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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

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Mark 6:7



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Meek and Humble of Heart

Heroes in many stories are usually the strongest, the smartest, or the most beautiful people who conquer evil by overpowering it in some way. Even if the heroes don't start out that way, a crucial part of the story usually consists of the hero getting stronger and preparing for battle. They know that everything is up to them.

While these stories can be inspiring, they often miss an important truth: that in order to succeed, we need to rely on God. We grow up believing that we have to be strong and be the best in order to do well. Often we bring these beliefs into our relationship with Christ.

But this is actually contrary to the Gospel. We don't have to earn God's love, and we don't have to earn his call! God calls each of us, no matter how ill equipped or unprepared we are. He has destined us to follow him. And he mysteriously works through our weaknesses as well as our strengths to accomplish his good plan.

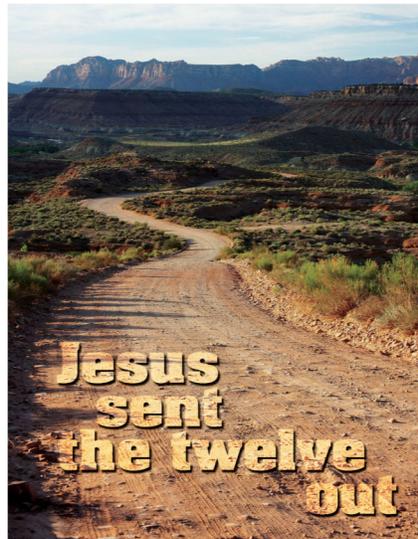
First Reading Reflection

Amos 7:12–15

The Prophet Amos came from the land of Judah, in the Southern Kingdom. He prophesied in the Northern Kingdom, warning them of judgment for failures in justice while living in luxury.

He was not well-received. In this reading we find him being driven off from a main temple in the Northern Kingdom. His words are

deemed an affront to the “king’s sanctuary.” He is told to go and “earn his bread” by prophesying back in Judah, suggesting that his gift of prophecy is not divine, but a way to make money. Amos replies that he is not a prophet by trade, but a shepherd and a “dresser of sycamores,” an agricultural job that helps the tree produce sweeter fruit. His vocation to prophesy is not his own idea; it comes directly from God.



Amos foreshadows Christ, who surprised so many when he began his public ministry. Like Amos, Christ also meets rejection and derision. Amos’s agricultural profession likewise prefigures Christ’s role as the Good Shepherd and the Vine whose branches are to bear fruit, albeit with pruning (see John 15:2). Amos also foreshadows the Christian vocation. We are all in some way asked to leave our chosen pursuits in response to God’s call. We may not see the fruits of our obedience immediately, but through

faith in God, we will achieve great good.

Second Reading Reflection

Ephesians 1:3–14

The beautiful prayer of praise that opens Ephesians is a very rich text, and there are many ways to approach it in prayer. In keeping with this week’s theme, we will look at the phrases that tell the purpose of God’s loving election. First, we see that we were chosen to be “holy and without blemish before him.” This language is used for precious liturgical offerings. Thus, men are meant to be part of the sacrificial worship of God. Later, we find repeated the idea that we exist “for the praise” of God’s glory in Christ.

What does it mean to exist for God’s glory? We must first look to Christ, who is the refulgence of God’s glory. In him we find obedience and trust. St. John’s Gospel shows that the hour of glory for Jesus is his Passion—the ultimate statement of love and trusting obedience in union with the will of the Father.

In our daily walk, our praise of God’s glory should take the form of trust and gratitude in all circumstances. A heart at peace in the storm truly glorifies God. This attitude is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who is “the first installment of our inheritance” as sons of God. Even as we glorify God through our sufferings, our life of praise looks forward to the “fullness of

times” when everything will be recapitulated, or summed up, in Christ.

Gospel Reflection

Mark 6:7-13

The Twelve have seen Jesus calm the storm and cast out demons, and they have seen him be rejected by his long-time neighbors. Now he deems them ready to imitate their Master’s work.

He sends them “two by two” and also gives them “authority over unclean spirits.” The Twelve are not independent operators, but members of Christ’s team. In this, we see that the life and strength of the Mystical Body are essential to the mission of the Gospel. In addition, the Apostles are given only what they absolutely need— they must rely on God for the rest.

