

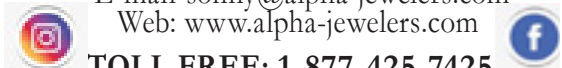
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July 7, 2024

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 123: 1-4
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6a

MEDITATION

By: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguete Toko

We are the Church, called to reach out to those in the periphery.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I started meditating on the Word of God of this Sunday, I thought about a parishioner asking me: What does the Church has to say about all that is happening in the world today? Things crumbling, wars here and there, divisions and factions everywhere, hatred, politics, etc.? In fact, the situation in the time of the people of Israel was very similar to what we have today. There were all sorts of immoralities. They were disobedient to God. Despite God's patience and the numerous calls to order, the people did not heed. God considered them as a people "who have rebelled against Him", a people "hard of face and obstinate of heart." It is within this context that we should understand the mission of Ezekiel, the prophet to whom God spoke and whom God sent to speak to the people on his behalf. When he speaks to bring them back to order, the people will "know that a prophet has been among them."

We are also prophets for our world today, sent on mission from the day of our baptism to go and announce the Good news, or make known God's word to the world, a world full of immoralities and divisions, hatred, factions, violence, wars, conflicts of all sorts, etc.... Just as He used Ezekiel in his own time, God wants to use us today as his prophets for the world. He is sending us to go and let people know about His Word, his Will, and bring them back to Him; but are we ready to accept or to assume that mission?

When the Apostolic Nuncio was with us last Tuesday, he reminded us that WE are the Church, and that the Church is essentially "mission". We are all called to reach out to the peripheries, that is to go out of our comfort zones and have the courage to meet people of all walks of life who need the light of the Gospel. That is the mission of the Church that we are. It starts from the family and extends to the other sides of our social lives, be it political, economical, professional, etc.

Meditation (continued)

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us the example of what we are supposed to be, how we are to be Christians or prophets in the world. We are told that he came to his native place with his disciples and taught in the synagogue in such a way that he had an impact on his hearers who were astonished and were wondering: "where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given to him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! ..." We therefore see that Jesus did not teach the people only by words, but also by his actions. His words and deeds had an impact on the people. That is what we should also be doing in our families and around us in the quarter, in our workplaces and in our various associations and political parties. But it is not an easy mission, not even in the family because people will not always welcome us, nor listen to us. The example of Jesus is there to edify us again.

Although some people were touched and impressed by Jesus' teaching and deeds, his own people who knew him and his family well, were the ones to undermine him saying: "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And the evangelist says: "And they took offence at him." Why? Simply because they did not believe him. That is why Jesus had to say, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." We are told that he was amazed at their lack of faith. Some people will not welcome our words; others will reject or persecute us like Jesus. If the Master has thus been treated, we should not expect to have better treatment. It should therefore not discourage us from bearing witness to the Gospel by word and deeds like Jesus. Let us ask him to grant us the graces we will need for this mission every day. In that way, we could also deserve a share in his glory in heaven. Amen!



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**DAILY WEEKDAY READINGS**

**Monday, July 8, 2024**

First Reading: Hosea 2: 16, 17b-18, 21-22  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 18-26

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

First Reading: Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 32-38

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

First Reading: Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 1-7

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

*Saint Benedict, Abbot*

First Reading: Hosea 11: 1-4, 8c-9  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 7-15

**Friday, July 12, 2024**

First Reading: Hosea 14: 2-10  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-23

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

*Saint Henry*

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-33

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

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We would like to thank all who contributed to the success of the 250th Anniversary of the Cathedral last weekend and those who represented us at the meeting with the Nuncio at Columban Hall, at Holy Family Church last Tuesday.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

We encourage parishioners to offer mass intentions for their deceased loved ones, sick family members and friends, or special intentions. You can offer your mass intentions at the Church office or see the priest.

**LECTORS**

Any parishioner interested in joining the Lectors ministry please contact the Church office or Father Joseph Toko.



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, July 6, 2024**

7:00AM Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers for protection and deliverance - requested by Cynthia Charles

The Protection of Jean Liberny and Journey Mercies - requested by himself

4:30PM † Excelman deLagarde - requested by family & friends

**SUNDAY, July 7, 2024**

7:00AM Edris Callwood Birthday Blessings - requested by her seven children

8:30AM The Protection of Jean Liberny and Journey Mercies - requested by himself

† Joseph Registe - requested by family & friends

10:00AM Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Class of 1984 40th Anniversary- requested by Jennifer Sibilly

12:15PM

**MONDAY, July 8, 2024**

7:00AM † Pete Ledee - requested by Marie Pascale Duplan

The Protection of Jean Liberny and Journey Mercies - requested by himself

**TUESDAY, July 9, 2024**

7:00AM Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers for protection & deliverance- requested by Cynthia Charles

**WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2024**

7:00AM † Excelman deLagarde - requested by family & friends

12:15PM Rev. Fr. Lonfo Birthday and God's blessings - requested by Betty and Nancy

Monique Aubin Birthday Blessings - requested by her mother

**THURSDAY, July 11, 2024**

7:00AM † Joseph Registe - requested by family & friends

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2024**

7:00AM † Excelman deLagarde - requested by family & friends

**SATURDAY, July 13, 2024**

7:00AM Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers for protection & deliverance - requested by Cynthia Charles

4:30PM † Joseph Registe - requested by family & friends

**HURRICANE PRAYER**

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, Our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image, close to the world Your love brings to life. Save us from all harm, draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 2: 2-5  
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 123: 1-4  
Segunda Lectura: 2 Corintios 12: 7-10  
Evangelio: Marcos 6: 1-6a

