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# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2006

Truth shall spring out of the earth, & justice shall look down from heaven. —Psalm 85:12



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## Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. July 17—  
**Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues. July 18—  
**Legion of Mary—**  
7 pm Scanlan Hall

Wed. July 19—  
**Boy Scouts, 7:30**  
pm. Carroll Hall

Fri. July 21—  
**AACC Youth Group,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Prince of Peace,**  
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

### Comment

Paul sings a paean of praise that is laced with gratitude and amazement that he of all people has been chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and drawn into the eternal mysteries. This calling and election is not Paul's alone. It belongs to all the baptized—we, too, are chosen, believe, and are sealed by the promised Spirit. This has all been promised and accomplished in us, and there is nothing left for us to do but offer praise and thanks for this amazing grace.

From these heights we turn to the grassroots story of Amos. His realization of his vocation was a jolt. He seems to have been jerked by the collar clean out of his pasture and sycamore grove and set to a clear task: "Off with you, visionary!" Amos might have asked, "Visionary? Who, me?" Amos did God's bidding, and today we have a prophetic book bearing his name. Amos pleads his case before the priest and describes himself as simply a shepherd and dresser of sycamores, but that doesn't cut it. The priest, Amaziah, suggests that Amos hike himself off to the separated southern kingdom of Judah. Nothing seems to be going Amos's way. He doesn't want the job, and he doesn't get any help or relief from the scoundrel priest Amaziah, who just wants to rid himself of Amos, this simple, unsuspecting man who takes God's call so seriously.

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus sending the twelve apostles out on their first missionary journey without him. This is the first of Mark's stories about Jesus' mission to the whole of Israel. The account of the sending of the Twelve is also given in Matthew 6:8-9, and the description of their carry-along luggage varies considerably. However, the mission does not vary and admits of no compromise. The apostles are asked to travel lightly and joyously, unburdened by useless and distracting stuff. Free of useless junk, they are called to stand unflinchingly for the right thing. They are to stand against evil in all forms spiritual and physical.

### Reflection

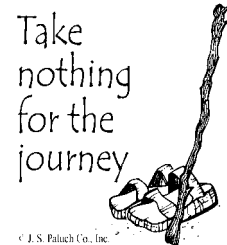
Jesus gives the Twelve a mission. Their meager supplies remind them that the source of their effectiveness and livelihood and vocation is Jesus. On their own, none of them is strong, persuasive, and charismatic enough to effect any long-lasting conversion. They possess power from neither the Empire nor the Temple, nor any synagogue. They cannot count on anyone to welcome them into the city.

Nonetheless, this small company traveling two by two will begin a quiet, durable revolution. If we read on in this Gospel and the Gospel of Matthew, we see that the Twelve succeeded. We need only think of the Christians up and down the neighborhood or look around to see those who gather with us on Sunday. They witness to the success of the original missionaries sent by Jesus.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, July 16:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13  
**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1  
**Tuesday:** **St. Camillus de Lellis,** Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** **St. Apollinaris,** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday :** **St. Lawrence of Brindisi,** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** **St. Mary Magalene** Mi 2:1-5; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Sunday, July 23:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



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**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. July menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*His Eminence, **Cardinal William J. Levada**, Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco, and Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, will be in the Archdiocese for a brief visit this month. He will celebrate the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 23 at St. Mary's Cathedral**. A light reception will follow. This will be a welcome occasion to greet Cardinal Levada and congratulate him on his elevation to the College of Cardinals. Everyone is invited.

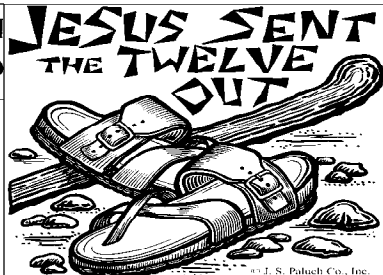
\*Please call the office for details and to sign up for **Electronic Fund Transfers**. We hope to have it up and running in August. Thanks.

\***RCIC to start again soon.** Everyone between 7 and 17 years old who have **not** been baptized, **not** received first holy communion, and/or **not** been confirmed is invited to the orientation on Saturday, **August 12 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Scanlan Hall**. Pls spread the news.

## RAFFLES

\***Thank you** to everyone who bought tickets as well as to everyone who gave so much time, talent and energy for the success of the raffles. Special thanks of course to the committee members who made it possible. Thanks also to all who participated in our little presentation at the drawing!

\*Winners will be posted in next week's bulletin.....



### Pilgrimage to Rome

Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from November 12-22**. The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciaio (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. Pls register your names asap. Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Secretary, for further info & registration.

### OTHERS

\*The Secular Franciscans are having a day of Recollection on Saturday, July 29 from 9—3:30 PM with Brother William Short from the Franciscan School of Theology. Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. A \$10.00 donation is suggested or a jar of creamy peanut butter for the Elderly poor in the Tenderloin. Seniors or students can request free scholarships. The address is Poverello (b/w Jones and Leavenworth) at 109 Golden Gate Ave., SF. BART/MUNI Civic Center Station is only a few blocks away. Call for more information or a reservation at (415) 621-3279.

### HUMILITY

*Three things matter: humility first, humility second, humility third.*  
—St. Augustine

## MASS INTENTIONS

July 16 — July 22, 2006

- 07/16 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Dominador & Patria Posadast
- 07/17 Mon 8:30 am Anna Santiago†
- 07/18 Tue 5:30 pm Rose Anne Hughes†
- 07/19 Wed 830 am Vincent Duc Luu †
- 07/20 Thu 5:30 pm Laura & Mario Biagini†
- 07/21 Fri 8:30 am Irene & Russell De Haven†
- 07/22 Sat 8:30 am Adam Taylor (Sp. Int.)  
5:00 pm Tony Hall, (Sp. Int.)

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is preferred.



**All the sick people in our parish** especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members of our parish** especially those who left this world without the benefit of the Last Sacrament.

*Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be deleted and/or added as needed.*

## Weekly Collections

**Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.**

Your offerings for the weekend of **July 9th:**  
**\$2,942**

**Total Maryknoll Missions:**  
**\$3,367.51**  
(Thank you for your most generous response.)



**Actual Construction and Repairs**  
**Money in Bank is \$109,372**

*Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. **Thank you!***