

JULY 15, 2018: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Readings for the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time can be found [here](#)

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his apostles forth into the world, giving them the power over evil spirits. Their presence in the towns around the area gave witness to the possibility of change, the possibility of a new reality where God's kingdom is possible. As disciples of Jesus, we are also sent forth. Does our presence in our community cause evil to depart? Do we, by the way we live and speak, give witness to God's kingdom where mercy and justice flourish? The apostles were sent with no provisions, no supplies. Their trust in Jesus and their willingness to share what they knew about Jesus had changed their lives and enabled them to thrive.

- How would your life be different if you didn't know or trust Jesus?
- What would you need to get rid of in order to travel lightly as did the Apostles?
- What comforts could you fast from for a day so that you can learn more about yourself and your willingness to be a disciple?
- The disciples are sent two-by-two. What friend or family member is your support and companion in your own faith journey? Who do you accompany?

Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium*, tells of the importance of accompaniment: *...the art of accompaniment teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other. The pace....must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassion...which heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.*

Saint Mary MacKillop

Born in Melbourne in 1842, to parents who had emigrated from Scotland, Mary grew up in a family that faced constant financial struggles. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860, she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity. We celebrate her feast on July 19.

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Coming this month at Presentation

Diocesan Visioning Meeting

Join us on Thursday, July 26 at 7 pm to share and be heard as Bishop Johnston prepares to form a vision for our diocese. We will meet in the Auditorium. Childcare will be available.

Questions? Contact Mary Pat at mstorms@olpls.org