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July 14 – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

XV Domenica Del Tempo Ordinario (Anno B)

Per mezzo dei suoi messaggeri, Dio ha preparato l'umanità, nel corso di una lunga storia, alla venuta di suo Figlio e alla rivelazione della salvezza da lui portata. Partendo dal popolo di Israele, il suo amore redentore doveva estendersi a tutti gli uomini. È il motivo per cui Gesù ha chiamato i Dodici a formare il nucleo del popolo definitivo di Dio e li ha fatti suoi collaboratori. Sono stati incaricati di vincere il potere del male, di guarire e di salvare gli uomini che avessero creduto al loro messaggio. Solo una piccola parte del popolo di Israele ha creduto in Gesù e in quelli che egli ha mandato. Dopo la sua risurrezione, Gesù ha di nuovo mandato i suoi discepoli e accresciuto la loro missione e i loro poteri. Da allora gli inviati di Dio si recano presso tutti i popoli per offrire agli uomini il perdono di Dio e la vita nuova. Ma non vi è che una piccola parte dell'umanità che ha sentito l'offerta divina e ha trovato la fede nell'amore di Dio e nella sua salvezza. Oggi che sono state smascherate le ideologie moderne del razionalismo e del nazionalismo, del fascismo e del socialismo, che si sono rivelate false dottrine di salvezza, si è operata una nuova apertura per il Vangelo presso molti popoli e molti uomini. E noi cristiani siamo tenuti, in modo nuovo, a portare la nostra testimonianza al nostro prossimo: per mezzo della nostra preghiera e del nostro impegno personale. Da questa testimonianza dipende non solo l'avvenire dell'umanità, ma anche quello della comunità ecclesiale ed il destino di ogni cristiano.

(La Chiesa)

Sunday's Gospel places the Twelve in the line of the authentic prophetic tradition in that they are ordinary people sent out with the authority of Jesus to carry on the preaching, liberating, and healing role that has been his alone up till now.

The Twelve, of course, are the "pillars" upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission here foreshadows that of the Church, establishing something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the healing ministry carried out in the Sacraments.

How it is to imitate these first missionaries in the "lightness" of its travel is far more of a problem, granted the massive institutional plant and wealth that the Church has acquired in the course of the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this – save perhaps the otherwise traumatic experience of persecution. But the Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role – its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practice – will largely be in proportion to the "lightness" with which it travels, the trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people and the lack of self-seeking it presents to the world. This is perhaps all the more necessary at a time when the Church's credibility has been so seriously eroded by the sexual abuse crisis.

(Brendan Byrne)

St. Vincent De Paul

April-June Activity Report

Families assisted: 51
 Adults: 76
 Children: 35
 Value of assistance (comprising of food/furniture/fuel/medicine): \$9,200.

Thanks for your ongoing assistance—The VINNIES team

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio, Donato Di Tella.

Upcoming funeral: Ennio D'Ambrosio, Thursday, July 18 at 12.00 pm.
Recently deceased: Ennio D'Ambrosio, Alfonso Tucci, Rachel Pihlgren, Salvatore D'Angelo, Francesco Vetere, Giuseppe Infantino, Roman Bandelj, Annette Zerafa, Igino Barzetti, Michelina Villela, Luciano Di Girolamo.

Anniversaries: Francesco Galante, Vincenzo Di Cecco, George Abdallah, Gino Provenzano, Bruno Troise, Saveria Troise, Sam Rocci, Domenico and Aquelina Rocci, Luigi Angelozzi, Lucia Angelozzi, Valerio Angelozzi, Rosa Lattanzio, Maggie Odicho, Olga Adam, Angelo Burgio, Sam Burgio, Giuseppe and Carmela Bovezza, Ross Edwards, Patrick McDonough, James McDonough.

Si pregano i parrocchiani di notare che i nomi per l'elenco degli anniversari dovrebbero essere inseriti nel bollettino solo UNA VOLTA all'anno, nella data/settimana dell'anniversario.

Parishioners please note that names for the anniversary list should only be placed in the bulletin ONCE per year— on the date/week of the anniversary.

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ;
 Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office

Jokes of the Week

The pastor kept a jar of pure, hot horseradish on his kitchen table. One evening an unsuspecting dinner guest took a big spoonful of the stuff and was taken aback. When he finally regained the ability to speak, he gasped, "I've heard ministers preach hellfire before, but you're the first one who passed out samples!"

A little Baptist girl from Alabama went to church for the first time ever, when she was visiting her grandparents in Michigan. When the pastor announced it was time for the Lord's Supper, she was excited -- and hungry. The congregation filed up to the altar rail, and the child watched in confusion as her grandparents received a wafer and small plastic cup of wine. She could hardly wait to get back to the pew to tell her grandma that Jesus wasn't from Alabama. "How do you know that dear?" asked her grandma. "Because that was the poorest meal I've ever seen," she said. "Mama would've at least given everybody some corn bread and sweet tea."

(frtonyshomilies.com)



Rosters for weekend masses (July 20/21)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: M. Markis
 Sunday 9.00 am: L.Iaria
 10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: J. Butera

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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