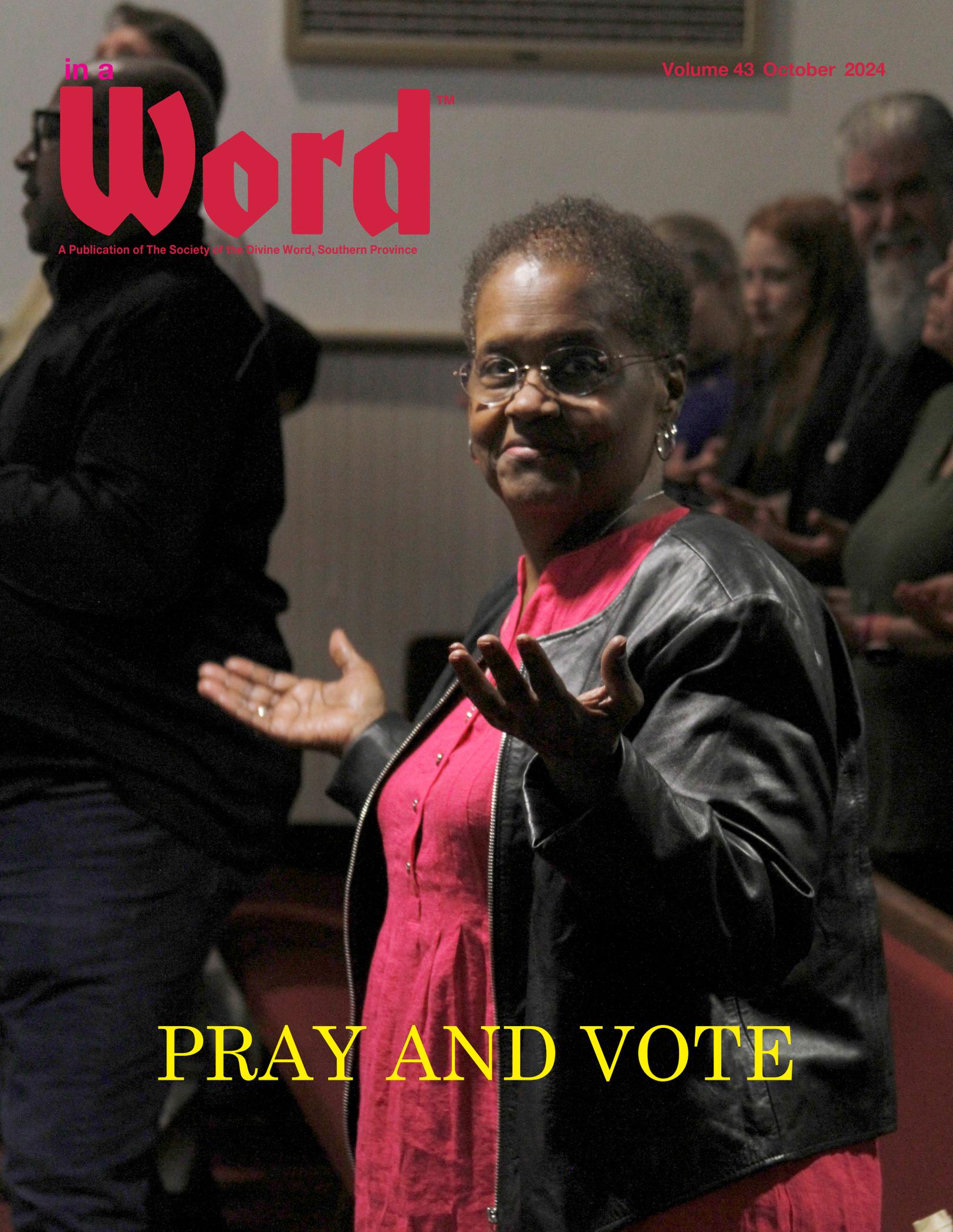


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A photograph of a woman in the foreground, wearing a black leather jacket over a red top, with her hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. She is wearing glasses and has a focused expression. In the background, other people are visible, some with their hands raised, suggesting a church service or a similar religious gathering. The lighting is somewhat dim, with a focus on the woman in the foreground.

PRAY AND VOTE

# FOOD PRICES: WHAT CAN WE DO?

Together, we will ensure that Congress supports affordable, good food for us and our families.



## 1. Ask your candidates and elected officials...



Will they **stop rewarding wealthy corporate executives** at our expense, and stop them from price-gouging our groceries?



Will they **fully fund food assistance programs**, including SNAP, WIC, school lunches, elderly meals, soup kitchens, and food banks?

## 2. VOTE for our freedom from hunger!



Scan this QR code to:



- Check your voter registration status, **make a voting plan**, and more
- Learn about the **issues** at stake
- Access **toolkits and resources for getting involved** and spreading the word about multi-issue voting for the common good!