**Meditación**

por: Padre Joseph Nguete Toko

**Somos la Iglesia, llamada a llegar a los de la periferia.**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Quando comencé a meditar en la Palabra de Dios de este domingo, pensé en un feligrés que me preguntaba: ¿Qué tiene que decir la Iglesia sobre todo lo que está sucediendo en el mundo hoy? ¿Cosas que se desmoronan, guerras aquí y allá, divisiones y facciones por todas partes, odio, política, etc.? De hecho, la situación en la época del pueblo de Israel era muy similar a la que tenemos hoy. Había todo tipo de inmoralidades. Fueron desobedientes a Dios. A pesar de la paciencia de Dios y los numerosos llamados al orden, el pueblo no hizo caso. Dios los consideró como un pueblo “que se ha rebelado contra Él”, un pueblo “duro de rostro y obstinado de corazón”. Es dentro de este contexto que debemos entender la misión de Ezequiel, el profeta a quien Dios habló y a quien Dios envió a hablar al pueblo en su nombre. Cuando él hable para restablecer el orden, el pueblo “sabrá que ha habido un profeta entre ellos”.

También somos profetas para nuestro mundo de hoy, enviados en misión desde el día de nuestro bautismo para ir a anunciar la Buena Nueva, o dar a conocer la palabra de Dios al mundo, un mundo lleno de inmoralidades y divisiones, odios, facciones, violencia, guerras, conflictos de todo tipo, etc.... Así como usó a Ezequiel en su tiempo, Dios quiere usarnos hoy como sus profetas para el mundo. Él nos está enviando a ir y hacerle saber a la gente acerca de Su Palabra, su Voluntad, y traerlos de regreso a Él; pero ¿estamos dispuestos a aceptar o asumir esa misión?

Quando el Nuncio Apostólico estuvo con nosotros el martes pasado, nos recordó que NOSOTROS somos la Iglesia, y que la Iglesia es esencialmente “misión”. Todos estamos llamados a llegar a las periferias, es decir a salir de nuestra zona de confort y tener el coraje de encontrar personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida que necesitan la luz del Evangelio. Esa es la misión de la Iglesia que somos. Comienza desde la familia y se extiende a otros lados de nuestra vida social, ya sea política, económica, profesional, etc.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos muestra el ejemplo de lo que se supone que debemos ser, cómo debemos ser cristianos o profetas en el mundo. Se nos cuenta que llegó a su lugar natal con sus discípulos y enseñó en la sinagoga de tal manera que impactó a sus oyentes quienes estaban asombrados y se preguntaban: “¿de dónde sacó este todo esto? ¿Qué clase de sabiduría le ha sido dada?”

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**Meditación** continuada

¡Qué maravillas realizan sus manos! ...” Vemos entonces que Jesús no enseñó al pueblo sólo con palabras, sino también con sus acciones. Sus palabras y hechos tuvieron un impacto en la gente. Esto es lo que deberíamos hacer también en nuestras familias y a nuestro alrededor en el barrio, en nuestros lugares de trabajo y en nuestras distintas asociaciones y partidos políticos. Pero no es una misión fácil, ni siquiera en la familia porque la gente no siempre nos acogerá ni nos escuchará. El ejemplo de Jesús está ahí para edificarnos nuevamente.

Aunque algunas personas se sintieron conmovidas e impresionadas por las enseñanzas y los hechos de Jesús, su propia gente que lo conocía bien y a su familia, fueron quienes lo minaron diciendo: “¿No es él el carpintero, el hijo de María, y el hermano de Santiago? ¿Y José y Judas y Simón? ¿Y no están aquí con nosotros sus hermanas?” Y el evangelista dice: “Y se escandalizaron con él”. ¿Por qué? Simplemente porque no le creyeron. Por eso Jesús tuvo que decir: “Un profeta no carece de honor excepto en su lugar natal, entre sus propios parientes y en su propia casa”. Se nos dice que estaba asombrado por su falta de fe. Algunas personas no recibirán con agrado nuestras palabras; otros nos rechazarán o nos perseguirán como Jesús. Si el Maestro ha sido tratado así, no deberíamos esperar recibir un mejor trato. Por lo tanto, no debería disuadirnos de dar testimonio del Evangelio con palabras y obras como Jesús. Pidámosle que nos conceda cada día las gracias que necesitaremos para esta misión. De esa manera, también podríamos merecer una participación de su gloria en el cielo. ¡Amén!

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- LIAN VÁZQUEZ



**July 2024 Novenas and Feast Days**

This month is dedicated to the: **Precious Blood of Jesus**

Recommended virtue for the month: **Obedience**

Protector of the month: **Saint James**

**July 1:**  
Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus

**July 3:**  
Saint Thomas, Apostle

**July 1 to 9:**  
First Novena Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus

**July 7:**  
Start the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**July 11:**  
Saint Benedict, Abbot

**July 13 to 15:**  
Triduum Prayers to the Precious Blood of Jesus

**July 15:**  
Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**July 16:**  
Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**July 17 to 25:**  
Beginning of the Novena to St. Anne and St. Joachim

**July 22:**  
Saint Mary Magdalene

**July 23:**  
Saint Bridget

**July 25:**  
Saint James, Apostle

**July 26:**  
Saint Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**July 29:**  
Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

**July 29 to July 31:**  
Last twelve special days of prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus

**July 31:**  
Saint Ignatius of Loyola

May the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ purify us all! May the Most Precious Blood that springs from the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Temple of divine wisdom, the Tabernacle of divine knowledge and the light of heaven and earth cover us now and forever. **AMÉN!**

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Heal the wounds of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Save us and the whole world. **AMÉN!**