


2nd Week in Ordinary Time -

A time to grow in faith...

Celebration of the Word

Prayer Theme - Rights and Responsibilities -

Encounter



*We begin with
the sign of the cross...*

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

AMEN

We
Gather...

Pause and
reflect...



Take a moment to look at the image

ENCOUNTER.

- What can you see?
- How does this image make you feel?
- Why has this image been chosen?

WE GATHER

Our prayer theme this week is

Rights and Responsibilities - Encounter.

- I wonder what that means to you...
- I wonder what you think your rights are...
- I wonder what you think your responsibilities are...
- I wonder when you encounter Jesus in your daily life...





WE LISTEN TO
THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew (22:36-40).

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

WE RESPOND

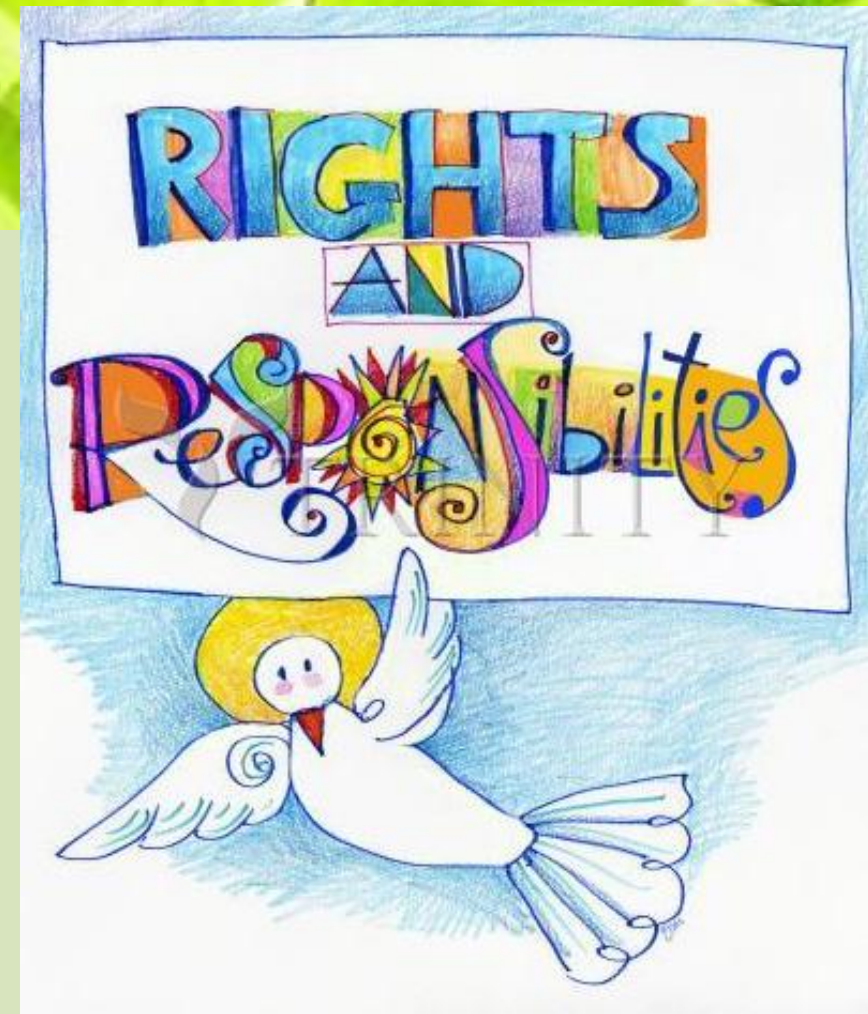
*Close your eyes and see Jesus
standing before you...?*


*What is Jesus saying to you
through the gospel...?*



So what does it all mean?

- Through loving our neighbour; through interacting with others, we encounter Jesus.
- Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God.
- We are born with others given to us to look after us and so we have the responsibility to look after others.
- When we meet others and they meet us we are supposed to think
 - *Here is another person made in God's image -*
 - here is a person just like me!*





***I wonder what
Pope Leo XIV
says about
encountering
Jesus today...***



***Pause and
reflect...***

MISSION

- Inspired by the Gospel how can we encounter Jesus through loving our neighbour this week?

PRAYER

ACTION

What will YOU do...?



Let us pray ... Holy Spirit,

We pray that you guide us through our life.

