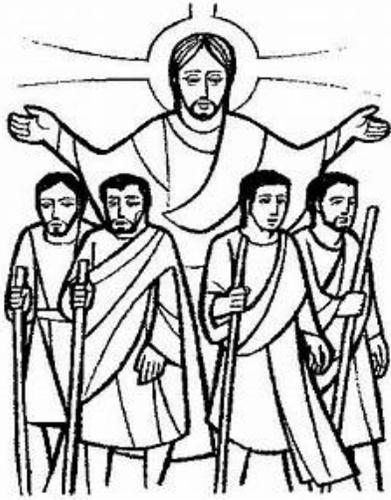


**For The Bulletin Of
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**THE 14TH SUNDAY IN
SUMMER'S ORDINARY TIME**

From Father Robert

How many people can play on a team? Baseball uses nine players on defense and one at a time on offense, with the possibility of other players on base. But teams are much larger than that. For example, it's not enough to have only nine players. There needs to be more in case some are injured (witness the Warriors!), or to give others a rest. A baseball team with only one pitcher will not win many games in a row. Teams need back-up players. And what about football? Each team has eleven players on the field at a time. But there are offensive, defensive, and special team squads. The players on a college football team number more than a hundred! In the NFL, teams may have 53 players, but only 45 can suit up for a game.

During the ministry of Jesus there were many on the team as well: crowds, disciples, apostles, and a special few. In

the Gospel of Matthew, there are only 12 disciples, and they were also the 12 apostles. But Luke has a much more expansive view of discipleship. In fact, in Acts, he invents a feminine form of the word to mention Tabitha, a female disciple. And in today's gospel we have the mission of the 72! In Luke there were many, many disciples. Nearly anyone could be on the team!

And this simple lesson gives us great hope today. According to Luke, men, women, the Twelve, the 72, and many more were in a special relationship with Jesus, chosen to follow Him and chosen also to be sent by Him. In this gospel there were not such tight boundaries around who could or could not be a disciple. Instead, the situation seems to have been more fluid or dynamic. And that's likely a more accurate reflection of the situation around Jesus' earthly ministry. It would also seem to reflect our lives more accurately too, with dynamic, fluid relationships.

Aside from this story in Luke we never hear about the 72 again. But surely these people were likely some of the early evangelizers after the resurrection. It all gives us a brief inkling into the situation of the early church. Though it might be easier to imagine the Twelve with Peter at the head, knowing who is "on the team" and who isn't, today's gospel reading invites us to consider a much more complex picture.



Living The Paschal Mystery

Many of us like to draw boundaries, establishing membership and determining limits. But life is not often like that. Our lived realities are much more complex, and perhaps that's part of the reason we seek to create order! The mission of the 72 gives us a peek into the greater apostolic ministry of Jesus. He was content to *send* (the word "apostle" means "one sent") more than the Twelve on mission. And the 72 are not specifically called disciples or apostles, though they are certainly sent. They go to the places Jesus intends to visit. We might ask ourselves who are the "72" today? And are we part of that large group sent to places where Jesus intends to visit? Just because we are not part of the original Twelve does not mean we don't have a mission. These 72 were critical to the ministry of Jesus. They prepared the way for Him. In looking to a New Testament example of our call in life, there is something worthy of emulation here.

What is your understanding of the "call" God has placed in your life? As a "Jesus follower" are you excited, energized, enthusiastic knowing that Jesus is sending you?

- The 72 are sent out to proclaim "the kingdom of God is at hand." What do these words mean to you?

- Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs. Do you have a companion on the journey of faith? How does it change ministry when it is done in a team setting?
- The disciples are to greet each house they enter by saying "Peace to this household." How do you offer peace to those you visit?
- Jesus tells the disciples "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." How do we experience this lack of laborers in our own time?



About Liturgy: "Go! You Are Sent!"

I am always grateful for all those in our worshiping assembly who remain to hear these words: "Go in peace; glorify the Lord by your life!" The Latin word "missa" has been translated by liturgical scholars in various ways, however, no matter the exact definition of "missa," the meaning is clear. The grace we have received and shared in the celebration of Holy Eucharist cannot remain here. It must go forth, and it can only do so through us and our actions in our daily lives. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says "the purpose of the dismissal is so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God." (90)

Next the GIRM says that the priests kiss the altar. Then all the ministers make a

profound bow to the altar. There is no mention of a concluding procession nor of a song to accompany that procession. It is simply presumed that there is some kind of leave-taking by the ministers.