Christ tells the disciples, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave,” and if they are not well-received, to “leave there and shake the dust off your feet.” Christ’s directions

reveal two aspects of preaching the Gospel: disciples of Christ must focus on the task in hand, and they must keep moving forward despite rejection.

Following their Master’s orders, the Twelve go and preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick. By acting on Christ’s call and relying on him, they are empowered to do mighty deeds. We are called to do the same.

Discussion

Please watch the short **Opening the Word** video at StMichael.FORMED.org then discuss the following questions with a friend.

Have you ever thought about your own role as a disciple in this way? What are some areas of weakness, hardship, suffering, etc. that you usually beg the Lord to remove in prayer, but could perhaps be the very means of his grace working through you for others?

Do you feel like you are a normal soul incapable of being a saint? Do you believe that you are in fact called to the heights of sanctity?

Digging Deeper: Universal Call to Holiness

One of the great messages of Vatican II was the “Universal Call to Holiness.” In the document *Lumen Gentium*, the Church teaches us that, “all the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for the holiness and perfection of their own proper state. Indeed they have an obligation to so strive.”

This means that holiness is not just for priests, religious, or missionaries. Every person is destined for sanctity and is called to build the Kingdom of God. God has a plan for each of us to participate in his saving work. Encourage participants to ponder this over the week and maybe even to read and pray through *Lumen Gentium*.

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The Brown Scapular and St. Simon Stock

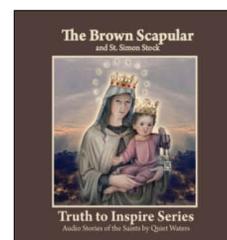
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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 7/14

8:30am Andrea Ledezma †
5:00pm Andrew Porter
7:00pm Jasento & Enarcijo Barina †

Sunday 7/15

6:45am Anna Trong Tran †
8:00am Bill Flannagan †
9:30am Cathy Struempfl †
11:00am Helen Makepeace †
12:30pm Nosadina Osorno, Garcia
and Caranza families †
6:00pm Eddie Coronel †

Monday 7/16

8:30am Mildred Wilson †

Tuesday 7/17

8:30am Gabriella & Raphael Rivera

Wednesday 7/18

8:30am Eufemio Ebrado †
7:00pm Luis Albert Muñoz, Jr. †

Thursday 7/19

8:30am Anasita Genobiagen †

Friday 7/20

8:30am Raul Santamaria †
Apollo B. Gorospe †

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.



JESUS *summoned* the twelve

and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

~ Mark 6:7

Put yourself into this moment when Jesus is sending out his disciples two by two. Imagine what it must have felt like to be given nothing for the journey except Jesus's authority. The Apostles would have been constantly aware of how much they depended on God for everything.

Take a word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "take nothing for the journey" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is the Lord encouraging you that no matter how much you have in property, skills, power, etc., he will always be with you and work through you? Call to mind the places you fear that you have too little to offer and ask the Lord to show you how he desires to work through you. Take some time to reflect on the power of Christ's healing and step out in faith, asking him to heal you today.

Resolution

To truly be able to live in our lowliness and let God be our strength, we have to form the habit of asking for forgiveness and offering it. Living with mercy is the key to this outlook on life. In a message for the World Day of Peace, Pope St. John Paul II said that, "Certainly, forgiveness does not come spontaneously or naturally to people. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."

This week how can you work towards this kind of heroism? How does living a life of forgiveness (and asking for it) help us to remain lowly and humble?

Prayer Requests

Please pray for continued good health for Bess Jost as she celebrated her 100th Birthday and 58th year as a parishioner of Saint Michaels on July 10.

Send your prayer requests to
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Collection Report

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7/8/18 Collection	\$15,036.80
Month-to-Date	\$33,978.18
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
Percentage Reached	31%
July Faith Direct	
July Maintenance	\$7,061.86

Bishop's Appeal

We are just over half-way to our parish goal!

By embracing Lighting the Way through the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay.

There's still time to make a one-time offering or a pledge at OakDiocese.org or by bringing a check to the church office.



