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MARK 6:12–13

SHUTTERSTOCK

You Can Do It

Today’s readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn’t come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: “In him we were also chosen” (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God “has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens” (1:3). We don’t have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: “You can do it.”

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FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In what ways do you make the world better?*
- ✦ *Do you realize that you have the power of God to transform the world?*

Upcoming Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
July 10 / 11 <i>Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
Tuesday	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
Thursday	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
July 17 / 18 <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	July 11	July 18	July 10	July 17
Lector	Matthew Davis	Joe McNaughton	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
Server	Joe McNaughton	Matthew Davis		

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
July 10 / 11	Marian Colette	Poor Souls in Purgatory
July 17 / 18	Poor Souls in Purgatory	† Libby Balenovich

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
July 3 / 4	\$307.00	\$70.00

Mass on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 have resumed. Would you please join us?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Am 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."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

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

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD —for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

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

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

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

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

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

Reading II

Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

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.

Alleluia

Cf. Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that
belongs to our call.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 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.

Gospel Reflection

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff. Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again, this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gary Hackler, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold Couch and Bill Brown (Joe McNaughton's brother-in-law).

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Henry

July 13

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin ~ Memorial

July 14

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church ~ Memorial

July 15

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16

Blessed Virgin Mary

July 17

OUR NEW PASTOR



Brief Biography

My name is Fr. Prashanth Lobo, (MSSCC). I am originally from the Southwest part of India. I am the second child of three siblings. My parents, siblings, and their children all live in India. All my education from elementary school, high school through my seminary studies were completed in India. I was ordained a priest under the religious congregation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary on January 4, 2016.

Religious Order

The Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (MSSCC) was founded by Saint Gaetano Errico in 1836, Secondigliano Naples, Italy. As a religious congregation of priests and brothers, we are dedicated to serving the needs of God's people while witnessing the great love present in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our missionaries currently have communities in Italy, Argentina, United States, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, India, Nigeria, Slovakia, Indonesia, and Columbia. In our foreign missions, our apostolates include the following: religious education and administering the sacraments in underserved areas; outreach support for families through aid for viable housing; establishment of English-speaking schools; and providing meals and clothing, books, and study materials for needy students and welcoming and instructing new Catholics; working with youth in parishes, counseling families; and meeting the needs of the aged and infirm in nursing and assisted living facilities, visiting prisoners, etc.

Ministry

After my priestly ordination, I was assigned as an associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Church and Holy Cross Shrine Nandgad, the only Shrine of Diocese of Belgaum, state of Karnataka, India. I worked in the parish for two years. In 2018 I came to the United States and was assigned to Linwood, New Jersey, for my second assignment. It was exhilarating and inspiring to work with people of various cultures and ideologies in New Jersey. After a year in New Jersey, through the help and request from Bishop John, I came to the Diocese of Lexington in 2019. I was assigned as a parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish Newman Center, where I had an excellent opportunity to work with students of UK and parishioners.

However, today it is an honor and privilege to be here in Williamsburg and Jellico. It is going to be a new experience for me, but I heard people in these places are loving and kind. I hope to get your support to build up the parish community. Together, let us engage in spreading the love of Jesus and Mary to humanity.

I enjoy sports such as Table Tennis (ping pong), Volleyball, basketball, Suttle (badminton) and soccer. I enjoy watching movies, reading books, hiking, hunting, and fishing. I also enjoy traveling, especially places with beaches, and explore new places. I also like to become part of people's lives and enjoy their company.

I am looking forward to serving as your Pastor and getting to know each of you.

As Father Lobo gets to know our parish communities, he would like to make sure the spiritual needs of all parishioners are being met as best as possible.

If you have a sick or home-bound family member or friend who is not able to attend Mass, please get in touch with the office with their name, address, and phone number so that Father Lobo can contact them to address any needs they may have.



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Dear Padre,

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?

Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord,

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies

with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JULY 12

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 14

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin*

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 15

*St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church*

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 16

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 17

Weekday

Ex 12:37–42

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 18

*Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jer 23:1–6

Eph 2:13–18

Mk 6:30–34

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