

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Amos 7:12-15, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 85, the second reading was Ephesians 1:3-14 and the Gospel reading was Mark 6:7-13.

Last week, we saw God calling and commissioning prophets. He sent them out and told them that if they denied God's existence, they should still proclaim.

In the future, the people would know that a prophet was in this town. Then in the Gospel, we saw Jesus powerless in his hometown. The people didn't accept the existence of God through Jesus, so he could not perform miracles there.

This week, we have the same theme, but in an opposite way. In the first reading, we see the Prophet Amos challenged and told not to talk about God in the town of Bethel. The king's priest tried to chase Amos away. The people there did not acknowledge God, their god was the king. The priest even told him to earn his bread elsewhere. Amos counters by saying that he was not a professional prophet, meaning he is not beholden to the temple or the king. Rather, he was a shepherd and an orchard keeper, and he came to Bethel to deliver his prophetic message only because God commissioned him to do so.

Then, we move into the Gospel. Jesus shares his full power with the disciples. He commissions them to do all that he does and to proclaim what he says. He sent them out two by two. And this is very significant. In the book of Deuteronomy we see that in order for something to be proven as true, there must be a witness. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Even though they were proclaiming the kingdom of God, they are witnesses for each other. No one would be able to say that they hadn't heard of the kingdom of God. Jesus also tells the disciples that the people need to repent from idol worship and return to the true worship of the Triune God.

You and I are also called to discipleship. When we received the sacrament of baptism, we were commissioned and anointed as priest, prophet and king. We are the royal kings of the King of Kings. Our existence on earth is not a simple thing. We have the same mission as Jesus. We are the prophet of the Prophet God. We are the priest of the Eternal Priest. We are lifted high in the kingship of God and we need to use our prophesizing power. We use this gift, this power of Jesus when we teach our children and grandchildren about morals and our faith. We are marked by the Holy Spirit. We are not simple people. We are royal kingship people, acknowledging our responsibility as disciples.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: How am I a prophet? How am I a priest? How am I a king?

God Bless!

—Father Antony



Happy Birthday!!
Karwin Shurygalo
Jade Albofera

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date \$159,821.31

Month of June 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

June Sunday Collection \$27,955.60



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Information For Attending Holy Mass - July 11, 2021

As the Provincial Government has lifted the Covid-19 restrictions, we are grateful for all of our parishioners for following the directives this past year and we are so happy to begin moving forward. After much prayer and discernment, we have decided on gradually easing back to pre-Covid Holy Mass and ministries. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Please read the following before attending the Holy Mass

You are no longer required to wear a mask, but you are more than welcome to if you feel more comfortable with one.

- You no longer need to register to attend Holy Mass.
- When you arrive at the Church, our Hospitality ministers will greet you and show you to a seat. For now, we will refrain from shaking hands while greeting and we will be keeping the seating distanced as we gradually work towards pre-Covid seating.
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, Father will ask us to pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.
- The contribution basket will remain on the soundboard cabinet at the back of the Church.
- For a few weeks communion ministers will still come to you in your pew to distribute communion and they will continue to wear a mask. Please hand sanitize before they get to you.
- Following the final blessing, considering the safety and concerns of all our Parish Family, we encourage you to not visit in the Church.
- All surfaces will be sanitized after each Holy Mass
- Once again, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please let the Parish Office know.

We thank you for your patience during this time of transition. As we have been responsible to each other throughout this past year, let us continue to respect and care for each other.