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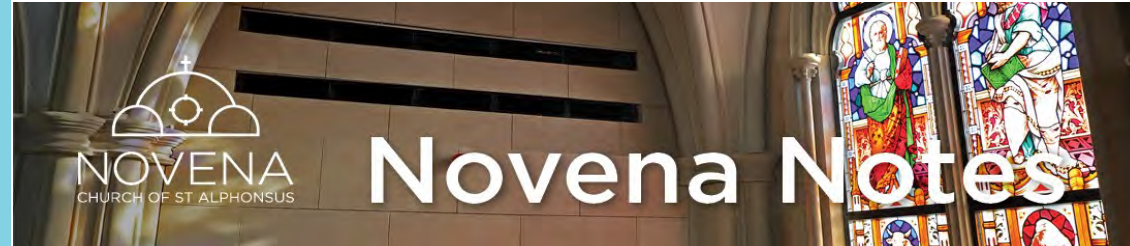
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

All the readings on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica make reference to the "temple" as a building as well as it being the body of Christ.

This is further reinforced by the gospel reading from John where Jesus is seen chasing out the tradesmen from the temple at the Feast of the Passover. This is one of the few instances where we see Jesus outraged, driving out tradesmen, pouring out coins of money-changers and overturning tables. He tells the people not to desecrate the House of God into a marketplace.

Indeed, the House of God should be a place of prayer, faith and hope and not be turned into a marketplace. Church is both a physical building as well as a body of Christ. We are reminded that we should also see one another as the temple of God and treat one another with respect and value. Relationships should be Christ-centric and not transactional in nature. Eg we should not be doing a good deed for another in hope of getting a favour in return. If anyone attempts to hurt or destroy God's temple, which are His people, we are reminded that God will destroy him.

Thus, we are not to treat fellow human beings like tools or transactions but we are to accord respect and dignity towards one another. Jesus is not telling us not to engage in business or trading but it is how we treat one another in the process? Are we fair and honest in the way we conduct business? Or are we always ready to find opportunities to gain more profit at the expense of others? How do we treat our employees and foreign domestic helpers? Do we accord them fair wages and take care of their welfare? Or do we treat them as lesser human beings? If we reflect deeply and find ourselves having such a disposition, it would be timely to ask God to help us see others differently.

Every one of us is part of God's holy temple and we have a duty to build upon it.

Reflection by Hope

Readings & Responses for the week

32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 9 NOVEMBER Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Cathedral of Rome	Ex 47:1-2,8-9, 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17, Jn 2:13-22. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
Monday, 10 NOVEMBER St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	Wis 1:1-7, Lk 17:1-6 Lead me, O Lord, in the path of eternal life.
Tuesday, 11 NOVEMBER St Martin of Tours, Bishop	Wis 2:23-3:9, Lk 17:7-10 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Wednesday, 12 NOVEMBER St Josaphat, Bis & Martyr	Wis 6: 1-11, Lk 17:11-19 Arise, O God, judge the earth.
Thursday, 13 NOVEMBER	Wis 7:22-8:1, Lk 17:20-25 Your word, O Lord, stands forever.
Friday, 14 NOVEMBER	Wis 13: 1-9, Lk 17: 26-37 The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
Saturday, 15 NOVEMBER St Albert the Great, Bis & Doc	Wis 18:14-16,19:6-9, Lk 18:1-8 Remember the wonders the Lord has done.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

4 MAJOR BASILICAS IN ROME



ST PETER'S BASILICA, PETER'S TOMB



ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS, PAUL'S TOMB



**SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE DEDICATED
TO THE VIRGIN MARY**



**ST JOHN LATERAN MOTHER
CHURCH OF THE BISHOP
OF ROME & THE WORLD**

SCALA NEWS, ROME



**Joyful Celebration of Redemptorist Priestly Ordinations in
Weetebula, Sumba Island, Indonesia October 23, 2025**

October has its own warmth in Weetebula. This week, the atmosphere felt different — filled with excitement and grace. The confreres, priests, families, and friends gathered with bright smiles, ready to celebrate a special moment: the Priestly Ordination of the Redemptorists, held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Weetebula Cathedral, island of Sumba.

On Tuesday, October 21 the Provincial House was alive with laughter and the sound of Sumbanese drums. Everyone came together for Kako Male, a traditional Sumbanese welcoming ceremony full of gratitude and cultural pride — a fitting way to honor those soon to be ordained.

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Weetebula was filled with festive spirit. The streets leading to the Cathedral were lined with people, music, and traditional dances. The deacons walked in joyful procession toward the altar, their faces calm yet radiant, ready to offer their lives in service as priests of Christ.

At 4:30 p.m., the bells rang, marking the beginning of the Ordination Mass, presided over by Mgr. Edmund Woga, CSsR.

At the end of the Mass, Fr. Jack Umbu Warata, CSsR, Provincial of Indonesia, announced the new priests' mission assignments. These are the newly ordained Redemptorists CSsR who are ready to be sent out into the world: Frs. Aquila Maris, Fransiskus Beda Asimu, Dominikus Maxi Bulu, Fransiskus Tibu Kelen, Fulgensius Avelinus Ora, Heribertus Geroda Hayon, Yohanes Lambertus Haeng, Kristoforus Akri Adeodatus, Surilus Yosep Rebang Muda,

Prior to their ordination Fr. Fulgensius Avelinus Ora, Avel, 5th from left, and Fr. Fransiskus Tibu Kelen, Randy, 7th from left in the photo, were based Singapore for their pastoral attachment.

And as the songs and laughter filled the night air, one message remained in every heart: "Be missionaries of hope. Copiosa apud eum redemptio — With Him, there is plentiful redemption." Fr. Willy Ngongo Pala, CSsR.

FOUNDING OF THE REDEMPTORISTS 9TH NOVEMBER 1732



ITS CONNECTION TO ST JOHN LATERAN

On November 9, 1732, in his beloved Scala, St. Alphonsus Liguori founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ announcing the Good News to the poor. He was 36 years old. His life became one of mission and service to the most abandoned. Pope Benedict XIV approved the Congregation on February 25, 1749.

"With Him there is Plentiful Redemption", Psalm 130, expresses the heart of St. Alphonsus' preaching and is the motto of the Redemptorists. Alphonsus gathered preachers to proclaim God's abundant love for all people.

St. Alphonsus picked this date to establish the Congregation because it is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, whose title is the Most Holy Savior. Lateran is the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome and the mother church of the Christian world. This ecumenical symbol reveals the universality of Christ's Church. Establishing the Redemptorists on this day reveals Alphonsus' desire to preach the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned everywhere.

They numbered less than 10 priests and brothers on this day in 1732. Each man was consumed with zeal for the poor, especially those living in the remote hill country surrounding Scala, on the outskirts of Naples. The most abandoned were the shepherd people who had little knowledge of the Gospel; here Alphonsus and companions began their mission. Preaching Christ's plentiful Redemption is the charism of the Congregation.

Alphonsus and his companions were young and few in number, yet God called them to bring the Gospel to those in most need. Alphonsus was inspired by Jesus' own identity in line with Isaiah's prophecy: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18a). To follow Jesus' mission was the vision of Alphonsus for his Congregation.