Number of Donors	137
Pledges	28
Pledge Amount	\$11,800
Funds Raised	\$39,976
Overall Goal	\$77,500
Reached	52%
Average gift amt	\$291

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Readings: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

Readings: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Readings: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY, JULY 20

St. Apollinaris

Readings: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Readings: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Are you searching?

Our true hunger and loneliness can't be filled by this world. But God hasn't left us alone in this jungle. Next Sunday, we will reflect on how Jesus is moved to help us.

Room for You in Catholic Daughters of the Americas! Become a St Michael Court Charter Member

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the largest international organizations of Catholic women in the world. We are dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through prayer and service. We support the church and participate in social and charitable activities. We are dedicated to our patroness, The Blessed Mother. Our Motto is Unity & Charity.

There is still room for you to be a charter member of the newly forming Court at St Michael's. We meet monthly. For applications, please see Jacqueline at the church office or call Tess at 925-577-4994.



Scouting Religious Awards

Did you know there are religious awards both Cub/Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn? Summer is a great time to start working on them. If you're interested in learning more about them, please contact Morry Aufderheide at aufderheide1@llnl.gov or Vivian Hackett at vivian.hackett@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to save **February 3 at the 8 am Mass** for Scout Sunday! Any scout who earned their prospective award by this date will be recognized at this Mass.

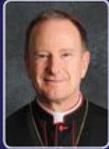


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Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland

Saturday, August 11, 2018
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Bishop O'Dowd High School
9500 Stearns Avenue, Oakland CA

Early Bird Registration \$35 before July 15, after that date \$40

Register online at: www.oakdiocese.org/congress

There will be no onsite registration. Last day to register is August 6, 2018

For more info contact: PCollier@oakdiocese.org

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Youth Catechists

Adult Catechists

Religion Teachers

Sacrament Prep Teams

RCIA/RICA

Small Group Leaders

Bible/Faith Study Leaders

Prayer Group Leaders



Dress a Girl Sew Fest

Sat, July 21 from 9 am—3 pm
Large Hall

Join us in making simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. We need help cutting, ironing, sewing etc.. If you can't make it, we have take-home kits!

Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447.

Mass of Remembrance

Wed, July 25 at 7 pm
St Charles

The Grief Support Ministry of St Michael and St Charles invite you to honor the memory of loved ones who have died. Bring a small framed photo of your loved ones to place before the altar during Mass.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Begin Thurs, Sept 6 at 7 pm
Convent

If you are at least 18 years old, a baptized, practicing Catholic who has received First Holy Communion, but have never been confirmed, this is the group for you!

Email Marjorie Melendez
RCIA@stmichaellivermore.com

Register for St Michael Faith Formation & Youth Programs by July 31

Download registration packets at StMichaelLivermore.com

Faith Formation & First Communion Prep for 1st-6th grades

Classes start the week of Aug 29
StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Baptism Prep for 1st-12th grades

Call Lourdes at 925-667-4096.

First Communion Prep for 7th-12th grades

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Confirmation for High School

Classes start the week of September 18
StMichaelLivermore.com/Confirmation

Edge Middle School Youth Ministry

Meets year-round
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LifeTeen High School Youth Ministry

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September 28-30

Celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael Barber on Friday at 6 pm
 Food, Entertainment & Fun at the Fall Festival Saturday and Sunday

Encounter Our Church History

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World War II brought a new wave of parishioners to St Michael's with the building of the Naval Air Station (now Lawrence Livermore Laboratory). But as new people came, young men left to serve our country.

Parishioner Tom Kelly was one of those young men, a farm boy who became a lieutenant of the B-24 "Heaven Can Wait". He and his crew were shot down over what is now Papua New Guinea and were declared missing in action. Tom Kelly's family buried an empty casket in St Michael's Cemetery on East Avenue, never knowing his actual final resting place.

Last October, Tom Kelly's family received word that the plane and the remains had been found at the bottom of Hansa Bay by Project Recover, a group dedicated to finding missing service members.

This past Memorial Day, dozens gathered at St. Michael Cemetery for a ceremony that included a 21-gun salute and a B-24 flyover, compliments of the Collings Foundation.



Livermore's Population Boom

1900	1,500
1950	4,000
1967	31,000
1970	40,000
2016	89,115



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Tom Kelly's grave is at St Michael Cemetery on East Avenue. All are welcome to visit and pray.

