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Remember In Prayer

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

FEAST OF FAITH

Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (*Rite of Ordination*). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

A Trip to ST. Joseph shrine in St. Louis is
being planned for the fall if you are interested
please let Peach know

July 18th
Lector Beverly

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;
Mk 6:30-34

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 4th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$825 .00

B&M

\$605.00

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday: St. Bonaventure

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are *Ite, missa est*, which means "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the *missa*, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship to one another.

Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose. Thanks be to God!

Coming Events

July 17th at 4:30 pm Mass

Bishop David Talley will celebrate
Mass