

Sunday of the Word of God January 26, 2025

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* which means “opened to them”, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the Liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enable us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

As part of the [Jubilee of Hope](#), this Sixth Annual Sunday of the Word of God (January 26 2025) invites us to reflect on the theme: “I hope in your Word” (Ps 119:74). God’s Word is steadfast and powerful, accomplishing all it promises (Isaiah 55:11). In Jesus, the living Word of God (John 1:14), we find our ultimate hope (1 Tim 1:1). God’s presence is inseparable from His Word, offering an unfailing source of hope and renewal. In this year of hopeful Jubilee, open the Scriptures and rediscover the life-changing power of God’s promise.

The celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God invites parish communities to embrace the living and transformative power of Scripture, just as the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:45) had their eyes were opened to the Scriptures while walking with the Lord after his resurrection.