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Remember In Prayer

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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).

The Bereavement committee is needing new members, if you would like to know more about this very important ministry please contact Pat in the office

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,

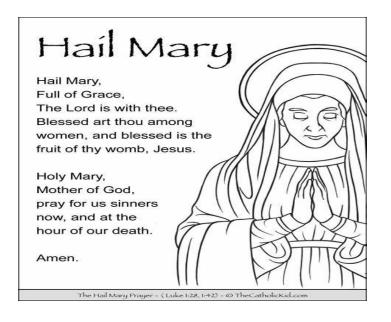
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

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



JULY 2024

JULY 7TH

LECTOR MARY

SERVERS JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 14TH

LECTOR MARK

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

JULY 21ST

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 28TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN

SUNDAY COLLECTION

7-7-2024

\$1206.00

B&M

\$90.00

The yard sale is August 23rd and 24th please bring your items to the church. Items can then be priced and organized