The abrupt quality of the instruction and rubrics (directives for how the liturgy is to be celebrated) here gives us a sense of the urgency of the dismissal. Go, now! You are sent! Take only what you have been given here, and give it away freely to all you meet this week. Then come back next Sunday rejoicing and giving thanks for all God has done through you!



The Floral Arrangement in patriotic colors at the Altar today is placed to the Glory of God and in Honor of Independence Day, Our Flag, and in Loving Memory of **Michael Lamendola by his beloved wife, Dorothy**. Michael flew The American Flag in front of his home every day of his life as a sign of his love, respect, and admiration for this country, its flag, and all the good for which it stands. May his memory be eternal.

Parish Hosts East County SPRED Groups

SPRED (Special Religious Education Department) provides ongoing Faith Formation for children and adults with developmental disabilities. On Saturday, June 22, SPRED Friends, Catechists, and their families from St. Ignatius of

Antioch, St. Anthony's and Immaculate Heart of Mary gathered at St. Ignatius of Antioch to celebrate a SPRED Mass at the 4 pm Liturgy. Friends and Catechists participated in the Mass by gesturing to the Responsorial Psalm and acting out the Gospel. Thank you to **Father Richard, Don Pearson** and the **Choir** for their support during the liturgy. Immediately after Mass, everyone gathered in the parish hall for a dinner and dance hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to **Bryan Martinez, Celso Borba, Danielle Diemier, Kenny Lane, Kevin Ottosen, Bety Morales, Evie Viera, Vicki McCoy, and Yolanda Garcia**. Thanks also to the DJ, **Jim Lantern**, and our Knights, **Bill Barbanica, Brian McCoy, Jack Goncalves, Steve Rojek, and Walter Schlueter**. And finally, thank you to **Steve Pollard and Alex Pollard** for providing parking lot security.





I received a card from Birthright of Brentwood this past week and I would like to share some the personal comments expressed in the card from the staff:

“Your support helps us help others... Your help is important to God’s unborn children... Thank you for your support to our office and to our organization... thank you for your continued support of Birthright through the Mary Project – we are blessed! Thank you for all your contributions!! Know they will touch the lives of many. God bless you all! Thank you, bless you for all your help over the years.” And, again, heartfelt gratitude to **Kathleen Clarke, the Founder of our Mary Project** and all she has done over the years to keep this wonderful outreach going.



Each week, there are many parishioner volunteers doing various things to help us with all that needs to be done: those who arrive early each Saturday morning to clean and prepare the church and

parish hall for the weekend: **Mency Osborne, Alfred Madoshi, Jun Bajet, Reno & Thelma Benasfre, Al Cosce, Angela Bueno, Carole Miller, Jean Rogers, and Emilia Freking.**

...those who clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall throughout the week: **Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton, Nancy Santos, Rose Salamanca, Steve Rojek, and Father Robert.**

...those who did a wonderful job with the Environment change that took place on June 25th: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Nancy DiMaggio, Pat Kramer, Carole Miller, Tony and Claudia Gumina, Theresa Nelms, Lisa Lombardo** (Facebook/took pictures) and **Lorraine Lohmeier.**

...to **Dilcia Aparicio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week:

Peter Degl’Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.

...to **our counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week:

Frances Rojek, Mel Costanza, Maryann Peddicord, Estrella Rusk, Alicia Perez, Joe Fanfa and Paul Riofski.

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week’s donations: **Frank Zamora and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Dave Costanza (Lead), Carole Miller, Beth Enea, Kathy Augusta, Vince Augusta, Sherry Webb and Vangie Parrilla.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keeps watch over our vehicles during the weekend Liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Tony Gumina.**



This past week we received several requests for help. Two were from individuals who would like a ride to attend the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. One is an elderly woman with a slight disability who lives near Foster Freeze on 18th Avenue here in Antioch; another is a retired priest who also needs an occasional ride. A third request is from a parishioner in Bay Point who is a "Columbiette," a member of an "auxiliary" of women whose husbands are Knights of Columbus who does charitable work but needs help becoming computer literate. If you are able to help with any of these requests, please call the parish office. Many thanks!



Please remember to send in your Tithes and Offerings during the summer months. While we are able to take vacation and get away, the bills, financial obligations, staff salaries, and other financial responsibilities continue. We appreciate how faithful you are in supporting the parish and the building of God's kingdom here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. The summer months, June through August, present the greatest challenge to our budget. Thank you in advance for making sure that your weekly offering/tithe/pledge is sent in.

