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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.



Sunday Masses

8:30 am (English) 10:30 am (Bilingual) 12:00 pm (Spanish) 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday Mass

4:30 pm (English)

<u>Weekday Masses</u>

Monday-Friday 8:00am (Bilingual) For Religious Education,
Adult Inquirer's classes,
Baptism classes, or
Marriage preparation call
the Parish office for more
information.

Do you need confession, spiritual guidance or just talk?

Call the office to schedule an appointment.

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WELCOME NEW

MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.

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EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

720-473-9053 anytime

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Homily

Called to be Missionaries

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time B July 14th, 2024

Today's Gospel teaches us about the missionary character of the Christian life. Jesus sent the disciples. As you know, the word "apostle" means "a person who is sent by another." In this episode of the Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples as training for their mission after Pentecost. There are many things we can comment on in this Gospel.

The first one I want to highlight is that God likes to involve us in His work. This is something amazing. If you think about that, God can do all things better than us. There is nothing we can do better than Him. Despite that fact, God calls us to cooperate with Him in the salvation of other people. And please don't think that God is naïve or something. He knows our limits perfectly, our weaknesses, and our sins. However, God has loved us to the point of calling us to partake in Jesus' mission. We thank Him in every Mass because He has held us as worthy to minister with Him. We can take a short pause right here to make some examination of conscience. We are made in God's image. Thus, we are called to imitate God in what we do. The point to reflect on is very simple. How do we cooperate with other people? Are we ready to do what we must do? Are we willing to share our mission with other people? Are we ready to accept the collaboration of the people that don't do things as we think they should be done? Do we have the patience to help other people to grow step-by-step? God's patience is our salvation, says the Bible. Could you imagine if God were like us? We would have disappeared a long time ago. However, despite our mistakes, God affirms us and values us in an understandable way. He loves us to the point that He makes us His partners.

The second point is that Jesus sent the disciples two by two, that means, in community. This instruction makes perfect sense. The mission is to bear Jesus to the people. And Jesus promised that where two or more are gathered in His name, there, He is present. Here we have the first great instruction to be missionaries. We are not called to do our mission alone. Nobody is to live by himself. We participate in Jesus' mission by partaking in the Church's mission. Therefore, if we are not in communion with the Church, we cannot be missionaries. I want to say this, because nowadays we can listen to many so-called missionaries on YouTube or other social media. Sometimes, they are good people who have been appointed by their bishops to perform that mission. But other times, you are listening to people that speak their own ideas and don't teach the doctrine of the Church. They are not missionaries but mercenaries. They are not partaking in Jesus' mission because they don't want to live in communion with Jesus and the Church. To be clear, there is no communion with the Church if you don't think like the Church. There is no communion with Jesus if you don't think like Jesus. If you have your own ideas, or if you share the mentality of this world and that is what you are preaching, you are not a Catholic missionary.

It is precisely this communion that vests the disciples with authority. They are in communion with the Truth, and consequently, they have the power of truth. Nothing is at the same time more powerful and sweeter than the truth. Even the unclean spirits have to obey that authority. So, communion with Jesus and the Church gives us authority as missionaries. The power of our preaching depends completely upon the truth of our words. Of course, we are called to endorse those words with the witness of our example. When we live as we teach, we prove that we really believe what we are preaching. Christian missionaries have always been ready to give the greatest testimony that can be given in this world. That testimony is martyrdom. To be missionaries, we are called to be so in union with Jesus that nothing else

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matters to us, to the point that we are ready to die if it is necessary, because the only important thing is to remain united to Jesus.

The third point is the baggage for the journey. We think that to be good missionaries we need many things; we need to think of new plans, new methods, etc. Jesus says that our problem is that we have too many things. We only need a walking stick and sandals. We only need to be ready to walk in this mission having nothing but Jesus. We have too many devices, too much money, too many thoughts and plans, too many meetings, too many prejudices. We are too full of ourselves. We are not the center of the mission. We are not the important thing. A self-centered missionary is not on mission but rather on tour, and he wants to be the star of the stage. We are called to be God-centered missionaries. We only need Jesus.

You are thinking that if we are nothing but poor missionaries, we probably will have no success. At least, you share that idea with Jesus. He is announcing that the disciples will be rejected. They are not to be worried about the success but about the mission alone. The criterion of the mission is not the success or the efficacy. We are to preach what God wants us to say and not what the people want to hear so that we can succeed. We are called to preach repentance.

Yet, we find that there is something more to be considered beyond the preaching of repentance. The disciples are sent with the mission of healing corporeal and spiritual sicknesses.

Thus, we are called to preach the truth and to practice the works of mercy. It is a consequence of the communion with Jesus. As a fruit of the charity that unites us to God, the love for our neighbor appears. Those works of mercy are motivated precisely by the love of God.

Finally, the sign of shaking the dust from the feet, in part, is meant to be a testimony that the disciples are not preaching out of personal interest, looking for money, attention, prominence, etc. For that reason, it has a clear meaning: we want not even the dust of your town from you. We don't want anything from you. We are here to give and not to receive.

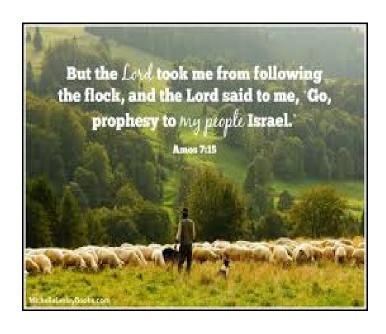
Let us ask God today that He grants us the grace of being faithful to our mission.

Mass for the Intentions					
Day	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by	
Sat.	Jul. 13	4:30 p.m.	† Bernadette Varaga		
Sun.	Jul. 13	8:30 a.m.	Altar & Rosary	Altar & Rosary	
		10:30 a.m.	† Concepción Cordova	Magdalena Palomares	
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	† Ramón Cuara	Jorge Novoa	
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	For all our parishioners living and + deceased	The Parish	
Mon.	Jul. 15	8:00 a.m			
Tues.	Jul. 16	8:00 a.m.			
Wed.	Jul. 17	8:00a.m			
Thur.	Jul. 18	8:00 a.m			
Fri.	Jul. 19	8:00 a.m.			

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Presentation of Our Weekend of July 6th					
Offertory God love	es a cheerful giver. 2 Counthians 9:7				
4:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 428.00 4:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 50.00					
8:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 678.00 8:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 121.00					
10:30 Mass Regular Collection \$ 443.00 10:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 23.00					
12:00 Mass Regular Collection \$ 951.50 12:00 Mass Second Collection \$ 250.63					
5:00pm Mass Regular Collection \$ 308.00 5:00pm Mass Second Collection \$ 91.00					
Regular Collection I Second Collection	Total: \$ 2,808.50 Total: \$ 535.63				
Candles Special Needs	Total:\$ 199.00 Total:\$ 203.00				

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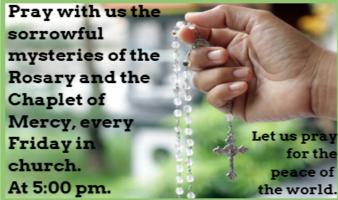






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