Help us to make good decisions and always respect the rights
of others.

May your guidance and our example draw others to encounter
the love of Jesus in their daily lives.

Give us the strength and courage to fulfil
the commandment God gives us -
to love one another.

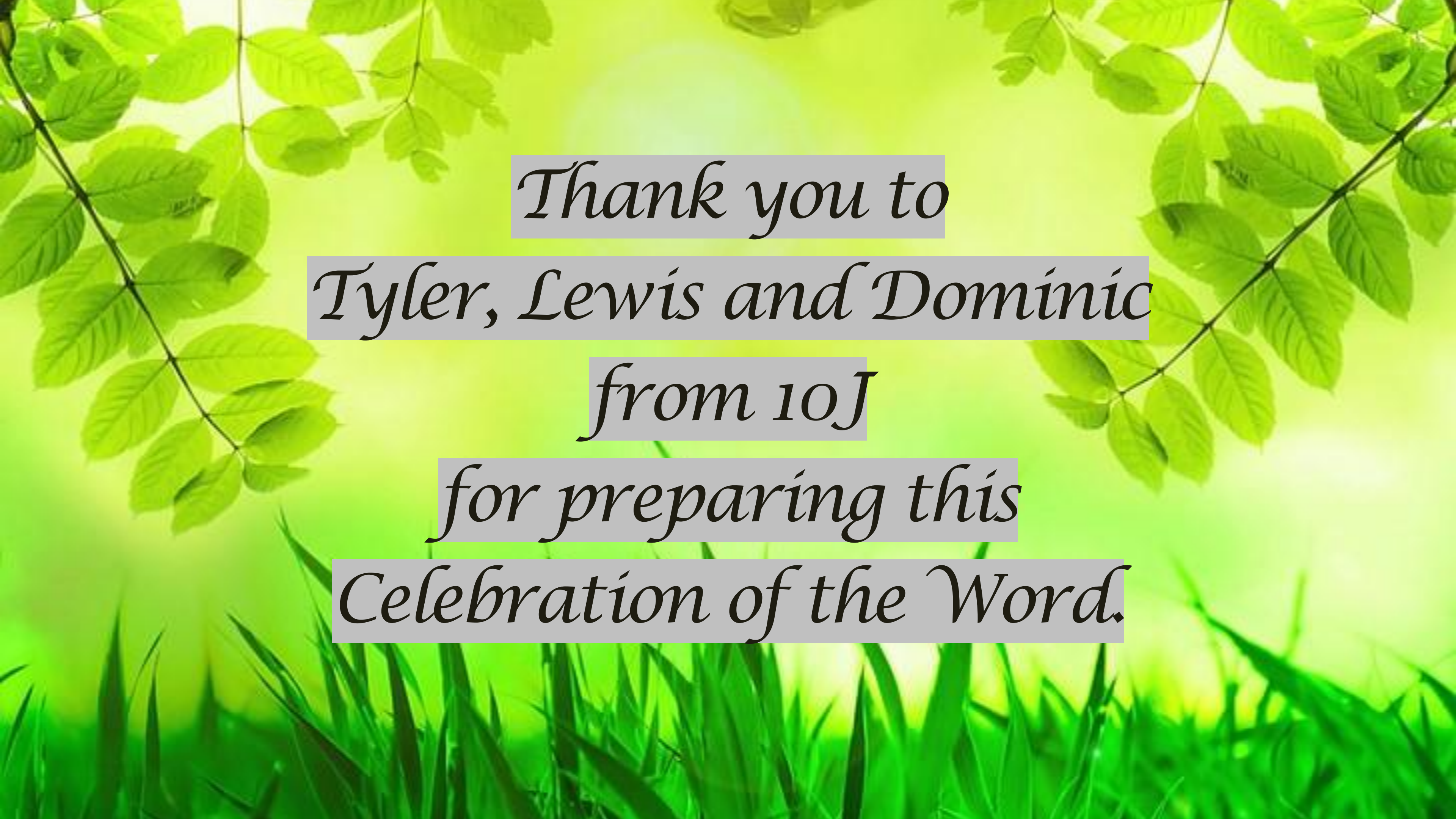
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

St Augustine, pray for us.
St Cuthbert, pray for us.

We close our time of
prayer with the sign of
the cross. You
take this gift of
the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, Amen.





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