



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Monday July 13

Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Ps 124:1b-6, 7-8
Matt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday July 14

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Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matt 11:20-24

Wednesday July 15

St. Bonaventure

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Ps 103:1b-4, 6-8a
Matt 11:25-27

Thursday July 16

Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matt 11:28-30

Friday July 17

Ex 11:10 -- 12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
Matt 12:1-8

Saturday July 18

Ex 12:37-42
Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24
Matt 12:14-21

In the Gospel of Mark 6:7-13, Jesus teaches us about trust. If we're to fulfill our calling as God's instruments of love in this world, if we're to fulfill our calling as missionaries of the Good News, we must trust God and the resources that he provides.

And we must trust that he will always provide exactly what we need when we need it, even though it doesn't always seem sufficient for us. We have to be careful that we don't get lost in personal desires that demand more from him.

Mass ends with a renewal of this calling. We are sent forth after being renewed in our relationship with Jesus in the Word and in the Eucharist and in the Church community. His presence re-energizes us to boldly go forth to do all that he asks us

to do. Through the priest, Jesus sends us out into the world as visible proof that he is real and that he's alive and that he cares. Through the Eucharist and the final blessing, Jesus empowers us to give this Good News to everyone we meet. Thus, we are all evangelizers who can make a difference in the world.

Yes, all of us — all of us who have participated in the Eucharistic celebration with conscious awareness of what we are praying and receiving during Mass. Go

forth in bold confidence! Jesus is sending you out from the church with his Spirit and his sufficiency.

However, when we do the packing and decide what to take with us on the mission, we take more than we need. Thus, we fail to show others that God is trustworthy.

To be effective evangelizers, we have to surrender over to God whatever baggage interferes with our mission. Remember this: Surrender is not truly surrender unless we no longer want what we're giving up. If we still have some desire for it, we're attached to it by a bungee cord that yanks us back to it, yanking us away from our true purpose in life.



Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what areas of your life do you rely upon the Lord?
2. What areas do you still need to entrust to him? What will you do this week to surrender any distrust?
3. What kind of "food" do others serve you when you rely on God to provide for your needs through them? How does their service to you help them understand God?
4. What kind of baggage should be left at home instead of carrying it into ministry? How does letting go of this better reveal Jesus to others?