

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2022

Gospel

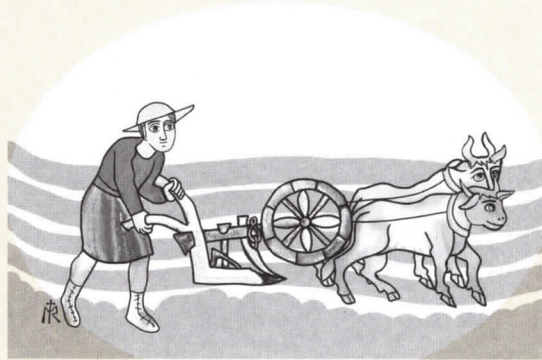
Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

And to another he said, "Follow me."



But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father."

But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead.

But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home."

To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Readings for the week:

13th Sunday in Ord. Time

1 Kgs 19:16b,
19-21
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11
Gal 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:51-62

Monday

Amos 2:6-10,
13-16
Ps 50:16bc-17,
18-19, 20-21,
22-23
Matt 8:18-22

Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8;
4:11-12
Ps 5:4b-6a,
6b-7, 8
Matt 8:23-27

Wednesday Sts. Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
Matt 16:13-19

Thursday

Amos 7:10-17
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Matt 9:1-8

Friday

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12
Ps 119:2, 10, 20,
30, 40, 131
Matt 9:9-13

Saturday

Amos 9:11-15
Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14
Matt 9:14-17

14th Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 66:10-14c
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,
16, 20
Gal 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
or Luke 10:1-9



Opening Prayer

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In today's gospel, Luke describes three encounters with would-be disciples. We hear the request, we listen to Jesus's response, but we learn nothing of the outcome of these meetings. It is as though, by this narrative silence, Jesus is saying to us: Listen to the answer your own life makes.

The first would-be disciple takes the initiative in approaching Jesus. He seems to be brashly confident, the enthusiast who needs to be tested for staying power, for readiness to be a powerless, homeless, and dispossessed disciple of a rejected Son of Man. If you want to follow me, says Jesus, be prepared to be a powerless and dispossessed follower of a rejected Son of Man.

In the second encounter, it is Jesus who takes the initiative in calling the person to follow. We probably have a sneaking sympathy for this one who seems to make a very human and religious request of Jesus: "Let me go first and bury my father." In Jesus's invitation was the urgent and present call not to delay, not to put off the "today" demands of the reign of God. For all who answer the gospel call, there will be some contradiction of cultural expectations, some necessary reordering of priorities in our relationships. "Let the dead bury their dead" is Luke's literary device of exaggeration to emphasize the priority of Jesus's call.

The third would-be disciple wants to follow Jesus, but on condition that he is allowed to "first say farewell to my family at home." This seems a reasonable request. But the following of Jesus has to be unswerving; not even this detour is allowed. The eyes of our heart must be fixed on the reign of God with unwavering commitment so the field of this world may be well plowed and made ready for God's harvesting.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Help us keep our eyes on the plough, ever looking toward you, the source of our salvation. Guide us as we strive to remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How do you balance looking toward the future while still being mindful of the reality of the present?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
06/25/22 to 06/26/22

Financials: 06/13/22 – 06/19/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$1612.00 Short \$788.00	
In Church	\$	1612.00
Mail In	\$	00.00
On Line Giving	\$.00

This weekend, Second Collection is for the Maintenance Fund. Mahalo for your generosity.

Bread Report from Kathy Texeira ~

We sold 290 loaves less expenses; our Net Profit including miscellaneous donations: \$1,779.59.

Our next bread day with baking to start Monday, July 18 at 3:30pm and pick up on Tuesday 8:00am-12:00noon.

Our new priest, Fr. Jun Postrano will officially start here on Friday, July 1st with FIRST FRIDAY MASS. Divine Mercy @ 5:45 a.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 6:00 a.m., Mass @ 6:30 a.m. Morning Mass will resume beginning Tuesday, July 5th throughout the week.

Have a Blessed Week!