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Living as a faithful Catholic in the modern world requires a distinct kind of supernatural courage. The daily, subtle pressures to compromise our beliefs, to relegate our faith to the private sphere, or to remain silent about the moral truths of the Church can easily breed fear and anxiety. This Sunday, however, the liturgy addresses these temptations directly. As we move through the early weeks of Ordinary Time, Our Lord points us toward an essential component of the spiritual life: the cardinal virtue of fortitude.

In this Sunday's Gospel, written by St. Matthew, Christ gives His disciples a commanding instruction: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." In these few words, Jesus reorients our entire perspective, reminding us that our ultimate concern must always be the salvation of our immortal souls rather than the shifting opinions or approval of the world. Yet, alongside this solemn warning, Our Lord offers an incredibly tender assurance of God's divine providence. He tells us that not a single sparrow falls to the

ground without the Father's knowledge, and that the very hairs on our head are numbered. We are invited to replace human anxiety with a profound, filial trust in the majesty and personal care of God.

To answer this divine call, we must actively cultivate the virtue of fortitude. In the great treasury of Catholic theology, fortitude is recognised as one of the four cardinal virtues - a stable disposition of the soul, strengthened by grace, that directs us to do what is right even in the face of severe difficulty, hardship, or social pressure. True Christian fortitude is far removed from worldly aggression or empty bravado. It is a quiet, holy endurance. It is the supernatural grace that enables parents to patiently catechise their children against the tide of secularism, a worker to refuse dishonesty at the cost of personal advancement, or a soul to remain steadfast in daily prayer when facing spiritual dryness. It gives us the spiritual stamina to bear our daily crosses out of love for God.

This week, the Church surrounds us with great witnesses who embodied this holy boldness. Within the space of just a few days, we honour the memories of glorious martyrs and saints: St. John the Baptist, who fearlessly spoke the truth to corrupt authority to defend the sanctity of marriage, and Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, who laid down their lives rather than compromise their allegiance to the true authority of Christ's Church. These holy figures demonstrate that fortitude is ultimately a fruit of charity. When our hearts are firmly anchored in the love of God, the fear of human disapproval withers away.

This week, let us invoke the Holy Spirit to strengthen this virtue within us. We do not need to face tyrants to practice fortitude; we practice it each time we choose the truth over comfort, and Christ over culture. When the weight of the world causes you to tremble, look to the cross, remember the humble sparrow, and rest in the knowledge that the Father will provide the exact grace you need to remain faithful to the end.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

Nigerian Community

### Flower Arranging

Samira Elias, David Elias, Juliet Nakhoul

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 7:15 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

### Church Cleaning Group 4:

G.Pinto, M.Moses, S.Martin, M.Magpayo,  
C.Elegado, N.Begley, J.Osei-Yamoah,  
L.Tordilla, J.John, A.Abosh, O.Ifeanyi,  
J.Raj, S.Pattalatah Joseph

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Mary Georges, Jasmine  
Miranda, Merlin Sandhiya

### Children's Liturgy

Elmo and Shanthi Xavier

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,  
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,  
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter  
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine  
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben  
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo  
Tognini, Sam Wardan, Gerard Watts.



Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
*by the grace of your Holy Spirit*  
*cure the weaknesses of your servants,*  
*and mercifully restore them to full health.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph  
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie  
Camilleri, Christine Derwin, John Dover, Alan Frost, Carmen  
Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech,  
Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Chini  
Maya Kc, Nouhad Khoury, Kaye King, Thomas Lam, Rustica La  
Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Mouna Malkoun, Lucila De Manuel, Roy  
McDonald, Aileen McIntyre, Jack McIntyre, Nancy McIntyre,  
Marie McDonald, Giovanna Mondello, Santo Mondello,  
Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael  
O'Brien, Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Doris Pickering,  
Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter  
Robertson, Grace Saliba, Louis Saliba, Garry Smith, Alex  
Taktak, Anthony Vella, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham  
Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine  
Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

### **Invitation to Attend Diocese of Parramatta Cluster Meeting**

The Bishop has requested all parishes of the Diocese to participate in an upcoming regional gathering. In alignment with the current Pastoral Plan, neighbouring parishes are being invited to come together in clusters to discuss themes and priorities as they have been set out in the Pastoral Plan.

To fulfil this request, our parish must provide a delegation of five to eight parishioners who represent a diverse range of ages, backgrounds, and active ministries. This gathering will take place on Tuesday, 21 July, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethany Centre, Parramatta.

