



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - XI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19, a 2-6^a; Psalm 99; Romans 5, 6-11; Matthew 9, 36—10, 8

The Harvest is Abundant, but the Laborers are Few.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Reflection:

Jesus was moved with pity for His people because they were like sheep without a shepherd, lost and hungry. Why were they without a shepherd? (The pastors, or leaders of their faith, the Pharisees, did not have God in their hearts and did not show them the way to Him.) **Then Jesus compares His people to a field that needed harvesting, but with few works available to harvest it. What does Jesus ask His apostles to do?** (Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.) **Who is the master of the harvest?** (God) **Who are the first laborers?** (The 12 apostles) **What does Jesus want them to do?** (To show His people how to truly love God and their neighbor.) **Jesus gave the apostles special powers to help them convert hearts. What were they?** (The power to expel impure spirits and to cure sicknesses.) **Jesus sent them with special instructions. What were they?** (Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and proclaim: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.") **How do you think the people felt that the apostles freely healed?** (Very grateful and ready to listen to them teach about Jesus.) **Our priests continue the work of the apostles taking the Gospel to everyone. How can we help Jesus in this work?** Share.

Activity:

Color the 12 apostles and learn a Little about each. Color and read about how the priests continue their mission. Color and talk about how we can help Jesus to take the Gospel to all.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you worry when we are lost. Help me to always stay close to you and to always share your love so I may attract more souls to you. I pray for all our priests, that they may always glorify you. Amen.

Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Lifetree Kids, <https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>

PPT:





Matthew 10:2

12 Disciples of Jesus



Simon
(Peter)



Andrew



James



John



Philip



Bartholomew
(Nathanael)

Brothers

Brothers



Simon
(The Zealot)



Matthew



Thomas



James
(Son of Alphaeus)



Judas
(Jude,
Thaddaeus,
Lebbaeus)

Brothers



Judas
(Iscaiot)



The 12 apostles were called by Jesus to spread the Gospel to all the world.

Andrew: brother of Peter, a Bethsaida fisherman and disciple of John the Baptist, and also the First-Called Apostle.

Simon: Jesus changed his name to Peter (means rock) saying “upon this rock I will build my church.” He was the first Pope. He was originally a fisherman from Bethsaida "of Galilee" and Andrew's brother.

John son of Zebedee and James' brother, referred to as Sons of Thunder. Known as the only apostle who was not martyred, and also has his own Gospel in the New Testament.

James (the Major)-Son of Zebedee and John's brother, referred to as Sons of Thunder.

Philip: from Bethsaida "of Galilee".

James (the Lessor): Son of Cleopas and of Maria (Maria was at the foot of the cross with the Virgin Mary.) He is the author of the Letters of James in the New Testament.

Judas Thaddeus: brother of James. Not Jesus' betrayer.

Bartholomew: also called Nathanael. He was very honest.

Thomas: He doubted that the others had seen the resurrected Jesus. He wanted to see for himself and touch His wounds. Jesus appeared to Him and asked him to touch His wounds. He believed.

Matthew: the tax collector, son of Alphaeus - Author of the Gospel of Matthew.

Simon the Canaanite: called in Luke and Acts "Simon the Zealot". The Zealot's believed in using violence to get rid of the Romans who were oppressing the Jews.

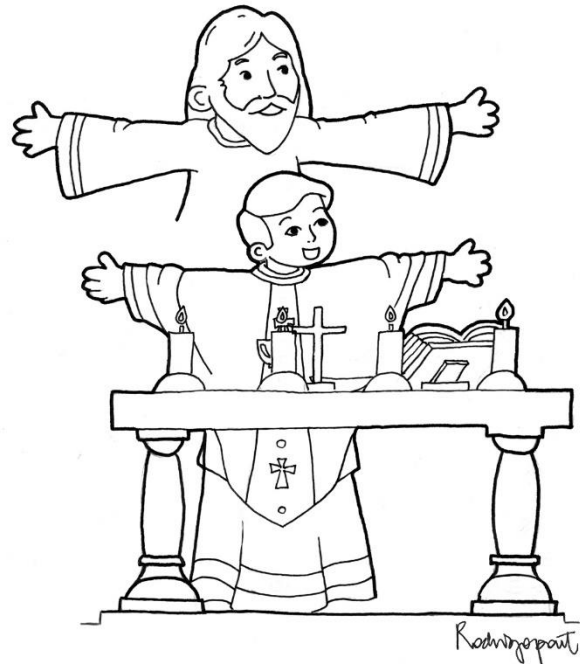
Judas Iscariot: He betrayed Jesus by turning him over to the Pharisees for 30 silver pieces. He was replaced as an apostle in Acts by Saint Matthias



The priests continue the work of the apostles, taking the Gospel and Jesus' love to all.



During Mass, they proclaim and interpret the Gospel, the Good News of God's love for us.



During the Mass, they act in the person of Jesus, to do the miracle that transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus wants to stay with us.

During the Sacrament of Confession, they act in the person of Christ to forgive our sins so we can have peace, joy, and eternal life.



In all the Sacraments, they make present God's Grace in all the moments of our lives to help us get to Heaven.



WE CAN GIVE LOVE

GIVING A PRESENT



OBEYING THE
WORD OF
GOD



SHARING THE
GOSPEL



CONSOLING THE SAD



HELPING THOSE IN NEED



GIVING HUGS



Jesus, help me to love as you love. This week I want to love and help my neighbor by doing the following: _____