

10th AUGUST, 2025 – 19th Sunday (Year C)

INTRODUCTION: Today's liturgy helps us reflect on 'faith that hopes', and a 'hope that prepares'. The Israelite slaves, with faith in God's promise, prepared themselves in the hope of deliverance. Abraham and others showed unwavering faith as they walked into the unknown, with hope in God's faithfulness to His promises. In the Gospel, Jesus urges us to always be watchful, alert and ready, knowing not the hour but trusting fully in His coming. As we begin this Eucharist, we ask ourselves if we are living as people of faith and trust or have we let fear and distraction dull our readiness in our journey with God?

READINGS:	First Reading	Wis 18:6-9
	Responsorial	Ps 33:1 & 12, 18 & 19, 20 & 22
	Second Reading	Heb 11:1-2,8-19
	Gospel	Lk 12:32-48

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Trusting in God's promises and sustained by faith and hope, we place our petitions before the Lord. Our Response is: *Hear our prayer, O Lord*

For Pope Leo XIV, our Bishops, Priests and Religious – that inspired by St John Marie Vianney and guided by the Spirit, they may remain faithful stewards of God's people, guiding them with wisdom, compassion and zeal for the Gospel ... *(brief silent pause)* ... we ask this in faith

For Priests across every stage of their vocation – that through the intercession of St John Marie Vianney, they may be blessed in mind, body and spirit, as they nurture the faith of their flock with love, humility and unwavering trust in the Lord's providence ... *(brief silent pause)* ... we ask this in faith

For the leaders of the nations – that they may act with foresight and courage, making decisions that serve not just immediate gain but the long-term good of all people, especially the poor and the vulnerable ... *(brief silent pause)* ... we ask this in faith

For all the Christians, especially those whose faith has grown weak – that reawakened to God's abiding presence and trusting in His faithfulness, they may experience the joy of believing and live with hearts full of faith and hope ... *(brief silent pause)* ... we ask this in faith

For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence ... *(longer silent pause)* ... we ask this in faith

CELEBRANT: Faithful God, You never fail those who hope in You. Hear the prayers we have made and strengthen us to remain vigilant in faith, generous in love, and joyful in hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.