



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

St. Jude Shrine, August 23, 2026.

COMMENTARY Brothers and sisters, we are the People of God gathered as a holy assembly to praise, bless, and adore the Lord of our lives and of our history. Gathered for this Eucharistic Supper, we commemorate the total offering of His life out of love for us. All things are from Him, through Him, and for Him. Like Peter, may we too profess our faith in Christ, trusting in His infinite love for us. On this day, let us give thanks to the Lord for all those who, in the various ministries and services of our community, bear witness through their lives to the faith they profess and celebrate. Let us stand and begin our holy Mass with the entrance hymn as we welcome **Fr. Maximiliano**.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

1. He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
and I will praise Him
He is exalted
Forever exalted
and I will praise His Name

**He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall Reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His Holy Name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (2x)**

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All.
All: And with your spirit.

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

(SILENCE)

All: I confess to almighty God 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, (striking breast, 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.

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All: Amen.**

1. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart,
Kyrie Eleison (2x)
2. You came to call sinners,
Christe Eleison (2x)
3. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, to intercede for us, to intercede for us,
Kyrie Eleison (2x)

4. GLORY

**Glory to God
give glory to God
Glory to God in the highest
Peace on the Earth
and Glory to God
Peace to all people
Peace to all people on Earth**

1. Lord God Heavenly King
Almighty God and Father
We worship you
We give You thanks
We praise you for Your glory
Refrain
2. Lord Jesus Christ
Only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the World,
have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer
Refrain
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
Refrain

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to united in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. FIRST READING (IS 22,19-23)

A Reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 137 (138))

R. (8bc) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;

^{2A} I will worship at your holy temple.

Response

^{2B} I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:

³ When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

Response

⁶ The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.

⁸ Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

(2x) R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

8. SECOND READING (Rom 11, 33-36)

A Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (MT 16, 18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

¹⁸ You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia(2x).

10. GOSPEL READING (MT 16, 13-20)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to St. Mathew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, let us ask God—who revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Messiah and who calls us today to holiness:

Response: By your mercy, save us, O Lord.

1. Holy Father, protect the Church in São Paulo, founded on the faith of the Apostles and led by our Archbishop; that she may persevere in proclaiming your Word, in praising you, and in lovingly caring for the most vulnerable, **we pray to you.**
2. Holy Father, accompany with your Spirit all those who hold public office in our city, that they may always consider the common good and protect the lowly and the helpless, **we pray to you.**
3. Holy Father, draw close to all those who feel persecuted for the sake of justice and to all who suffer discrimination because of their faith, that they may be strengthened by your consolation, **we pray to you.**
4. Holy Father, bless the lay men and women of our community, that they may persevere in love and service to you and to their brothers and sisters, bearing witness through their lives to the faith they profess, **we pray to you.**

(OTHER PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY)

Celebrant: Let us conclude our prayers by calling upon Jesus, the author of every vocation:

All: Jesus, Divine Master, / who called the Apostles to follow you, / continue to walk our paths, to visit our families, and our schools, / and continue to extend the invitation to many of our young people. / Give courage to those who are called. / Give them the strength to be faithful to you / as lay apostles, / as priests, / as religious men and women, / for the good of the People of God / and of all humanity. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

1. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the Earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!**

2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the Earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of joy.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice 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.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS **LET US PRAY**

Celebrant: O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your church. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Preface IV:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal being with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim: **Holy, Holy...**

Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth are full
Are full of your glory

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes,
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith. (Singing)

All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the

Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Leo our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

† Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph - her Spouse, *with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

(Doxology and Great Amen)

Celebrant: **Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.**

For ever and ever! All: (4x) Amen...

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say together:

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: **Peace be with you.**

17. LAMB OF GOD

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace

Emmanuel, Morning Star, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords

(Each verse has a CALL and the Choir repeats)

1. Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of all, the World, *Miserere nobis*

2. Bread of life, You take away
The sins of all, the World, *Miserere nobis*

3. Agnus Dei, You take away
The sins of all, the World, *Dona nobis Pacem*

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

18. COMMUNION SONG

Take and eat, take and eat, take and eat this bread,
Take and drink, take and drink, do this and you will be fed

1. Jesus the night he was betrayed
Took bread, gave thanks (he broke it) and said
This is my body, given for you,
Do this in memory of me
Refrain

2. In the same way after supper
The Lord Jesus Christ, took the cup and said
This is my blood, given for you,
Do this in memory of me
Refrain

3. For whenever we eat this bread,
And drink from this Sacred cup,
We proclaim, the Lord said until He comes
He comes again
Refrain (2x)

19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father †, and the Son †, and the Holy Spirit †. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

21. FINAL SONG

(2x) Jesus Christ, you are my life
Halleluja, Halleluja
Jesus Christ, you are my life
You are my life, Halleluja

1. Tu sei via, sei verità
Tu sei la nostra vita
Camminando insieme a te
Vivremo in te per sempre

Refrain

2. Ci accogli nell'unità
Riuniti nell'amore
Nella gioia dinanzi a te
Cantando la tua gloria

Refrain

3. Nella gioia camminerem
Portando il tuo Vangelo
Testimoni di carità
Figli di Dio nel mondo
Refrain

22. ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

PRAYER TO MOTHER MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



*"Nine years ago, the cornerstone
was laid and a dream was born.
Happy Anniversary, English
Mass Family!"*

*"Thank you all for being here today as part of
this dream, nourishing your souls by praising
God with us."*

*Join us for our next English Mass!
Date: September 27th
Time: 10am*