Want to learn more about this issue?

Check out our full post on food inflation at:



The Subcommittee on African American Affairs of the USCCB and the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary invite you to join us for a ZOOM Webinar

# “AN EVENING WITH SHEPHERDS FROM OUR BLACK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY”



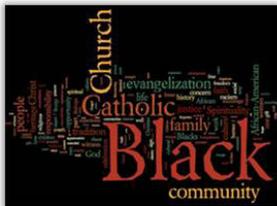
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**Most Rev. Roy Campbell**  
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Black Catholic Congress



## *What We Have Seen and Heard - 40 Years Later -*

On September 9, 1984, ten Black Bishops of the United States published “What We Have Seen and Heard” as a witness to the Black community. The bishops sought to explain that evangelization is both a call and a response, it is not only preaching but witnessing. The first part of the document is about the shared gifts rooted in the African heritage. In part two they discussed the obstacles to evangelization that must be overcome.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**6 pm CT; 7 pm ET; 4 pm PT**

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# in a word or two

## The Divine Word: The Liturgical Weekly Bible Study for the Sunday Mass Readings

By Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD

I am Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD. I am a Roman Catholic Religious priest. I am the Biblical Apostolate Coordinator of the Divine Word Missionaries in the Southern Province of the United States.

This Bible Study workbook is the fruit of my pastoral experience. I realized a critical need to evangelize God's people about the prayerful character of the first part of the Mass, the liturgy of the Word of God. Many faithful do not attend Mass actively, intentionally, and prayerfully because they do not comprehend the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass and the homilies that discuss them. For them, the Bible is difficult to read, listen to, interpret, and understand. It is imperative to recognize that both parts of the Mass, the liturgy of the Word of God and the liturgy of the Eucharist, are intricately connected. We cannot fully engage in one if we neglect the other. This means we cannot truly participate with Jesus at the Eucharistic Table if we do not listen to and understand him when he speaks to us at the Table of God's Word. The liturgy of the Word is not just a part of the Mass; it is a prayerful encounter with God. Therefore, a profound understanding of the liturgical Scriptures is essential for the faithful to participate reverently in the liturgy of the Mass. My book helps the clergy and laity become familiar with the liturgical Bible readings before we attend each Sunday Mass.

We already have many Bible study resources. So, what is the uniqueness of my Bible Study program?

1) Its liturgical and prayerful character. It is both Bible Study and Lectio Divina. It allows the faithful to study, meditate on, share, and pray with the Sunday Mass readings before they attend each Sunday Mass.

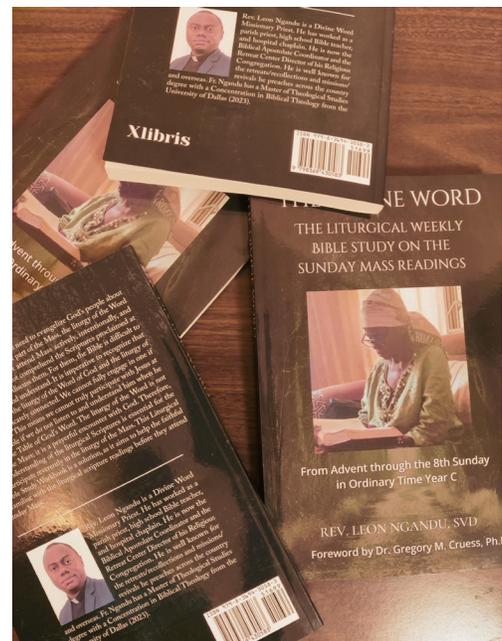
(2) Its SVD Background. The users of this Bible Study workbook will learn who the Divine Word Missionaries are and what they do specifically in their mission work worldwide.

(3) It contains a Personal Journal Page. We often forget what God speaks to us at each Mass. This Bible Study workbook contains a Personal Journal section for each Sunday Mass. The faithful can write what they learn weekly from the Bible Study sessions and the homily at Masses. So, they can take this workbook to Sunday Masses.

(4) Individual or Group Bible Study. This workbook can be used individually or in a group, such as a family, Parish Bible Study Group, or Catholic High School.

(5) PowerPoint Presentations. This Bible study workbook includes a PowerPoint presentation for each Sunday session, which is available upon request. Please contact Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD, at [ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com](mailto:ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com) or [nganduleon2001@yahoo.fr](mailto:nganduleon2001@yahoo.fr)

I highly recommend that you and your families use this Bible Study workbook. It will help you to participate in Sunday Masses intentionally and prayerfully.



# VOTE

## NOVEMBER 5

Divine Word Missionaries is an international missionary community of over 7,000 brothers and priests. In 1905 the SVDs began working among African Americans in the Southern United States. Today, Divine Word Missionaries work in over 35 parishes in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Florida and Arkansas.

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