If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office to register your interest.



### **Latin Mass Update at Holy Trinity Church**

Please note the monthly Latin Mass, which takes place on the first Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity Church, will start at the new time of 7:15 p.m. This change will take effect starting next month on Thursday, 2 July.

This adjustment has been made to accommodate Fr. Andrew's commitments in his new parish and to allow him time to travel to offer this Holy Mass for us.

Please join us in praying this ancient form of the Mass at this new time, and thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and your continued support.

### **Congratulations to Our Parish's First Communicants**

Holy Cross Parish offers its warmest and most joyful congratulations to the children who received two great sacraments this past week. On Friday, these children made their First Confession, cleansing their hearts in the Sacrament of Penance. Then, on Saturday, with pure hearts, they received Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time.

This is a beautiful and sacred milestone in their spiritual lives. To receive the True Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift we can ever experience. We commend the children for their careful preparation, and we sincerely thank the parents and Sacraments Coordinator, Rosette Chidiac, who guided them to this holy day.

Please keep these children in your daily prayers, asking Our Lady to protect them, so they may always stay close to the Holy Eucharist. May God bless them abundantly and grant them true perseverance in the holy faith.

### **Planned Giving Envelopes Available for Collection**

New planned giving envelopes for the upcoming financial year are now available for collection at the doors of both parish churches.

Thank you to all current contributors for your continued generosity and vital support of the parish. If you are not yet part of our planned giving programme, we warmly invite you to join us in supporting our parish's mission and ministries. Contributing is simple, with flexible options available for both cash envelopes and convenient online giving.

Please collect your envelopes today or contact the parish office to join.

### **Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal**

A sincere thank you to everyone who continues to support the audio system upgrade at Holy Trinity Church. Thanks to your remarkable generosity, we have now raised just over \$26,000 toward our \$60,000 goal. To help us reach this target, we have also applied for a Community Building Partnership Grant through the NSW Government, though approval is not guaranteed at this stage.

This project is the next important chapter in our long-term refurbishment program, which has successfully revitalised both of our beautiful parish churches, ensuring they remain worthy places of solemn worship. To complete this work, we still remain in great need of major sponsors and significant donations. We are deeply mindful of current cost-of-living pressures; however, if you can assist with a contribution, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

For electronic donations, secure online contributions can be made at [holycrossgranville.org.au/donate](http://holycrossgranville.org.au/donate) or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for your enduring stewardship, generosity, and care for both of our churches and parish. May we continue to build on the legacy of those before us who entrusted these sacred buildings to our care.





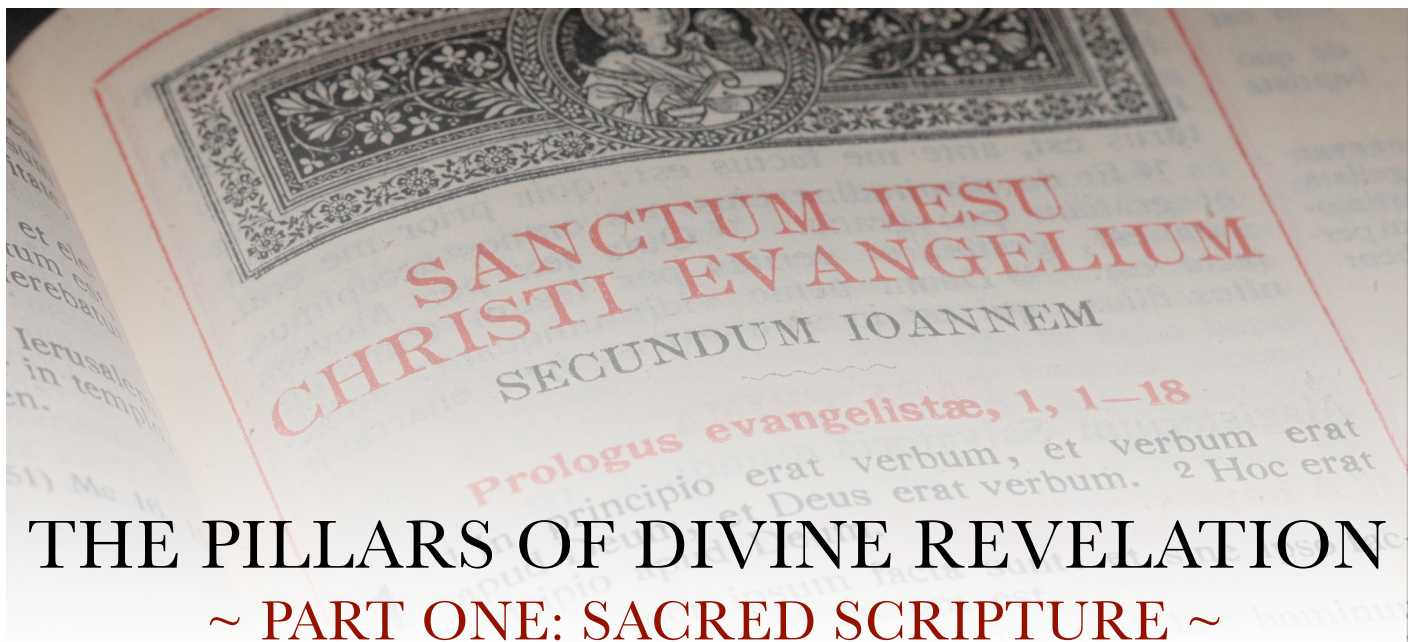
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# THE PILLARS OF DIVINE REVELATION

