

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 11

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, July 12

### **Monday of the 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, July 13

### **Tuesday of the 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, July 14

### **Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, *virgin***

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, July 15

### **Memorial of St. Bonaventure, *bishop and doctor of the church***

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, July 16

### **Friday of the 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, July 17

### **Saturday of the 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, July 18

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Seminarian Education Fund**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**6/28 – 7/4**

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,811.37
Weekday Mass	\$ 1,275.75
Online Giving	\$ 632.97
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 439.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,159.09</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 15.00
Mass Intentions, Baptism, Weddings	\$ 570.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, etc.)	\$ 664.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,418.12</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Consult your Bible and learn the names of all the biblical prophets (at least those who have books named after them).
- Try following Jesus' instructions to the Apostles as closely as you can for a day or two. Then reflect on the experience of traveling light and relying solely on the power of God.
- How is Jesus like a walking stick? Give each family member a "walking stick" to keep in a pocket this week or hang one on your doorknob. Walking sticks may be fashioned from bent chenille stems, plastic canvas, small sticks from your yard (with yarn attached if you wish to hang one up), small candy canes, and so on. Let these be reminders to look for ways that Jesus is your walking stick, with you always as you follow your calling. Do you lean on him sometimes? Does he push aside obstacles for you, help you stay on the path, and defend you from harm and wrong?

## Sharing the Faith

- It is said that prophets are not "fortune tellers" but "forth tellers." What do you think that distinction means?
- Why do you think Jesus sent the Apostles out two-by-two?
- The people in today's readings were called by God from what they had been doing and sent to bring his word to the world. What has God called you to do?

## Saint of the Week

We must beg the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Spirit alone, knows how to bring to light, the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Spirit for interior guidance. - St. Bonaventure (1221-1274), Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day July

# July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Amos 7:12-15 / Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Ephesian 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / Alleluia: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18 / Mark 6:7-13*

Biblical prophets are always called; they never volunteer. It is God's choice and God's initiative that places the mantle of prophecy on someone, for prophecy is not a cloak you can take upon yourself. Amos makes that clear: I never was a prophet nor expected to be one, he says. God took me out of my former life and gave me marching orders. Prophets are rarely welcomed when they come. They're troublemakers by profession, speaking discomfiting words to people reluctant to hear them. It is not common to read of a prophet saying, "O Lord, let me keep doing this work for you!" Prophets spoke instead of growing weary from the burden of prophesying, and usually were eager to lay that mantle down.

Jesus knows the burden. Not only did his cousin John the Baptist give his life for the sake of prophesy, but Jesus himself bears that weight on his own shoulders. So when he sends out his Apostles, he gives them clear instructions about what to do and how, about when to strive and when to walk away. Their ministry is immediately fruitful, we learn. They preach repentance, drive out devils, and heal the sick. And in doing so, they manifest the power of the God who called them to this task, who enabled them to do it, and who receives, in Paul's words, "praise of the glory of his grace" (Ephesians 1:6) through their obedience and courage.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary"**

*Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 / Ephesian 2:13-18 / Alleluia: Cf. John 10:27 / Mark 6:30-34*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### **Share the Good News of Jesus**

Our Gospel this Sunday tells us about Jesus sending the Twelve to go two by two for missionary work. They were sent to preach and perform works of charity. Their master instructed them not to take anything for the journey but just a walking stick, to wear sandals and a tunic. They were even told not to bring any food, sack, or money. It will make us wonder how these Twelve will survive with the demands of their missionary work. It will make us aware of what the evangelist Mark would tell us about the story when He sent His disciples.

We have reflected on last Sunday's Readings about our call as prophets by virtue of our baptism. We are called to give witness to the Word and live the Word in our lives. To fulfill this mission, like the disciples of the Lord, we need to deepen our faith in Him. We need to nourish our minds by learning, reflecting, praying with Sacred Scriptures, the teachings of our Catholic Faith, and meaningful celebration of the liturgy, especially the Holy Eucharist.

This Sunday, Jesus is telling us to share the Word with all people. We just don't keep His Word in our lives, but we have to share it too. Sharing does not mean we have to convert people. It is not our task to convert people. Conversion is a gift of the Holy Spirit, whoever would listen to the Word. We need to understand that people can only listen to the Word if someone would share His Word. When Jesus told them not to bring anything with them, this act calls us to reflect on our total dependence upon God. We might struggle to carry on the task, but the Lord will help us. He provides for whatever we need for the mission. Trust, confidence, and courage are needed to carry on the work faithfully.

As we look around us, our world is in danger of losing the values of the Gospel. More and more people are inclined to live the values of the world. There is so much hatred, division, discrimination, no respect for human life and death. The world we live in is in danger of destruction because we do not simply care for the earth. Thus, we need to rekindle our mission to share the Good News of Jesus to restore peace, joy, harmony, love, truth, and justice.

It is never too late or too early to take part in the mission of the Lord. May we indeed be missionaries to the world! We are all entrusted to carry on the task of being Jesus' disciples today.

Your friend in Jesus,  
Fr. Pascual