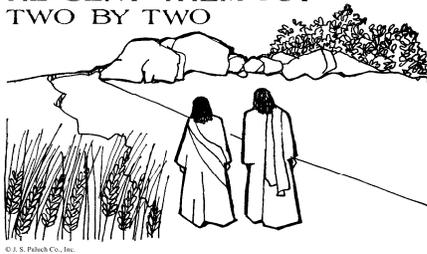


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

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

-- Psalm 85:12



Daily Mass

Week of July 16th – 21st

Monday:	8:00	Maurice Gracias+
Tuesday:	8:00	Rose Ford+
Wednesday:	8:00	Elizabeth & Thomas Edgen+
Thursday:	8:00	Special Intentions
Friday:	8:00	Charles & Bernadina Elsenius+
Saturday:		No 8:00 a.m. Mass



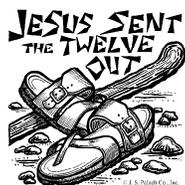
Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Fr. Dan, Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos, Juanita Estrelles, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.



Summer Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a fun and safe summer vacation!

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no daily Mass on Saturday, July 21st or Saturday, July 28th, only a Communion Service.



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).

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The season of special feasts and celebrations has come to an end. Three weeks ago, we returned to ordinary time. For the next twenty weeks, with few exceptions, the gospel reading that we will hear at Mass will come to us from the evangelist Mark.

Although it is listed second in the canon of gospels, scripture scholars believe that Mark's gospel was written first. It is the shortest of the gospels and focuses exclusively on Jesus' public ministry. Two-thirds of Mark's gospel gives us a detailed accounting of our Lord's passion and death.

The theme of the good news according to Mark is very clear. The price that Jesus had to pay to be our Messiah included suffering and death. The call to discipleship requires us to accept a similar cross of self-sacrifice.

The hard-edged words of Mark don't sit well with many of us today. We prefer to reflect on more pleasant aspects of the good news. But the truth of Mark's message should not be denied or ignored. To try to live and love as Jesus lived and loved will sometimes lead to pain and suffering.

During the next twenty weeks, we will have ample time to reflect on Mark's hard truth, but we need not feel depressed. His accounting of the Messiah's mission of salvation ends happily. The moral of Mark's gospel is clear: if we follow Jesus to the end of our days, resurrection and not death will be our reward.

Now that's GOOD NEWS!

Love, Fr. Leo

2018 Missionary Cooperative Appeal!



Corpus Christi is pleased to have Fr. Johnson Abraham, Pastor at St. Agnes Parish in Concord, who will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend, July 14th and 15th. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Abraham.



Invitation to the RCIA Program

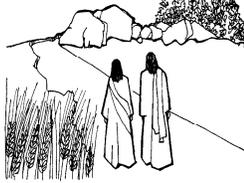
Are you searching for a faith tradition that you can call home without having to check your intellect at the door? Have you ever had the slightest inkling to explore becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but you have never received your First Communion or Confirmation? If so, the RCIA program might be right for you. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of exploring the Catholic faith while developing a deeper spiritual and faith life. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and experiment with different forms of prayer and share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences. It is also a chance to learn about the broad themes and teaching of the Catholic Church, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.

What Do You Want To Learn About?

Beginning in the fall, Corpus Christi will be offering monthly morning and evening sessions for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith tradition. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new to our Parish or someone simply interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we want to hear from you. What are your questions? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Please fill out a survey, located on the credenzas at the entrances to the Church and drop it in the box provided.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

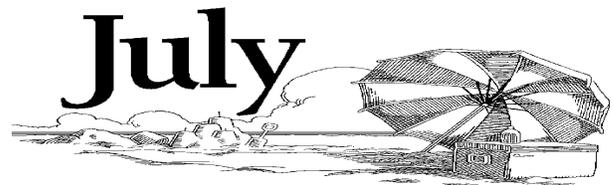
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Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has

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!



Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!

Clothing Drive



The Outreach Committee will be collecting clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection will be from June 1st to July 31st. All items will benefit moms and babies served by the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks!

Sent by God!

In Amos' time, the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as "judges," but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to chose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel, we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, "chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intentions of his will" (Ephesians 1:11).

Saints and Special Observances!

- Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
- Friday: St. Apollinaris
Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week
- Saturday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Blessed Virgin Mary

A Magical Effect!

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

-- John Quincy Adams