

Day Three Tuesday 19 September

Mass [Pius X Basilica - Centre Altar](#)

**Entrance Hymn**

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me.  
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

**Introduction (Reader)**

As we continue our journey as Pilgrims of Hope let us reflect on why Christian hope is steadfast; here is why it does not disappoint. Never does it disappoint. Hope does not disappoint!

It is not based on what we can do or be, nor even on what we may believe in. Its foundation, that is, the foundation of Christian hope, is what we can be most faithful and certain of, that is to say, the love that God himself has for each of us.

It is easy to say: God loves us. We all say it. But think a bit: each one of us is able to ask: am I sure that God loves me? It is not so easy to say it. But it is true.

This is a good exercise, to say to oneself: God loves me. This is the root of our certainty, the root of our hope.

This is a certainty: God loves me. 'But in this difficult moment?' - God loves me. 'I, who have done this bad and cruel thing?' - God loves me. No one can take this certainty away. We must repeat it as a prayer: God loves me. I am sure that God loves me. I am sure that God loves me.

**A Reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Sung)**

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
My soul longs for you, my God.*

A thirst is my soul for God, the living God

When shall I go, behold the face of God?

I went with the throng in procession  
Amid loud cries of joy, to the house of God.

Send forth your light and fidelity,  
they shall lead me on.  
Bring me to your holy mountain,  
your dwelling place.

### Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

#### A Reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'

But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

### Ceremony of Blessing with Water

**Reader:** In 1858 Mary invited Bernadette to, 'Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself'. That same invitation is being given to us today. We are being invited to bless ourselves with that same spring water, to recall our Baptism and renew our commitment to be followers of Christ and to remember that God is the living water that quenches our deepest thirst.

**PC:** Water is a gift given to us by God the Creator. Lord, you made water a sign of your mercy when you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert. We ask that our lives may also be refreshed with your living water. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

**PC:** You are now invited to come forward and bless yourself with the water of Lourdes that will be poured into your hands. As you make the sign of the cross recall your own baptism and pray in the silence of your heart for your own special intentions.

### Hymns sung during ceremony

There is a river that flows from God above  
There is a fountain that's filled with his great love;  
*Come to the waters, there is a great supply;  
There is a river that never shall run dry.*

Wash me with water, and then I shall be clean;  
White as the new snow, if you remove my sin.  
*Come to the waters .....*

Plunged in the water, the tomb of our rebirth,  
So may we rise up to share in Christ's new life.  
*Come to the waters .....*

All who are thirsty ,now hear God as he calls:

Come to the Lord's side, his life pours out for all  
*Come to the waters .....*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.  
Break them, melt them, mould them, fill all.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.

#### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

**PC:** We have been blessed with the Water of Lourdes – a reminder of our first blessing with water at our Baptism. We now renew our Baptismal Promises:

**PC:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth?

**All:** **I do**

**PC:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All:** **I do**

**PC:** Do you 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?

**All:** **I do**

**PC:** May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water  
and the Holy spirit, keep us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord

**All:** **Amen.**

#### Prayer of the Faithful

**PC:** We gather here as members of the Oblate family and present our prayers to the Lord in faith  
and hope.

**Reader 1:** We pray for those countries affected by war, drought, earthquake and famine, that the  
Spirit of God may move the hearts of world leaders to offer support and consolation to those  
affected. (PAUSE)  
Lord hear us...

**Reader 1:** Let us pray for migrants and refugees that they may be welcomed and treated with dignity  
and respect by all. (PAUSE)

Lord hear us..

**Reader 2:** We pray for all gathered here, and all those participating virtually over these days, that our pilgrimage may be a time of blessing in our lives.. (PAUSE)

Lord hear us....

**Reader 2:** We pray for Oblate vocations that by following in the footsteps of St Eugene, young people may truly discover “who they are in the eyes of God”. (PAUSE)

Lord hear us....

**Reader 2:** We now place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in the hands of Mary our mother as we say – Hail Mary....

**PC:** Loving God we have made known to you our prayers and intentions in faith and hope and ask that you hear and answer them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Offertory Hymn – Blest are you, Lord

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 for ever. Amen.  
Blessed be God; Blessed be God,  
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.*

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 life.  
*Blessed be God .....*

### Communion Hymn

This is my body broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do  
do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it and when you do  
do it in love for me.

Filled with my spirit, how you will grow  
You are my branches, I am the tree.  
If you faithful, others will know,  
You are alive in me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go,  
do not forget me then you will see,  
I am still with you and you will know you'  
you're very close to me.

Love one another, I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do



do it in love for me.

### Post Communion Reflection

Come to this table,  
for God is revealed here.  
For in this place,  
God's promise is made known to us all.  
For at this table,  
God's presence is made real among us,  
offering food and refreshment  
for our journey;  
food to nourish us.  
On the way we are called to  
refreshment to revive us  
when we long to turn back.  
For here, God offers us the bread of life,  
the nourishment we need,  
the reminder that the presence of the holy  
lives deep within our being,  
giving us all that we need to become the  
people we are created to be,  
giving us the affirmation to  
live fully, and love wastefully.  
So come, for God longs to meet us here  
and feed us for our journey.

