

THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH IN ROME

Pope Leo XIV met with over a million young people last week at the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. Here are some excerpts from one of his homilies. One of his themes from the Jubilee is the need for making "real relationships."



...Saint Augustine, reflecting on his intense search for God, asked himself: "What, then, is the object of our hope? Is it the earth? No. Is it something that comes from the earth, such as gold, silver, trees, crops, or water? These things are pleasing, these things are beautiful, these things are good". And the conclusion he reached was: "Seek the one who made them, he is your hope". Thinking of his own journey, he prayed, saying: "You [Lord] were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone and you dispelled my blindness.

You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more; you touched me, and I burned for your peace."

....There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?

In recent days, you have had many beautiful experiences. You have met other young people from different parts of the world and from diverse cultures. You have exchanged knowledge, shared expectations and entered into dialogue with the city through art, music, technology and sport. At the Circus Maximus, you also approached the Sacrament of Penance and received God's forgiveness, asking for his help to live a good life.

Through all this, you can grasp an important point: the fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up or, as we heard in the Gospel, on what we possess (cf. Lk 12:13-21). Rather, fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share (cf. Mt 10:8-10; Jn 6:1-13). Buying, hoarding and consuming are not enough. We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the "things that are above" (Col 3:2), to realize that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity, helping us to grow in "compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience" (Col 3:12), forgiveness (cf. *ibid.*, v. 13) and peace (cf. Jn 14:27), all in imitation of Christ (cf. Phil 2:5). And in this way we will grow in an ever deeper understanding of what it means that hope does not disappoint, because the love of God

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MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.

St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
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WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
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AUGUST 10 2025 **THE TENTH SUNDAY** **OF PENTECOST**

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THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED

For the repose of the souls of
Sleiman Makhoul
and Marcelino Chedrawi

SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 32

Collection: \$372.00

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checks must be made out to
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EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. You know how, when you were pagans, you were constantly attracted and led away to mute idols. Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the spirit of God says, "Jesus be accursed." And no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

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has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (cf. Rom 5:5).

Dear young people, Jesus is our hope. It is he, as Saint John Paul II said, "who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives to commit... to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." (XV World Youth Day, Prayer Vigil, 19 August 2000). Let us remain united to him, let us remain in his friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic Communion, frequent Confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis who will soon be declared saints. Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you.

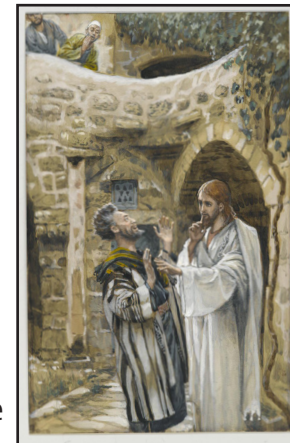


GOSPEL

MATTHEW 12:22-32



Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute. He cured the mute person so that he could speak and see. All the crowd was astounded, and said, "Could this perhaps be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man drives out demons only by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons." But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. How can anyone enter a strong man's house and steal his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.



JESUS HEALS A MUTE POSSESSED MAN (JÉSUS GUÉRIT UN POSSÉDÉ MUET)) From the series LA VIE DE NOTRE-SEIGNEUR JÉSUS-CHRIST 1886-1894 by James Tissot. The Brooklyn Museum.

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