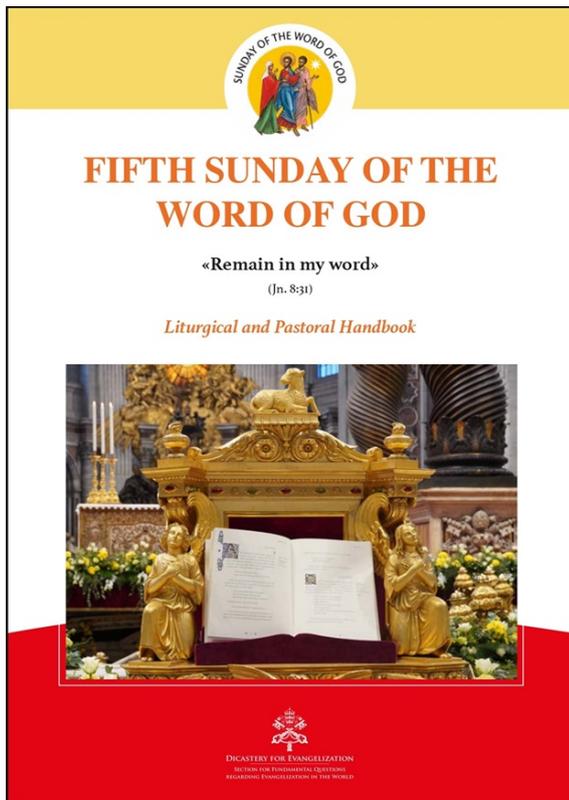




Liturgical and Pastoral Handbook



Fifth Sunday of the Word of God

The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative with which Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. Each local community will be able to find the most suitable and effective ways to live this Sunday to the fullest, helping the people of God «to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures» (*Aperuit illis*, 15). This Pastoral Handbook is intended to help and be offered to parish communities and those gathered for Sunday's Eucharistic celebration, so that this Sunday may be resolutely lived.

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