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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

SUNDAY 7/11

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

MONDAY 7/12

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY 7/13

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

WEDNESDAY 7/14

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY 7/15

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY 7/16

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

SATURDAY 7/17

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

NEXT SUNDAY 7/18

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chosen – adopted – redeemed – forgiven – and destined such are the words St. Paul offers to the church of Ephesus and to us. Paul is lovingly conveying to us God’s eternal love for us and offering us the opportunity to renew not just our hearts but also the quality of our living. Here he is reminding us of our worth to God and to one another. We have been chosen to receive God’s grace through creation and our adoption as his sons and daughters through Christ himself. Even though we stray from the path, at times, we have to remember that we are forgiven over and over again because his Son died for us and will never leave us. Finally, we are destined to be God’s people of grace who live by his Word and with the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Even though these words were written down over 2000 years ago, they are for us today. When we begin the task of remembering our worth to God and remembering that we are destined for God’s eternal kingdom, we can begin the conscious task of aligning our life with that of his Son and the Saints before us.

As Paul is praising God for giving us “every spiritual blessing” so too can we begin

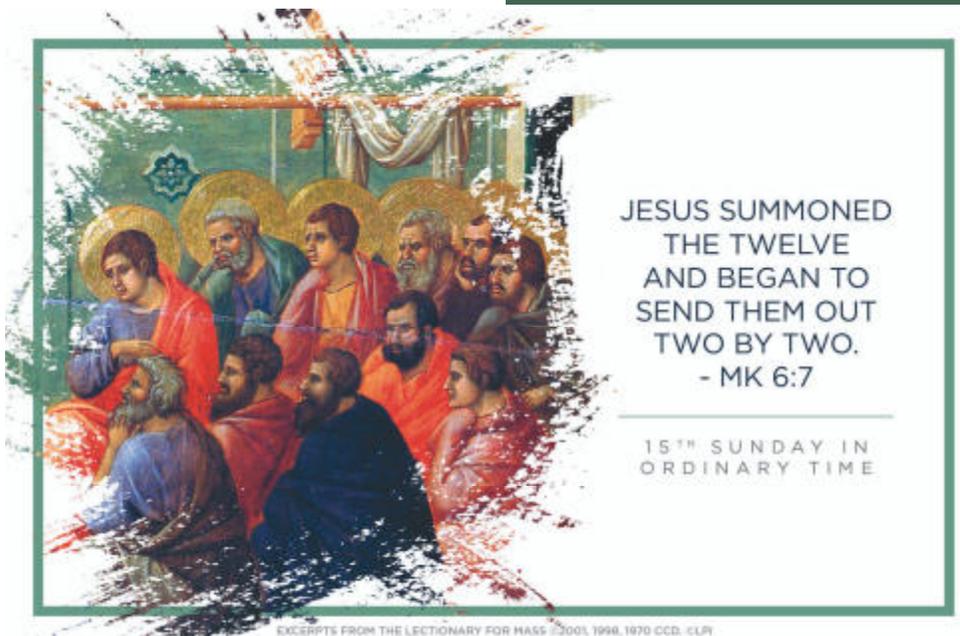
to live in the reality of faith which tells us that God has richly blessed us and has given us all we need. It is our task to thank the Lord for all his blessings, give what we can to the poor and offer words of blessings – not curses – to all we meet on this journey of life. It is by blessing each other and remembering how blessed we are by God himself that we will find kindness and the truth of the Gospel taking root in the lives of His people. God has given us peace and we can be a peaceful people through Him.

We can also remember how forgiven we really are. There are many little and big missteps we have made in life, in our relationships, duties, obligations, choices and decisions. And God forgives each and every one offering us always the strength to change, the wisdom to make right

choices and the ability to use our gifts wisely to build up the community of the faithful.

Finally, we can grow in the life of the Lord, as did the early church, by coming together to worship at the altar of His Son and receive his great blessings. Strengthened by the Sacrament we do go forth to build up the world in his name, to raise up men and women of goodness and to lift up the tired souls that have forgotten how blessed they really are. God has chosen us to be his people. He adopted us through his Son to be his family. He has redeemed us and forgiven our sins and we can look forward to our destiny as God’s eternal people of praise and thanksgiving.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 10

4:00 pm Ronald & Gloria Fontanesi
4:00 pm Colleen Anna Karim
4:00 pm Marilyn Bintz

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00 am Cletus Nwagwu
8:00 am Therese Barbone

SUNDAY, JULY 11

10:00 am John & Felicidade Santiago
10:00 am Julio Jabro
10:00 am Francis Arabo

TUESDAY, JULY 13

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

8:30 am Families of prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Genevieve Davey
Ekhilas Awro

GOSPEL MEDITATION 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

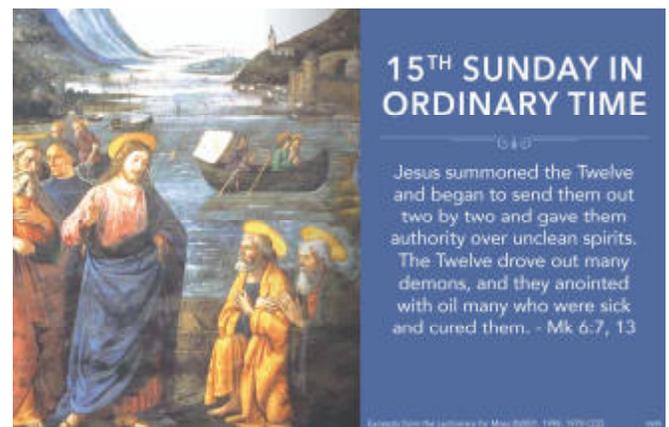
Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

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LOVING MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

MARILYN BINTZ

WHAT WE CARRY FROM TOWN TO TOWN

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ST. CHRISTINE FOOD DRIVE – JULY 9-11 AND JULY 16-18

The Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus, Council 12808, will once again conduct a food and financial contribution drive for the St. Christine Food Pantry.

As we are all well aware, the current need is great. Because of the impact of the Pandemic, many people have lost their jobs and businesses have closed. Many families are struggling to make ends meet and keep their families fed. Our Prince of Peace parishioners have always been generous to this cause and we are confident you will continue to be. Since we began the annual food drive in 2013, the generosity of the Prince of Peace parish has collected and donated \$32,461 to St. Christine through this drive.

The Pandemic will also impact the manner in which we conduct this drive. To remain consistent with current safety standards and social distancing guidelines, there will be NO IN-CHURCH COLLECTION OF DONATIONS.

Instead, Knights will be accepting food and financial donations on the following dates and times:

JULY 9 -11

Friday July 9 between 10 am and 1 pm

Saturday July 10 between 2 pm and 5 pm

Sunday July 11 between 8 am and 11 am

JULY 16 - 18

Friday July 16 between 10 am and 1 pm

Saturday July 17 between 2 pm and 5 pm

Sunday July 18 between 8 am and 11 am

Knights will be attired in blue "Knights of Columbus" shirts and standing by with their vehicles in the driveway at both parking lot entrances. Please stop by, say hello and contribute what you can.

We are accepting canned goods and other non-perishable items. We are also accepting cash donations as well as checks (made out to K of C, Council 12808).

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