

Fifteen Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Rose of Lima
Council Grove
St. Anthony
Strong City

July 11, 2021

Weekly Bulletin

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Weekday Masses

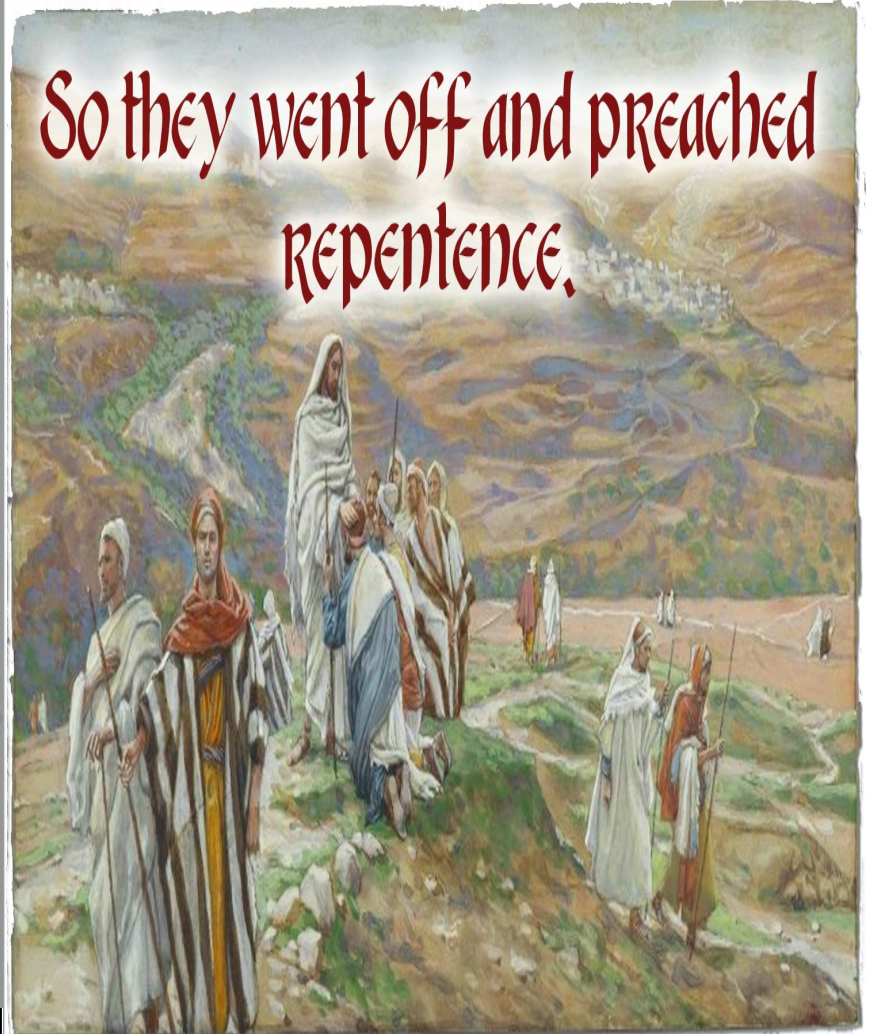
Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 p.m. @ St. Anthony
Wednesday 5:30 @ St. Rose
Friday 8:30 a.m. @ St. Rose

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30 p.m. @ St. Rose
Sunday 8:30 a.m. @ St. Anthony
Sunday 10:30 a.m. @ St. Rose

Confessions -

Anytime at request
St. Rose - Saturday 5:00 p.m.
St. Anthony - Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Stewardship of Treasure

St. Rose

July 4, 2021

Contributions.....	\$ 3,741.00
Landscaping.....	\$
Building Fund.....	\$ 200.00
Cemetery.....	\$
Total Collections.....	\$ 3,941.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 2,403.00

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Anthony

July 4, 2021

Contributions.....	\$ 1,716.00
Building.....	\$ 1,350.00
Votive.....	\$ 5.00
Total Collections.....	\$ 3,071.00
McCallum Mem.....	\$ 3,050.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 3,093.00

Saturday	@ St. Rose	July 10th
5:30pm	All Priest	
Sunday	@ St Anthony	July 11th
8:30am	†Ed Ybarra	
Sunday	@ St. Rose	July 11th
10:30am	People of the Parishes	
Monday	@ St. Rose	July 12th
	No Mass	
Tuesday	@ St. Anthony	July 13th
12:15pm	Bob James	
Wednesday	@ St. Rose	July 14th
5:30pm	†Gordon Todd	
Thursday	@ St. Anthony	July 15th
12:15pm	Bob James	
Friday	@ St. Rose	July 16th
8:30am	†H. L. Talley	
Saturday	@ St. Rose	July 17th
5:30pm	†Richard Hutley	
Sunday	@ St. Anthony	July 18th
8:30am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	
10:30am	@ St. Rose	
	People of the Parishes	

**Have A
Safe
and
Happy
Summer**

Show us, Lord,
your mercy;
grant us your
salvation.

