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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sabbath Thought

It is exhilarating to be a follower of Christ. The Lord's love is a blessing for which we praise God. But with the boon there comes a burden: we must be messengers whose lives clearly announce the coming of the kingdom.

About Today's Bible Readings

AMOS 7:12-15

Amos finds that prophesying is no way to win friends. But he can do no other because the Lord himself chose him.

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

The letter to the Ephesians opens with these lengthy hymns of praise to God for all he has done for us in Jesus Christ.

MARK 6:7-13

Jesus sends the Twelve out on a mission. The only baggage they carry is the message they will preach: *repent*.

ENTRANCE RITE: Amos 3:7-8; Chronicles 20:20b

V. Indeed, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants, the prophets. The lion roars, who will not be afraid! The Lord God speaks, who will not prophesy!

R. Trust in the Lord, your God, and you will be found firm. Trust in His prophets, and you will succeed.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Jeremiah 1:7b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerninara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling and Natalie Frankfort. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, July 14th; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Hall after the 9:30 Mass.

Wednesday, July 17th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. The new book will be "Jesus Behaving Badly" by Mark L. Strauss.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

Youth Convocation (CONVO), held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age.

Substantial subsidies are available to Central Diocese members for this event through the Enlivenment Program. Contact Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

YMS of R GOLF TOURNAMENT

The YMS of R will be holding its 10th Annual Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024. Hosted by the Buffalo Branch of the YMS of R. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and contact Father Senior Donald for more information.

PICNIC MAILING

You should have received a mailing with raffle tickets for the Annual Picnic. Please return the sold or unsold tickets in the enclosed postage paid envelope as soon as possible. **Also, please complete the questionnaire and return it as well, especially your T-shirt size if you are planning to help by working the day of the picnic as the shirts will let the attendees know who you are.**

58th ANNUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Leave Reading at 10:30AM; return at 7:45 PM. Members: \$60. Non-Members: \$65. Price includes bus, admission & driver gratuity. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

PICNIC BAKE SALE

If you are able to help with the Bake Sale the day of the Picnic or would like to contribute any items to the Bake Sale, Please contact Marcia Hinner at 610-621-9758 for more information

Today – July 14th
15th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – July 21st
16th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – July 28th
17th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 4th
18th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 11th
19th Sunday - Ordinary Time

PICNIC DAY!!

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUMMER

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful, albeit hot, summer season with which the Lord has gifted us, please try to take a moment out of your busy days to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able, reach out financially, spiritually, socially or bodily and act on the Lord's behalf. Go, as the Lord sent His disciples, and spread His love to all of those who feel neglected or forgotten. Show them that they are not alone and that God loves them and so do we.