



Jesus summoned the Twelve
and began to send them out
two by two
and gave them authority
over unclean spirits.

MARK 6:7

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 11, 2021

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Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

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SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

Today's Readings: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Ron Emma. Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: **David Schindler**, husband of Jan Schindler.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from

our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First 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).

Second 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

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 7/10 Mel Mulder (M/M Murfin)

Sun 7/11 Diane Stanley+ (Folzenlogen Family)

Tue 7/13 Judy Hamilton+ (M/M Stephens)

Wed 7/14 Gayle McCloskey+ (M/M Stephens)

Thurs 7/15 Parishioners involved in our Ministries

Fri. 7/16 Rosary Group

Sat. 7/17 Mel Mulder (M/M Murfin)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through May 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,434

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,603

Attendance 7/03 Saturday 69 7/04 Sunday 72

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for July:

Social friendship. We pray that, in social economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.

—St. Augustine

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

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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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

July Second Collections:

24th & 25th: "Church in Africa."



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary in July, Aug. & Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

The St. Philip Institute Presents

Join the St. Philip Institute team for a dynamic day of teaching, prayer, and support for catechists in the Diocese of Tyler. This year we will host two separate events: a conference in Spanish on August 21 and one in English on August 28. Our theme for this year's conference is Proclaiming the Truth with Joy. Visit the catechist page at stphilipinstitute.org/catechist-formation/ for more information!

The St. Philip Institute is co-hosting the *Together in Holiness* Marriage Conference with the St. John Paul II Foundation on October 23, 2021. Please see the attached document with bulletin announcement samples. Please run this bulletin announcement between now and Sunday, October 17, 2021. Thank you in advance for your help! If you would like this in a different format please email our Conference Coordinator Sara Dietz at sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

Additional note: Our [online store](#) has been updated and now includes an option for in-store pick-up and any Faith formation materials will be given a 10 % discount when you use the coupon code DOT10 (note: this is for parish/ catechist use only). [Visit store](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Angelina Estrada at sales@stphilipinstitute.org or (903)630-5055 ext. 117

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. **Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.



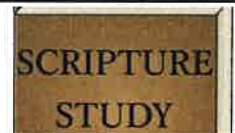
The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. We are in the need of pudding, jello and fruit cups; pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.

Thank you,
Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

NEW FAMILIES:

Please call the Church Office 903-769-3235 or email: holy.spirit2@yahoo.com to register as soon as possible. Active Membership is determined by three things: 1. Being registered in the parish 2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days 3. The support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?



You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to **contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com**. **Fill out the following info with your**

NAME: _____ **phone #** _____ **Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.**

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____

Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 7 July 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 2 July 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

The Holy Spirit (From:

<https://mycatholic.life/the-my-catholic-life-series/My-Catholic-Faith/the-holy-spirit/#:~:text=Jesus%20established%20the%20Church%20and%20bestowed%20the%20Spirit,Apostles%20in%20the%20upper%20room%20behind%20closed%20doors.>)

(Part 1 of a 4-series.)

What is the Holy Spirit? ... “Who is the Holy Spirit” is the (better) right question because the Holy Spirit is a Person. A divine Person. Equal in dignity and majesty with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is one member of the Holy Trinity. As a Person, the Holy Spirit is one we can be in relation with. We can know and love the Holy Spirit just as we know and love the Father and the Son. And the Spirit loves us just as He loves the Father and the Son. Personhood means there is potential for love and union. The Holy Spirit has an intellect and will and with those characteristics freely knows and loves as God.

At the beginning of time, we were slowly made aware of the reality of God the Father. The Great I AM. It was revealed to us through the prophets and patriarchs that there was one God and only one. But as time passed, we were also made aware of the Messiah who was the Son of God. As we came to know this Son, in the person of Jesus, we came to realize that He also was I AM. He also was God. Then the Son began to reveal to us that He would send His Advocate, the Holy Spirit. And we came to realize that this Holy Spirit is also God, also I AM. ... This was God’s way of slowly revealing the full truth of Who He is over time. He is One, yet He is also Three. One God, three divine Persons. We say, in philosophical language, that the Holy Spirit is “consubstantial” with the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. To be “consubstantial” means that God the Holy Spirit is of the same divine substance or the same divine nature as the Father and the Son. (“Con” means “with,” “substantial” means “substance.”) This is philosophical terminology that our Church has used to ... put into language the relationships between these three divine Persons. And they are the only three Persons who share in this one divine nature. It also means that they act in perfect unity. They share the same will and act in unison in fulfilling this will. They share the same power as God and act as one God. Being of the same substance means that each Person of the Trinity shares in all the same qualities of this nature. ... They have all-power, are all-knowing, and are all-loving. They are perfection! And this perfect sharing in these attributes unites them and enables them to act as one. ... It’s important to point out that **the age we are in now, the age after the life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Son, is especially the age of the Holy Spirit!** (What an insightful declaration!) This is the time when the Holy Spirit is especially active in our world and in the Church. The Father is especially seen and revealed in the creation of the world, the Son is especially seen and revealed in the redemption of the world after it fell from innocence, and the Holy Spirit is now clearly seen and revealed as the one active in our lives and in the Church sanctifying (making holy) all who follow Jesus and all who seek the will of the Father. (To be continued...)



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