7th July 2019 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of the Pastor ....

Only St. Luke reports to us of the seventy-two disciples Jesus sent out. Apparently, there was too much to do for the Twelve Apostles. Even after choosing the seventy-two, Jesus appears to be saying ‘there aren’t enough of you.’ ‘The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; pray for more workers for the harvest.’

This is an optimistic and yet a realistic statement. What a lot of good there is that could be done in the world. The harvest is indeed rich, for those who have eyes to see it. But, when the chips are down, how few are willing to put themselves out to do it. Often, we give in to the temptation of making excuses: ‘I have no time, I have so much to do’ etc., etc.

The harvest is there, everywhere, even I guess, in the most unlikely places: in our institutions, in our hospitals, homes, schools, prisons. It exists among all kinds of people: the sick, the old, the handicapped, prisoners, addicts, and the young. How many are deeply wounded and in need of healing, encouragement and support. How many are without hope, without faith and without love. And so, the harvest is not reaped.

When Jesus looks at the world, he sees that the harvest is indeed great, the opportunities many, the need pressing, and the time ripe. Jesus Christ calls to send every Christian into the world as a messenger of hope and love. The ‘world’ here means the area in which I live, my places of work, the people I meet every day, and so on. Every day is a harvest day, and in every place, there is a harvest to be reaped for Christ. An active concern for the world and for other people is an essential mark of a good Christian.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Family Picture Directory
Continuing with our Quasquicentennial celebration, we will be doing a new family pictorial directory and we hope every family will be in it. “Lifetouch” will be at the parish doing family portraits between July 11th and 20th. These appointments are now full. If you still wish to have a copy of the directory and have your parish group or family picture in it, please bring your own pictures to the Parish Office NO LATER THAN July 11th. We CANNOT accept professional pictures due to copyright law. Please contact Bill Elbernd at 415-587-8818 as soon as possible should you have more questions.

We hope you’ll join us because our directory won’t be complete without YOU!

Angels of God Prayer Group: WALK FOR CHRIST - July 13, 2019
Of St. John the Evangelist will have their Walk for Christ on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Please meet at the Parish Rectory Area at 19 St. Mary’s Street. The walk is scheduled to take place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a reception in front of the Rectory at the conclusion of the walk. Please come along and join us. Hope to see you there.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, July 7, during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level.

If you would like your child to participate in the Children’s Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession.

To sign up please talk to Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.

The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

Volunteer Catechists: Linda Catalano, Maria Hohn, Paquita Johnson, Ludy Maramial, Lely Tomas and Rojelio Rodriguez will serve as liturgical ministers facilitating the children’s participation in the Liturgy.

FORMED - Highlights
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