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# ALL SAINTS



## ***Catholic Community***

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**Youth Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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## **July 14, 2019, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal no. 897): Deu 30:10-14 • Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 • Col 1:15-20 • Luke 10:25-37**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber**

- Lector: NN • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

## **Reflections on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our first reading comes from the final chapter of the third section of the Book of the prophet Isaiah (known as Trito-Isaiah) and is a powerful poem of rejoicing for Jerusalem. The image is one of Jerusalem as a mother to all people whom she feeds from herself, and where the people will flourish. On her the Lord will send peace and glory like a river. The Psalm is a hymn of praise for God.

In the gospel we see the Lord sending out a large group of disciples to proclaim his message in the places he will later visit. The first word they are to speak to people is the word 'Peace', and they are to stay with the people and bring the Lord's healing and comfort to them. They are to go in pairs because under the Mosaic Law, trustworthy evidence was given by two people, they would also be a companion to each other in the work, and they would demonstrate peace by working together. But Jesus was aware that there would be pitfalls in this work and so the instruction to remain in the one house was a way of making sure that the material enticement to move from house to house and receive better 'gifts' from the people would not happen and would not hamper the mission. Jesus also warned them against those who would not receive them with open arms but who did not want his peace and so would reject his messengers. In this case the messenger is to move on to those who will accept the message. As successors of the seventy-two we have a duty and a responsibility to spread peace throughout the world, each in his or her own way. When we are rejected for doing this we must remember and take courage in the fact that Christ too was rejected, and yet he has been raised to eternal life and we too will be raised if we are faithful to him.

As we come to the end of St Paul's letter to the Galatians, he reminds his readers that they are to remain faithful to the message of Jesus Christ. Paul won't boast about his own accomplishments but about the Cross of Christ because that is what has made him strong and which saves the people. He also reminds the people that external signs, such as circumcision, are irrelevant compared to what is to be found within the heart of each believer. The marks that he himself carries are those of the floggings and beatings he had suffered and which marked him as the slave of Jesus Christ. We, too, may have to suffer humiliation for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel but these should be cheerfully accepted by us as they are the marks that we belong to Christ.

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