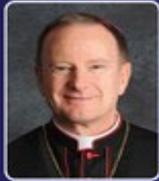


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Bishop O'Dowd High School
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Inscripción: \$35 antes del 15 de Julio, \$40 después de esa fecha

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No habrá registración el día del evento. Último día para registrarse: 6 de Agosto, 2018

Para más información: smartinez@oakdiocese.org

MISA DEL RECUERDO EN ST. CHARLES

sera el **Miercoles 25 de Julio a las 7:00PM**

Nos juntamos para recordar a nuestros seres queridos difuntos a las 7:00p.m. Nuestra Misa Bilingüe nos da la oportunidad de hacer honor a nuestros amados difuntos al celebrar una misa en su nombre. Los motivamos a que traigan una foto de su ser querido en marco y puesto ante el altar durante la misa. El ritual del recuerdo nos da una oportunidad de venir hacia adelante con una rosa, encender una vela, y hablar sobre las personas que estamos recordando, si así lo desea. Rosas y velas serán dadas. Esta misa trimestral es patrocinada por el Ministerio de Apoyo de Dolor de St. Michael y St. Charles. Todos están invitados.

LLAMADOS POR DIOS

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a escuchar dos llamados. El primero es el llamado del Señor al profeta Amós, el "pastor y cultivador de higos" (Amós 7:14). El segundo es el llamado del Señor Jesús a los Doce, a quienes envió "de dos en dos" (Marcos 6:7). Estas personas fieles respondieron al llamado, profetizaron y predicaron a aquellos a quienes habían sido enviados. En el Bautismo, cada uno de nosotros recibió un llamado. La segunda lectura nos invita a reflexionar sobre ese llamado ya que se nos recuerda que hemos sido elegidos en Cristo y que, por amor, Dios "nos eligió... para que fuéramos sus hijos" (Efesios 1:5). Por ser hijos adoptivos de Dios se nos llama a llevar la presencia de Cristo a nuestro matrimonio, familiares, escuelas y sitios de trabajo. Sintámonos inspirados a decir "sí" hoy

al llamado que escuchamos una vez más en la palabra viva de Dios

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Amós es enviado por Dios a profetizar al pueblo de Israel (Amós 7:12-15).

Salmo -- Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura -- El Dios y Padre de Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor nos ha elegido y nos ha bendecido con toda clase de bendiciones espirituales (Efesios 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Evangelio -- Jesús envía a los doce apóstoles de dos en dos a predicar, invitando a la conversión (Marcos 6:7-13)..

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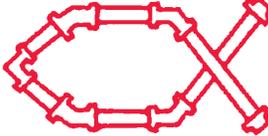
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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am
Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado
5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo
6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas
1st Sun, 11:00 am
Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita
4th Sun, 3:30 pm
Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Low gluten hosts are available. Please make a request in the sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass.

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church | Sábado en la iglesia
9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English
6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
at 2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585 |
1er sábado después de las 8:30 am Misa o con cita previa: 925-447-1585

Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours access code, call 775-772-6369 |
24/7 en la Capilla. Para el código de acceso después de las horas, llame al 775-772-6369

Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed during lunch)

Sun 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Clergy | Clero

Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David Staal, Associate
Rev. Alfred Amos, In Residence
Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired
Rev. Deacon Bill Archer
Rev. Deacon Rob Federle
Rev. Deacon Dave Rezendes

Pastoral Council | Consejo Pastoral

Pastoral Council Chair: Mike Pereira
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Eric Hom, Fidelis Atuegbu, Jo Anne Lindquist, Dave Parks, Frank Draschner, Miguel Ibarria, Jeff Andersen, Cynthia Garay and Glenda Dubsy.

Finance Council | Consejo Financiero

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St. Michael School | Escuela de San Miguel

925-447-1888 smsliv.org

Faith Formation in English

925-667-4096

Catecismo en Español

925-667-4096 Niños
925-344-7150 Adultos



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Fr Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar	925-667-4053
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Priscilla Stutzman, DRE	925-667-4097
Joseph Garcia, Youth Minister	925-667-4093
Tina Gregory, Communication/Adult Enrichment	925-667-4051
JaNet Hancock, Music	925-292-5071
Debbie Pizzato, Liturgy	925-667-4095
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