

Today the Gospel tells us about Jesus who sends His disciples on the mission (cf. *Mk* 6:7-13). He sends them "two by two", and recommends something important: to take with them only what is necessary.

Let us pause a moment on this image: the disciples are sent *together*, and must take with them *only what is necessary*.

We do not proclaim the Gospel alone, no: it is proclaimed together, as a community, and to do this it is important to know how to preserve sobriety: to know how to be sober in the use of things, sharing resources, capacities and gifts, and doing without the superfluous. Why? In order to be free: the superfluous enslaves you, and also so that we all have what we need to live in a dignified way and to contribute actively to the mission; and then to be sober in thoughts, to be sober in feelings, abandoning our preconceived ideas and abandoning the inflexibility that, like pointless baggage, weigh us down and hinder the journey, fostering discussion and listening instead, and thus making witness more effective.

Let us think, for example, of what happens in our families and our communities: when we are content with what is necessary, even with little, with God's help we are able to go forward and get along, sharing what there is, everyone renouncing something and supporting each other (cf. *Acts* 4:32-35). And this is already a missionary proclamation, before and even more than words, because it embodies the beauty of Jesus' message in the tangibility of life. Indeed, a family or a community that lives in this way creates around it an environment rich in love, in which it is easier to open oneself to faith and the newness of the Gospel, and from which one starts out better, one starts out more serene.

If, on the other hand, everyone goes his or her way, if only material things count – which are never enough – if one does not listen, if individualism and envy prevail – envy is something lethal, a poison! – individualism and envy prevail, the air becomes heavy, life becomes difficult, and encounters become an occasion of restlessness, sadness and discouragement, rather than an occasion of joy (cf. *Mt.* 19:22).

Dear brothers and sisters, *communion* and *sobriety* are important values for our Christian life: communion, harmony among us, and sobriety are important values, indispensable values for a Church to be missionary at all levels.

We can ask ourselves, then: do I taste the pleasure of proclaiming the Gospel, of bringing, where I live, the joy and light that come from an encounter with the Lord? And in order to do this, do I commit myself to walking together with others, sharing ideas and skills with them, with an open mind and with a generous heart? And finally: do I know how to cultivate a lifestyle that is sober, a lifestyle that is attentive to the needs of my brothers and sisters? They are questions that it is good to ask ourselves. May Mary, Queen of Apostles, help us to be true missionary disciples, in *communion* and *sobriety* of life. In communion, in harmony among us and in the sobriety of life.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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XVI SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confirmations: TBC(20 October, 2024).

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

In today's Gospel Jesus wants to get away from the crowds and 'rest for awhile.' The crowds, however have different ideas. They insist on finding Him and they do arrive even before he gets there. Is it the miracles that drive them, or is it personal healing they are after or are they just happy for something to do to break the monotony of life? Nonetheless Jesus does not dismiss them. He sees that they are like 'sheep without a shepherd,' and this touches him. He has genuine compassion for them. This is true in our generation, that there are so many lost souls out there in need of healing and compassion and a good word to help them. This calls all of us to be in that sense missionary. So many people lost in their ideologies or thinking that things will make them happy but they do not. Unfortunately, there is not this crowd seeking Him, today.

However Jesus has compassion on the multitude. He has compassion on us. He is moved by the state of the people. May our hearts also be moved by the state of those around us. Instead of judging them may we share in this merciful gaze of the Lord upon all of us.

Finally, after Jesus has tried to get away and rest He sees the need to minister to the people. He does not think of Himself and His tiredness and need to rest, but instead, He continues to work. He gives of Himself.

May the Lord grant us all the gift to look at others mercifully and to have the gift of giving ourselves and there find Life and true happiness.

Fr. Paul

HOLY DOOR

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In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

DAILY MASS

Daily Mass in the summer will be in **St. Joseph's Room**, known also as the **Red Room**, next to the parish office.

Parish Events July 21-28

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Mary Magdalene
 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30pm Daily Mass, St. Joseph, Red Room

Tuesday St. Bridget of Sweden
 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30pm Daily Mass, St. Joseph-Red Room.

Wednesday St. Sharbel Makhluf
 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30pm Mass in Red Room.
 07:00pm All communities Word celebration in SMG

Thursday St. James the Apostle
 05:00pm Confessions near Holy Door
 05:30pm Daily Mass in Red Room

Friday St.s Joachim & Anne
 04:00pm Adoration, Red Room
 05:30pm Daily Mass ,in Red Room

Saturday
 05:30pm Mass in Church
 07:00pm Eucharist NCW



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- Printing Paper
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