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MASS

**FOR THE 111TH WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Migrants, missionaries of hope!



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PROVINCE





LITURGICAL SETTING

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In his message entitled “Migrants, Missionaries of Hope”, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that migrants and refugees are not only people in search of safety, but also privileged witnesses of hope, showing us the power of faith and trust in God even amid life’s greatest trials.

The Holy Father also invites us to recognize that the Church is a pilgrim people, called not to settle into comfort, but to remain open to the encounters that transform us. To welcome the migrant is therefore a Gospel act, through which we discover Christ himself in the face of our brothers and sisters.

With this spirit, we begin our celebration, asking the Lord to renew in us a compassionate and generous heart, capable of building together a future of fraternity and peace.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen

Greeting

May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace on the path of faith and may hope grow within you through the power of the Holy Spirit..

R. And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

For the times when, in the face of injustice and oppression, we lose faith and hope, Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For the times when we doubt You, even though we have seen Your works, Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

For the times when we fail to do what we should do, Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORY

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God in the face of fear, pain, and suffering, asking for deliverance. The Lord invites him to strive to live justice and expect God to provide everything he needs in due time.

A reading from the Book of the prophet Habacuc (Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live."

The Word of the Lord

R. Thank be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm (PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Saint Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in the face of challenges and difficulties, holding fast to the gifts the Lord has given him so that he may bear witness to the faith and love founded on Christ Jesus.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14)

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Amen. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Jesus reminds his disciples that faith is not about quantity, but about quality. True faith is based on a relationship of fidelity with God, which is manifested in doing what we know we must do.

Alleluia (1 PT 1:25)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever.

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

**† A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Luke (Lk 17:5-10)**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree: Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you."

Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'?

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The profession of Faith

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that our Lord may console migrants, refugees, and displaced people in times of anguish, uncertainty, and fragility. May they keep hope alive in their hearts and grant them the grace to be witnesses of God's love and mercy.

To each invocation, we will respond:

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

For Pope Leo XIV, the bishops, the priests, and all who form the People of God, that we may heed the call to spread hope, especially to the neediest migrants, refugees, and displaced persons. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

For our leaders and those involved in political life, that they may see beyond personal, partisan, and economic interests, placing the common good and solidarity for the benefit of the entire human family. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

For migrants, refugees, and those displaced by climate change, violence, and poverty, that the Holy Spirit may assist them, give them strength, and comfort them, and that in the parishes and institutions of the Catholic Church we may find paths of integration and solidarity that allow them to enjoy work, dignity, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

For migrants, refugees, and displaced people, adolescents, and young people, that they may find in the Catholic communities a place where they feel welcomed, protected, nurtured, and integrated into local community. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

For us, gathered in this liturgical assembly, that participating in the Eucharist may broaden our hearts and we may welcome into our community all those who suffer, bearing witness to Christ's love for all and becoming living witnesses of hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. May we be missionaries of hope.

Hear, Father of goodness, the prayer we address to you with faith and hope, that we may do, each day, what we must do to be faithful to you. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

We present these symbols before the altar, that remind us of that migrants, refugees, and displaced people are missionaries of hope.

BACKPACK: The backpack carries sadness, suffering and memories, but is also full of dreams and hopes for a dignified and peaceful life.

SANDALS: The tennis shoes or sandals allow migrants and refugees to walk long distances. The cap protects them from severe weather.

BREAD AND WINE: We offer bread and wine, a sign of the life that migrants and refugees seek for themselves and their families, it is work and effort that will be transformed into body and blood, source of true life.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit

Lift your hearts

R. We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just

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,
You have made your dwelling among us
and have made us your people.
You are our God; we are your people.
A people made up of people of every race,
language, nation, and condition.
A people called to build fraternity,
an us as great as humankind.
And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....



COMMUNION RITE

**Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Fraction of the Bread,
Communion**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING

After having nourished us with the Banquet of the Word and the Eucharistic Banquet, we retire to our homes to put into practice what we have celebrated here. May God, the Father of goodness, grant us the opportunity to be missionaries of hope and to do with joy what we must do.

R. Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father †, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Called to share our faith, hope, and love with others, let us go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God



A MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO XIV

“On this Jubilee, when the Church prays for all migrants and refugees, I wish to entrust all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.”



GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE

- ☆ Migrants travel through different territories and face challenges such as distance, weather conditions, security concerns, and cultural adaptation. The journey can be dangerous and exhausting.
- ☆ Migration should always be a free choice; however, in many cases, it is not.
- ☆ Migration is a complex phenomenon that can be motivated by a variety of factors, such as insecurity, lack of peace, economic hardship, extreme poverty, discrimination, climate-related disasters, and family reunification.
- ☆ Migrants flee their countries of origin due to poverty, lack of access to basic services, fear, and desperation.
- ☆ People on the move are more exposed to various dangers, such as intimidation, extortion, robbery, kidnapping, and physical and sexual abuse by criminal groups and human traffickers, not to mention alleged abuses committed by state agents, such as immigration and/or security officers.
- ☆ Access to healthcare and dignified treatment is not the only thing denied to this migrant population: the lack of documentation and access to accurate and reliable information also places them in situations of uncertainty and exposes them to violations, directly affecting their mental health and even putting their lives at risk. Current migration policies and practices in transit countries do not guarantee the protection of migrants. Constant changes and poor dissemination of these policies increase the vulnerability of these people.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI

FATHER TO THE MIGRANTS

O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of a bishop and the zeal of an apostle you gave yourself completely to all.

You listened to the cries of migrants, spoke in their name, defended their rights. You found sustenance in the Eucharist solace in the cross of Jesus, comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church.

Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.

Three Glory to the Father in honor of the Holy Trinity.

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