

**JULY 11, 2021**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.*

*Psalm 85:12*



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**GOD CHOSE US**

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

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**TODAY'S READING**

**1st Reading** — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (*Amos 7:12-15*).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (*Psalm 85*).

**2nd Reading** — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (*Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]*).

**GOSPEL** — *Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Henry
- Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Thursday:** St. Bonaventure
- Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- Sunday Mass**      **8:00 a.m. (Live)**  
   **10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)**
- Wednesday: Communion Service -9:00 a.m.**  
**Prayer Meeting                      - 6:00 p.m.**

**OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Edith Bolder, Home Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald & Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Herman Lovett, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Home, Mr. And Mrs. Ovell Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Allison McDonald, Home, Earnestine Nard, John Knotts Rehab., Barbara Parks, Overland Park, Rehab.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (*Rite of Ordination*). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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## KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH DIOCESE

The Office of Divine Workshops will present three workshops in July and September. **The first workshop: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>., Location: St. Therese North, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*Please Call your Church Office to register for this workshop*

## FORWARD IN FAITH – FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We are proud to report that our proceeds from the Parking Lot Garage Sell has totaled **\$9,354.96**, to date!

We have extended the SHOE DRIVE to **JULY 25<sup>th</sup>**.

- ✚ The public is invited to participate in donating gently worn, used, and new shoes .
- ✚ The amount of money raised, is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected.
- ✚ All donated shoes will be distributed to micro-enterprise partners through [FUNDS2ORGS](#) .
- ✚ *Shoe donations will be accepted in Ferguson Hall, after each Sunday Mass.*



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As we continue to struggle with the backlash of the pandemic, many families throughout our diocese will not have the means to provide for their children's back to school supplies. Often, we take for granted the ability to afford things such as crayons and pencils when there are others who are wondering where their next meal will come from. Catholic Charities' KCSJ assists many of these families each year with school supplies. We are collecting backpacks and other essential supplies to offer to schools in the lowest income areas of the KCSJ Diocese. This year's tax-free school supply shopping in Missouri runs from August 6-8. For more information or to give a gift of a backpack filled with supplies, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8266.



Outpace Poverty 2021 will be an in-person event at Frank A. Theis Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Proceeds from Outpace Poverty benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. There are several ways to participate, including as a corporate sponsor, donor, participant, or volunteer. For more information, visit [OutpacePoverty.org](http://OutpacePoverty.org) or contact Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, at 816-650-8274 or [BHilst@ccharities.com](mailto:BHilst@ccharities.com).

## UNFINISHED MISSION

*Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.*—Anonymous

