: *Do you see in the world a cause for 'crying out'? Do you see and wish to share outrage at what is accepted by society? What would you feel is a desire 'burning in your heart, imprisoned in your bones'?*

- * **Food or Behaviour:** Both Roman citizens and Jews in Rome were familiar with offering sacrifices – and food offerings – in a temple. St Paul leads them on. It is not an external sacrifice of food to God which is required, but your very bodies offered in loving service.

[Q]: *Do you consider your daily faithful service at work / in the family as an 'offering' pleasing to God? How could you offer your body and your daily life more to God? Are you conformed to this age or the will of God?*

- * **A Suffering Christ?:** Within minutes of Peter being made the rock upon which the Church would be built, Jesus now calls him Satan. Imagine how Peter felt. Although Peter recognised Jesus as the Christ and Son of God, he was wrong in understanding what this actually meant. The Jewish hope was of a glorious military ruler who would put to death all enemies of Israel. It was inconceivable that the Christ – the 'anointed one' – should suffer; he was supposed to make others suffer.

[Q]: *Can you glimpse how difficult it would have been for Peter and the disciples to have their understanding of the Christ changed? Would you naturally presume glory rather than suffering is fitting for God? What does this mean for your image of God?*

- * **Obstacles in Your Way:** Satan is a Hebrew word meaning 'adversary' – *obstacle*; one who leads you down a pathway that turns you away from God. Peter is suggesting 'another way' from the path to suffering in Jerusalem. He is acting as Satan does. He is told to 'get behind me!' – the position of a disciple following his master.

[Q]: *What are you arguing with God about in your life? Does it involve the pathway of comfort and glory, or suffering and self-denial? Will you 'get behind' or stay arguing?*

- * **Become A Revolutionary:** Taking up the cross is more than coping with burdens and failures. It is an act of revolutionary zeal to stand in opposition to structures of injustice that block the coming of the Kingdom of God. Only revolutionaries against the Roman authorities suffered crucifixion on the cross.

[Q]: *Are you willing to lose your life in the cause of justice and true reconciliation? Can you imagine the joy when your conduct and life is repaid in Heaven?*

Pope Leo's Message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – 1st September, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance. This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilisation of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.

Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of Creation is accelerating. These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world.

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give. This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person, transforming what destroys life into what sustains it.

War creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life, harming not only individual persons and communities, but also their broader network of relationships with the whole human family, and their harmony with Creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure, but also a moral and spiritual one. Rooted in distorted desires and the misuse of human freedom and power, war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace.

The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart. The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships and the broader world.

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilisation of love.

IMPORTANT DIARY NOTE

Beginning Sunday 13th September, our English Mass will start at 10:30 am.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 3
*St. Gregory the
Great, Pope and
Doctor of the
Church*
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 6
*Twenty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

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

Good News!

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2
/ Matthew 16:21–27

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●

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. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

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: BEHOLD THE LAMB (No. 939)

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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 30th August 2026

ENTRANCE: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS (No. 801) 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.

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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 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 mercyu on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at 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: Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 63: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU

My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord my God.

- 1. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. (R)
- 2. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. (R)
- 3. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. (R)
- 4. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 12:1-2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

GOSPEL: Mt 16:21-27

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Priest: The Gospel 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 of glory, hear our prayer."

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: ONLY THIS I WANT (No. 782)