

FAITH FOR SUNDAY

July 14, 2024 Year B

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OPENING PRAYER

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick— no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Jesus begins to send his disciples to minister in His Name. Jesus’ instructions are very specific. These instructions mean that the disciples must depend on the hospitality of others and ultimately God to provide for their needs. We have assurance that we are not alone. Why do you believe the disciples were made to depend on others? How does this build community and faith? Do you think this would strengthen discipleship in us?

Reading I : Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel, by Amaziah who does not welcome the message Amos brought. How do we react towards those who reject God’s message? How do we seek a spirit of gratitude with rejection? How can we continue with God’s work when we are challenged?

Notes

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

The blessing in this passage blesses God and the recipients of God's blessing, describing God's plan of salvation existing before the foundation of the world and is fulfilled in Christ. How does it feel to be chosen by God? What is the purpose of our existence? What did we receive as our inheritance toward redemption?

Feast days this week

SUNDAY 14 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 15 ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL

TUESDAY 16 WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY 17 WEEKDAY

THURSDAY 18 WEEKDAY

FRIDAY 19 WEEKDAY

SATURDAY 20 WEEKDAY

reflect

We exist for the praise
of God's glory.

pray

Father God, thank you for
choosing me for the
intention of Your Will.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

live

In all circumstances,
during times of
gladness or rejection,
thank the Lord.