

22nd Wednesday of Ordinary Time. 9/1/2021

Mission

“To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.” Jesus tells us that the purpose he was sent was to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to all towns.

Proclamation is central to the work of redemption; it is a necessary part of God’s plan for salvation. The good news are meant for everyone. They must be shared. The loving presence of God has entered human history. People need to know about it.

Jesus shows us that proclamation is word, as he preaches in the synagogues. He shows us that proclamation is also

action, as he receives everyone who is brought to him, he heals all illness and wound, and he drives out the evil that afflicts man and women. This is the missionary drive in the ministry of Jesus: The love of God must be made known to every person, to the whole world.

The Church continues this mission. As Jesus was sent, so the Church is sent, and each one of us is sent. In the conditions of our lives, we are all sent to make known the boundless mercy and love we receive from God.

Not all of us are called to go to other towns to proclaim.

But all of us are given opportunities, today, every day, to give witness to the love of God, and to make that love real for our brothers and sisters.

We can make a point of being more patient every day, of being present to others, especially in their sorrow or distress. It is not through our strength that we will make the love of God known, but always united with Christ in faith, in surrender. As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and make ourselves available, he will lead us to the places where our witness is to happen. Let us put our trust in God and be open to those new situations, knowing that he is always with us.

Today, let us approach Jesus again in Holy Communion and give him thanks, asking him for the humility and faith we need to make his love known in the world and to help to bring his healing presence where it is needed.