



So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.  
MARK 6:12-13

SHUTTERSTOCK

## You Can Do It

**T**oday's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (1:3). We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In what ways do you make the world better?*
- ✦ *Do you realize that you have the power of God to transform the world?*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

### The Sacraments:

**Baptism:** On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

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## JULY 11, 2021—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection. His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters. Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm. This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.



Ministries for July 18, 2021

Rosary: Volunteers

Offertory: KJZT JRS.

Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Sanctuary Light: July 12th-18th: Women of St. Anne's Altar Society

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Lector: KJZT JRS.

Altar Servers: Camryn, Garrison, Annalee



**Prayer Chain...** Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!  
To be added to the prayer chain:  
Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

**MARAK MASSES — July 11-18, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—7/11	10:15am	+ Lillian Plachy Litzman by Lynne Hornung + Robert Michna by Kelly & Glenn Laurence + Lawrence & Albina Vrazel by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
7/14—Wed.	5:30pm	+ Dorothy Vaculin by Mary Ann & Billy Seaton + Annie Mae Hubnik by Zarosky Family + Albert Michalka by Leroy Vansa
7/18 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Dorothy Klecka by Cecilia Marak + Philip Hubnik by Debbie Dohnalik Bush + Joe Vansa by Gary & Marlene Vrazel

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **PICNIC:** Picnic Worklist should be sent to Jeannine Dohnalik no later than August 15th. Please reply as soon as possible. Email: jwdohnalik@yahoo.com or text to 254-239-9188.
- **WELCOME:** Congratulations on the baptismal of Blaine Earl Rennspies, son of Derek and Ariel Rennspies. May God continue to bless this family and especially for Blaine.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Just a little reminder, if you have not turned in your baby bottles for the Place of Hope campaign or would still like to make a donation, please contact Patsy Gaines...Thanks

7/4: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$ 1,702.00

7/4: Building Fund: \$ 390.00

Thank you for your Generosity!!

*Thank You!*

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**Bulletin deadline :** Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

# Dear Padre,

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?

**V**igil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord,

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies

with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.*

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020

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## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 12

Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22

Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Ex 2:1-15a

Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

Virgin

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12

Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church

Ex 3:13-20

Mt 11:28-30

### Friday

JULY 16

Weekday

Ex 11:10-12:14

Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday

JULY 17

Weekday

Ex 12:37-42

Mt 12:14-21

### Sunday

JULY 18

Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

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