PSALM 85:8

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Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

MARK 6:7-13

Entering the word

1. Imagine that you're one of Jesus' disciples.
 - a. Did you expect Jesus to send you forth?
 - b. Do you feel ready to go? Why/Why not?
 - c. Do you like having someone with you? Why/Why not?
 - d. How comfortable are you about traveling light?
 - e. How do people react as you arrive?
 - f. What do you tell people about Jesus?
 - g. How do people respond to what you tell them about Jesus?
 - h. Do you work mighty deeds?
 - i. How does it feel to *shake the dust off your feet* and move on to the next village?
 - j. How do you feel after a few months?

Living the word

2. What makes someone ready to share the gospel?
3. Do you find it easy or hard to share your faith with others? Why?

THE GOSPEL READING

Extending God's kingdom

Jesus empowers the Twelve to participate in his ministry of proclaiming and bringing about God's kingdom.

Jesus' first miracle was an **exorcism** (1:21f). Now he shares his power to cast out demons (aka unclean spirits) with his disciples. In the contest between God's kingdom and the forces of evil, God is clearly and easily winning.

Oil was widely used as a soothing and healing ointment (like lotion or cream today). Our practice of anointing the sick is rooted in this ancient use of oil. The oil we use in our sacramental celebrations is also a sign of God's presence.

The disciples also preach **repentance**, just as Jesus did at the start of his ministry (1:15). *Repentance* or *conversion of heart* means that those who hear the proclamation of God's kingdom and see it in exorcisms and healings must turn toward it with every part of their being.

Packing

The Greek word for *journey* can also be translated *way*, a word that refers to discipleship itself. This passage is a description of what the Twelve and all Christian missionaries must do, including us.

1. Pack light. You can only wear one tunic (shirt) at a time, so don't take a second one. Don't let stuff you think you need distract you or slow you down.
2. Be prudent. Take a staff to ward off wild animals, and wear sandals to protect your feet.
3. Trust God to provide for you. Don't take a bag for money or extra food.
4. Don't go from one home to another like you're searching for the finest accommodations or making people compete over you.

Shaking the dust

Jewish law required that there be at least two witnesses in a legal matter in order for the testimony to be valid. Jesus might have had this law in mind when he sent the disciples in pairs: they could testify that a village rejected God's kingdom.

Some Jews shook their feet when they passed from a Gentile region back into Judea as if to prevent pagan dust from contaminating the holy land. This action by Jesus' disciples could thus mean that a village was cut off from God's kingdom.

PRAYER

*adapted from "Blessing before Leaving on a Journey"
in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

All-powerful and ever-living God,
when your Son Jesus sent his disciples to further
your kingdom, you kept them safe all through
their journeys.

Protect us, your servants,
who also strive to follow your Son.
Walk by our side to help us.

Be our companion and our strength on the way.
Be our refuge in every adversity.

Lead us, O Lord,
as we share your kingdom with others, and bring
us at last to the eternal haven of salvation. Amen.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR -
OUR SICK:**

Brooklyn Barrett, Brad Brintle, Margaret Mary Buchman, Sally Colbert, Bob Collins, Stephanie Diehl, Patrick Disberger, Eddie Ebert, Charlie Fooke, Ranell Foxoven, Tana Griffith, Mark Hayes, Norma Hisey, Mikala Hodges, Cindy Hogman, Christy Jimerson, Tylor Kaminsky, Brendon Kasseleman, Doug Kohlhasse, JoAnn Larson, Judy Mahoney, John Newland, Gary Schout, Malinda Schraeder, Gary Sevenans, Patty Sevenans, Nick Simmons, Cole Svensen, Elizabeth Thornton, Marie Tonkins, Connie I. Werth, RaeLynn Werth, Vince Werth, Pete Wolf

OUR MILITARY:

Col. David Buchanan, Sgt. Brian Ash, SSgt. Stevi Makripodis, PR2 Teryn Grafel, PFC David Hutley, A1C Aaron LeMay

SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Jim Luder, Loretta Luder, Kenny Hiebert, D. J. Bremer, Peggy Siegrist, Michael Murphy, Brad McLinden, Bill Rudisill, Mary Ann McCallum



What do we receive on our foreheads at
the beginning of Lent

to remind us to turn from sin?

What was the sin committed by Adam and
Eve called?

On what day do we celebrate Jesus' trium-
phant entry into Jerusalem?

The twelve special helpers chosen by Jesus
were called the what? Apostles

When you talk to God what is it called?
Prayer

A person who gives his life for his faith is
called a what? Martyr



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