

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

Amos 7:12-15

Ps. 85

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 7-13

Vocation, Formation, Being Sent

When I first thought God might be calling me to the priesthood I was enthusiastic to get started. I was anxious to begin ministry. However, there was at least eight years of discernment, formation and education to experience. Before Church authorities would “unleash” me on the people I must be prepared. There were steps to the formation. Today's gospel story shows steps the apostles experienced.

The Gospel passage shows the third step in the apostles' formation. The first step was their calling from the Lord in chapter 1:16-20. The second step was when the twelve were set apart to be with Jesus and preach and expel demons. Now, in the third step, they are given a specific mission to exercise the authority in word and power as representatives of Jesus. Of course they were not fully in leadership until the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost.

In the first reading taken from the Book of the Prophet Amos we see Amos was not practicing ministry by his own authority. He was chosen and empowered by God. “The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, go, prophesy to my people Israel.” Had Amos gone out on his own he would surely fail. He would be like many others of his time that struck up their own religions. They were ignorant of the one true God. They misled people.

You who are reading this column today might feel called by God. Truly you may be. Pursue this inclination. Test the spirit. Is this truly a call from God? Secondly, if it is your calling are you properly prepared to fulfill what God is calling you to do?

In each case presented in the scriptures there were three steps or phases to the lives of those called. There was vocation (call), formation (education and preparation) and then being sent (making operational the vocation). It was the same for me regarding the priesthood.

You cannot and may not go out on your own, claim to be an authority and begin “a ministry”. Ministry comes in the context of being Church. There is logical structure and sequence to God's ordering of creation. It should be followed. Working on your own whim may bring disorder and misdirection. You will only mislead yourself and others.

What is your vocation? Is it formal ministry in the Church? Is it marriage? Is it a lay apostolate as a single person? In all cases there is a careful and deliberate process of formation and preparation for service to God and His people. This assures a healthy and wholesome Faith Community.

Thus, there is the sequence of Vocation, formation and then being sent.

Next Week's Readings  
Jer23:1-6; Eph2:13-18; Mk6:30-34  
**Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.**

| <u>Stewardship</u>    |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Attendance last week: | 212        |
| Tithes Collected:     | \$7,019.50 |
| Online Giving:        | \$440.00   |
| Total:                | \$7,459.50 |
| Thank you!            |            |

**This weeks' second collection is for the American Black and Indian Mission.**

### LITURGY FOR JULY 11, 2021 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: OUR GOD IS HERE (Angrisano)**
  1. Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
  2. Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
  3. **And we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy are you. We cry, Holy! Holy! Holy and true! Amen, we do believe, our God is here, our God is here!**
  4. Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
  5. Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast. We are his body, living as one; our God is here.
- **PSALM 85:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.
- **HYMN #2: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME (Wasson)**
  1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me. Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.
  2. Christ on my right hand. Christ on my left hand. Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping. Christ in my sitting. Christ in my rising, light of my life.
  3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

- **HYMN #3: BREAD FOR THE WORLD (Farrell)**
1. **Bread for the world, a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples; people who thirst. May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.**
  2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people you are waiting there on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.
  3. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.
  4. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least. Where we survive on others in our human greed, you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.

- **HYMN #4: WITH ONE VOICE (Manalo)**
1. Take the Word and go out to every land: shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the lives of those we touch sing praise to God above. Let us sing, we'll sing:
  2. **With one voice we'll pass the Word along; with one voice, bring justice to the world. And with all the angels we'll spread the goodness of God. With all power and glory the Word of God shall reign.**
  3. Take the Word to our neighborhoods and streets: shine the light of Christ for all to see! May we all set out to live in peace and harmony. They will see and sing:
  4. Take the Word to the people in despair: shine the light of Christ for all to see. May our actions and our deeds bring comfort to their needs. And they'll know and sing:
  5. Take the Word to the nations everywhere: Shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the witness of our lives transform the world anew. And we'll shine, we'll shine.

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During the month of June, we served 560 clients who represent 1,829 individuals. Our expenses (which includes partial assistance with rent and utility bills) were approximately \$1,468. This includes approximately \$500 in gift cards (Publix and McDonalds).

The St Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity of non-perishable food and funds for our weekly food program. If you (or anyone you know) is in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 2-4 PM (entrance to the parking lot will be closed at 3:45) at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd. First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

**Respect Life**

Central Broward Pregnancy Help Center needs you!  
How you can help:  
Donations of Huggies & Luvs Diaper Boxes sizes 3-5, Huggies & Luvs Diaper Soft Packets Sizes 1-5, Baby Bathtubs, Laundry Baskets, New or Pre-owned Boy & Girl Clothes Sizes

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Become a volunteer!  
Apply at [respectlifemiami.com](http://respectlifemiami.com), by filling out online application.  
Call the Pregnancy Center for any questions at (954)565-0229.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, July 10
  - 4:00 p.m. Edna Davis by Joanie
  - † Ryan Diaz by Barbara Clowe
- Sunday, July 11
  - 9:00 a.m. † Cathy Mathey by Chris & Jim Jordan
  - 10:45 a.m. † Jamie Portell by Mazzurco Family
  - † Raymond Girault by Gladys & Ghislaine
- Monday, July 12
  - 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, July 13
  - 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Wednesday, July 14
  - 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Thursday, July 15
  - 8:00 a.m. † David Rathburn by Vivian
- Friday, July 16
  - 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Saturday, July 17
  - 4:00 p.m. † Julius Delisio by Friends
  - † Irene Flaherty by Joanie
- Sunday, July 18
  - 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
  - 10:45 a.m. † Charlotte Koch by Sharkey Family
  - † Carolyn Beck by Anita Brommer