## ~ PART ONE: SACRED SCRIPTURE ~

This weekend, we commence a three-part series exploring the bedrock of our Catholic faith. Have you ever wondered how we can be certain of the truths we believe? As Catholics, we share a beautiful reality: God desires to be known by us. He actively reveals His love, His mercy, and His plan for our lives through Divine Revelation.

To ensure this divine message remains pure and vibrant across the centuries, God has provided a secure foundation. In Catholic theology, we speak of the *Three Pillars of Revelation*: Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium, which is the Church's living teaching office. These components are so intimately connected that they function like a three legged stool; if you remove one leg, the structure cannot stand. Together, they ensure that the Gospel given by Jesus Christ is preserved without error and passed down faithfully to every generation. Over the next three weeks, we will explore each pillar, beginning today with Sacred Scripture.

Every Sunday, when we gather as a parish to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, a deep moment occurs during the Liturgy of the Word. We hear the ancient stories of Israel, the wisdom of the apostles, and the words of Jesus in the Gospel. In this part of the Mass, we are not just listening to historical readings from a bygone era. We are engaging in a living and real time conversation with

the Creator of the universe. The Holy Bible is a sacred gift, given by a loving Father to reveal His inner life and guide us safely on our earthly pilgrimage toward heaven.

To truly appreciate Sacred Scripture, we must understand how it came to be. The Church teaches that God is the primary author of the scriptures. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, God inspired human writers across different centuries. He did not dictate the words mechanically; instead, He acted in and through them. These authors used their own language, literary style, and cultural background, yet they wrote down exactly what God intended for our salvation. Because God is the source of all truth, we can trust the Bible completely. It is entirely reliable and free from error in teaching us those truths necessary for our eternal salvation.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has deeply emphasised how central the scriptures are to our spiritual lives. In the liturgy, Christ is truly present not only in the priest and the Holy Eucharist, but also in His Word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the assembly. When the Gospel is proclaimed, we stand out of reverence and make a small sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts. This simple gesture is our silent prayer that the Word of God will always remain in our thoughts, shape our speech, and transform our

our innermost being.

Yet, the Bible was never meant to be read in isolation or interpreted strictly through private opinion. The scriptures are a precious treasure belonging to the whole Church. In the early centuries, the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, discerned which books were truly inspired and compiled them into the Bible we use today. Therefore, we always read the Bible in communion with the global and historical Church. When we read it within this living community, we protect ourselves from misunderstanding and stay firmly rooted in the timeless truths passed down through generations.

The Church invites us to bring this pillar into our daily lives by reading the scriptures at home with a spirit of prayer. By spending time with the Gospels, we encounter Jesus Christ. Let us resolve to renew our friendship with scripture this week, following Mary's example by pondering these divine mysteries in our hearts.

As we open our Bibles, let us pray for the grace to be genuinely transformed by what we read, allowing God's voice to reshape our actions. Treasuring the written Word helps us fall deeper in love with Jesus. However, this sacred text does not stand alone. Next week, we will explore how this written Word comes alive and is carried forward through our second pillar: Sacred Tradition, the living memory and faith of the Church across the generations.



# Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition



Discover the extraordinary stories of Eucharistic miracles from around the world through this unique exhibition, presented as part of our preparation for Eucharist28.

Come and deepen your faith, learn about the remarkable ways Christ has revealed his presence in the Eucharist, and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.