### Recessional Hymn - Bind us Together

*Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord bind us together in love*

There is only one God, there is only one King.  
There is only one Body, that is why we sing.  
*Bind us together....*

Fit for the glory of God, purchased by his precious Blood,  
born with the right to be free: Jesus the vict'ry has won.  
*Bind us together....*

We are the fam'ly of God we are his promise divine,  
we are his chosen desire, we are the glorious new wine.



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Oblate pilgrimage will participate in this procession on *Tuesday, 19 September*

Pilgrims who wish to process should gather behind the Oblate banner, which will be at the Prairie Altar, opposite the Grotto. In the case of rain, there will be announcements made on the Public PA system, in which case there will be no procession but Adoration and Benediction in the St Pie X Basilica. Those who do not wish to walk in procession can go directly to the St Pie X (Underground) Basilica.

This celebration affirms three things:

- The real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament
- Our need to see the One who loves us
- That the Son of God walks with us and is always amongst us in our joys and sorrows.

A few minutes before 5:00pm the Monstrance is transferred to the Prairie altar. Following a short time of prayer, the procession sets off for the St Pie X Basilica. During the procession there are meditations, prayers, hymns and chants. We are invited to respond with acclamations and invocations to Jesus, based upon scripture. Some are spoken, others are sung. The sung responses may include the following:

Lauda Sion salvatorem;  
Lauda ducem et pastorem, in hymnis et canticis.

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Lauda Jerusalem, Dominum  
Lauda Deum tuum Sion.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna filio David



Remembering our Dead  
8.45pm Tuesday 19 September  
[St Bernadette Church \(Grotto Side\)](#)

### Welcome (Reader)

Tonight, we are gathered here as a family of faith to honour all who have gone before us. Maybe we remember a mother, a father, a grandfather, a grandmother, a brother, a sister, a friend. The cherished memories that we have of them never fade because we carry what they meant to us deep in our hearts. We each have our own personal memories. As we begin this celebration let us say a silent prayer in our hearts for all those we have gathered here to remember today.

Opening Hymn: Be Still and Know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that health thee;  
I am the Lord that health thee;  
I am the Lord that health thee.

In thee O Lord I put my trust;  
In thee O Lord I put my trust.  
In thee O Lord I put my trust.

**Reader :** Let us pray for members of our Oblate Pilgrimage family who have died. We especially remember those who have died this past year.....(*Names of those who died in the last year are read out*)

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen**

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Responsorial Psalm (sung)

*The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me t  
o revive my drooping spirit  
He guides me along the right path.  
He is true to his name.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke**

It was about the sixth hour and with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the temple was torn right down the middle, and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last. Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid..

**Presider:** Tonight, we also remember in a special way all those we have lost during our journey through life. With these people in our hearts, I now invite you to join with me as together we offer our prayer of remembrance:

**In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
we remember them.**

**When we are weary and in need of strength,  
we remember them.**

**When we are lost and sick at heart,  
we remember them.**

**When we have joys we yearn to share,  
we remember them**

**So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.**

**Reader:** A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you gave us the gift of our loved ones. We thank you for this gift and all the joy that it has given us. We thank you for all the good things we experience in our lives. We ask for your help and strength when things are not so good. In the days ahead be with each one here. Bless each of us and keep us ever thankful for the gifts you give to us daily. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus our Lord and brother. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

**Presider::** Let us pray for all those who have died; those known to us and all those we have never known; that they may be with God and enjoy his eternal peace.

**Reader 1:** We pray for those of our family and friends whose deaths we mourn, that God will gather them to himself. Lord hear us...

ALL: Lord graciously hear us

**Reader 1:** We pray for those who have met sudden and violent deaths that God will have taken them gently to his presence. Lord hear us ...

**Reader 2:** We pray for those who have died friendless and alone; that this prayer may have helped them when they needed it. Lord hear us ....

**Reader 2:** Let us pray for all who have come here tonight: with thanks we bring to the lord our loved ones; we bring ourselves also and pray that we may be found worthy to be joined with our friends in the glory of Heaven. Lord hear us ...

**Reader 2:** Mary stood at the foot of the cross of her son. She knows the crosses we carry, so together let us pray. **Hail Mary ....**

**Presider:** God our Father hear our prayers for all who have died, and for whom Christ your Son gave his life, that they may find their happiness with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord...**Amen**

**Presider:** As we prepare to bring our service to a close let us unite ourselves in prayer as we say the Prayer for Strength together:

**Every day I need you Lord**

**But this day especially,**

**I need some extra strength**

**To face whatever is to come.**

**This day more than any other day**

**I need to feel you near me**

**To fortify my courage**

**And to overcome my fear.**

**And so dear Lord hold my trembling hand.**

### Closing Hymn – Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst;  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live  
*Be not afraid: I go before you always  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*  
If you pass through raging waters  
In the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flame  
you shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell,  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all  
*Be not afraid ....*

