

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14th, 2024

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First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85: 9-10,11-12,13-14
Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Find all readings [HERE](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Paul Massad channel, 2:30 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, The Global Gospel channel, 0:54 min)

2. PRAY

Gather your family (adult, children, youth, etc.) in a room and invite them to spend this time together in prayer. You may begin by making together the sign of the cross.

Invite all the members of the family to sit quietly while they listen to music. You can access one instrumental track by clicking [here](#), or you can use a song you know and have available.

Next, ask them to close their eyes and imagine that Jesus is in front of them right now, smiling at them, and with his hand extended towards you in a gesture of invitation. Ask them to imagine that Jesus is saying their names and asking them to be his apostles, to bring his message to the people they know such as their family, friends, schoolmates, neighbors, etc.

What do you answer to Jesus' invitation? What fears come to mind if you accept Jesus' invitation? Allow for a short time of silence and then ask for any volunteers who want to share their answers with the rest of the group.

Close this time by reciting together the Our Father.

Optional activity for children: asks them to write a letter to Jesus with their answers to the questions.

3. TALK

In the first reading we heard a story about Amos, who was called by God to be his prophet even when other people rejected him. Amos is not welcomed by the king of that time, but he knows that he's been elected by God to be his messenger. In the Gospel, Jesus selected his



twelve apostles and sent them on a mission to preach his message of mercy and salvation to other people, to heal the sick and to bring liberation to the people who were suffering. Jesus gave his disciples special gifts so they could go out to preach the Gospel and do many wonderful acts in his name.

During our baptism, we too have been selected by Jesus to be his disciples in the world today. Today, we see that the world needs more than ever to hear the message of Jesus, and he is calling all of us again to be his disciples. What special gifts do you think you need from him to say "yes" to his invitation and become his apostles? Allow some answers from the members of the family, then move on to the next question.

- Who are the people in your life who would benefit from listening to the message of Jesus?
- How can you bring this message to them?

Allow some answers from the group.

To conclude, select someone from the list of people who need to hear the message of Jesus. Then, as a family, think of creative ways by which someone or a couple family members can have a conversation with that person and speak about the love of Jesus for them.