## Exhibition Dates:

Sunday 14 June – Sunday 28 June



## Viewing Times:

9am – 6pm (Tuesdays 9am–8pm)



## Location:

Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral



## Special Eucharistic Talk with Fr Gerard Kelly



Saturday 27 June



4:00pm for a 4:30pm start

Join us for a presentation exploring a deeper aspect of the Eucharist, followed by the opportunity to attend the Vigil Mass.



# Saints & STUFF

## St. Justin Martyr

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus commands His disciples to be fearless, instructing them: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." A spectacular model of this bold public witness is St. Justin Martyr, a 2nd-century philosopher born in pagan Samaria.

St. Justin spent his youth searching for truth in various secular philosophies, but a chance encounter with an elderly Christian by the sea completely transformed his life. Realising that Christianity was the ultimate, perfect truth, he did not hide his newfound faith. Instead, he bravely travelled the Roman Empire wearing his distinctive philosopher's gown, publicly debating pagan scholars and writing open letters directly to the Emperor to defend Christian teachings.

When a smear campaign by a bitter rival led to his arrest, St. Justin refused to sacrifice to idols, boldly declaring his absolute certainty in Christ. He was beheaded in Rome around A.D. 165. True to the Gospel promise, St. Justin did not fear those who could kill the body but not the soul, challenging every one of us to unapologetically share our faith in the public square today.

St. Justin Martyr, pray for us!

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Do not be afraid*

**1808** Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defence of a just cause. "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

**1816** The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All must be ready to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven..."

**1831** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.

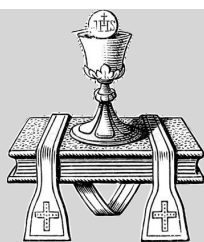
## CATHOLIC Trivia

### *The Vatican's Telescope*

Did you know that the Vatican operates its own astronomical observatory? It is a fact that often surprises many people, yet it perfectly highlights the Church's long-standing support for scientific enquiry.

The Vatican Observatory (Specola Vaticana) is one of the oldest active astronomical research institutions in the world. It traces its roots back to the late 16th century, originally established to help verify the data needed for the Gregorian calendar reform. Today, the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT) is located in Arizona, USA, nestled on a mountain known for its pristine stargazing conditions. It is a cutting-edge facility used by astronomers to study everything from the formation of stars to the composition of meteorites.

The existence of this observatory serves as a wonderful, modern reminder that faith and science are not enemies. Rather, they are two different ways of exploring the same creation. Throughout history, the Church has consistently encouraged the pursuit of knowledge, viewing the study of the heavens as a way to better appreciate the grandeur of the universe. It is a beautiful example of how Catholics have always sought to find truth, whether it is revealed in the quiet of the sanctuary or hidden among the distant stars.



# MASS MATTERS

### *~ The Liturgy of the Word ~*

With the conclusion of the Introductory Rites, we sit to enter the Liturgy of the Word. This posture signals receptive, attentive listening as we prepare to be nourished at the table of God's Word.

On Sundays, we hear a First Reading from the Old Testament, revealing God's early covenant with His people. We then respond through the Responsorial Psalm, a unique moment where scripture becomes our own prayer as we sing or recite God's words back to Him. Next, the Second Reading, typically drawn from the New Testament Letters, offers practical apostolic guidance for Christian living. Together, these readings weave a rich tapestry of salvation history, preparing our hearts to receive the Gospel.

The Readings

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**Introit**  
(Cf Psalm 27:8-9)

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

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**First Reading**  
**The Prophet of Jeremiah**  
(Jeremiah 20:10-13)

Jeremiah said:  
'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used  
to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will  
be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our  
revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my  
opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their  
failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who  
scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you  
will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the  
soul of the needy from the hands of evil men."

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**Responsorial Psalm**  
(Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14)

℟. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. ℟.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. ℟.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. ℟.

**Second Reading**  
**Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**  
(Romans 5:12-15)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin  
death, and thus death has spread through the whole human  
race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world  
long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no  
one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death  
reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,  
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself  
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through  
one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that  
divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ,  
came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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**Gospel Acclamation**  
(John 15:26. 27)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**  
**The Gospel of Matthew**  
(Matthew 9:36 – 10:8)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid.  
For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and  
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you  
in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers,  
proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot  
kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and  
soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And  
yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing.  
Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is  
no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of  
sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of  
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my  
Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the  
presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father  
in heaven.'

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**Communion**  
(Psalm 144:15)

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.