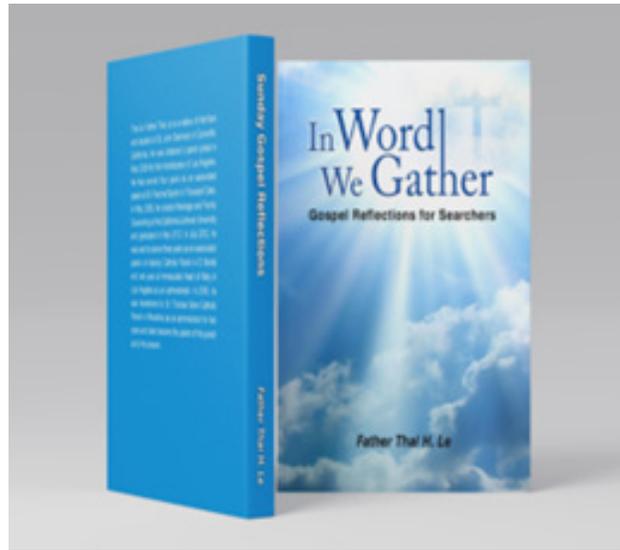


Parish Christmas Boutique Books Sale



“In Word We Gather” is completed and published!

- o This book is not a continuation nor the second edition of my first book.
- o It's fresh from the last three years of Sunday Gospel Readings
- o At the end of each reflection, you will see four questions to read and reflect on.

How much?

- o I have ordered 100 copies on paperbacks and 50 hardbacks
- o Paperback is \$17.00, and hardback is \$24.00, taxes and shipping included
- o The parish and school receive no revenue if the books are purchased via Amazon or other retailers.
- o The benefactors will match each book!

Proceeds

- o Proceeds go to the parish faith formation and the school.
- o The profit of each book goes to the sellers.
- o Parish and school profits will be used for the parish youth, confirmation students, and Religious Education students—attending Catholic retreats, conferences, etc.

How can I purchase this book?

Buyers can:

- o Call the parish office to place an order.
- o Contact the STM School office to order
- o Pick up the paperback at the parish hall on **Sunday, Dec 4** (Christmas Boutique)
- o Pick up the hardback and paperback at the School Christmas Boutique on **Sunday, Dec 11**, in the school courtyard.
- o Buyers can purchase this book at the parish office after Monday, Nov 28 (paperback only)

Why do you need to have this book?

- o It can be a gift for yourself, family members, friends, or others.
- o This book represents a connection with the STM parish named in the book
- o It's a great way to support Catholic education for the youth and future generations.

See more information on the back of this flyer about how to use this book.

“In Word We Gather”

How to Use This Book

This book can be used as preparation or a reference source for lecturers or preachers on Sunday sermons and other celebrations. The preachers should give their congregation a sense of joy and spiritual nourishment by incorporating personal reflections and Scriptures into their message to touch upon the congregations’ hearts and lives throughout the week.

Additionally, suppose you are married but do not know how to engage with your spouse regarding the Word of God in Sunday Readings. This book can be a tool for the two of you to develop a habit of communicating via the Sacred Scriptures. Through this approach, the couple should read the three Readings on a particular Sunday. Then read the reflections in this book and the questions to reflect on at the end of each one. Each person can choose to answer the questions based on their observations. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and insights with others regarding the Scriptures and the reflection’s content. God’s Spirit will help you if you have the courage and confidence to take the initiative. The Word of God will speak to you, and the reflection will extend your thoughts and inspirations to others. I hope you will be open to the wisdom of the Word that can transform your words and deeds in the present and future.

Furthermore, you can form a small group of four to eight individuals to reflect on God’s Word. You can meet on Sunday after Mass or during the week, whichever day suits all members best. Start by asking the designated people to read the Readings for that Sunday. Then, allow time for each participant to read the reflection in silence. Finally, ask all members to read the reflection questions together and share inspirational thoughts. The purpose is to help people come together to read, listen, and share the Word of God with others. Everyone has a different perspective; let the wisdom of God’s Word speak aloud in our minds and hearts.

In conclusion, I hope this book will extend the ideas and reflections of the author on the Word of God to preachers, families, and faithful companions. This book does not mean to surpass the wisdom of preachers and lecturers; instead, through the wisdom and guidance of God’s Word, we each must do our best to prepare ourselves to grow deeper in our faith, trust, and relationship with Jesus and the community.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le