



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Reading I: Amos 7, 12-15;

Reading II: Ephesians 1, 3-14 (or 1, 3-10).

Gospel: Mark 6, 7-13.

Revised Roman Missal: 750

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### Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out two by two to continue the work he had begun. He instructs them to travel light and to rely on the hospitality of others, but to not stay where they are not welcome. The Twelve go forth to drive out demons, to anoint many who are sick, and to cure them.

### Reflection for Parents

Jesus instructs the Twelve to travel light. If you were asked to name those things you truly need in order to live, what would you name and why? Now consider all of the things you have—home, car, property, furniture, clothing, and such. Which of those things are truly essential? Take time to pray about Jesus' call to travel light. What do you need to get rid of? What do you need in order to truly live?

### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Invite your family to enter into the discussion of what it means to travel light. Create a two-column poster or chart with the headings Have to Have and Could Do Without. Begin by inviting family members to name the things they feel they have to have in order to live. Write their suggestions in the Have to Have column. Then invite family members to name things they have that they feel they could do without. Write their suggestions in the Could Do Without column.

Compare the lists. How are they alike? How are they different? What is the message of today's Gospel and of this activity for your family?

### Discussion Starters

1) In place of discussion starter questions, give each family member a large paper bag or a mid-size garbage bag. Give family members thirty minutes to go to their rooms and to put into the bags any clothing, games, toys, books, and things that they are no longer using and could do without. At the end of the thirty minutes, invite the family to again gather together and to show each other what they have put into their bags. Make plans to deliver the bags to a local charity or collection center.

## “ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- ♦ There will be a **second collection** at all Masses for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.
- ♦ **NO DAILY MASS**  
There will be NO daily Mass celebrated in SJC on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- ♦ **JOINT PPC ASSEMBLY**  
Everyone is encouraged to join the Holy Hour on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July after the daily Mass in SJC. This is to pray for the assembly.  
  
The Annual Vicariate PPC Assembly will be hosted by COOL, Seria on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. Registration is closed.
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
The Sacrament of Confession is held half an hour before the weekend Masses.
- ♦ **INFANT BAPTISM**  
Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.
- ♦ **PARISH ID**  
If you have registered for an ID, please collect it before the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during working hours.

### July – Joseph Most Faithful

Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>MASS &amp; OTHER EVENTS</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Monday 12</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 1: 8-14. 22; Mt 10: 34-11, 1.	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 2: 1-15a; Mt 11: 20-24.	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Ex 3: 1-6. 9-12; Mt 11: 25-27.	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday 15</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 3: 13-20; Mt 11: 28-30.	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 16</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 11: 10-12, 14; Mt 12: 1-8.	12:15 PM
<b>Saturday 17</b>	15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 12: 37-42; Mt 12: 14-21.	6:00 PM (Mass)
	<b>16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18. Mk 6: 30-34.	7:00 PM (Novena)
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18. Mk 6: 30-34.	9:00 AM