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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 03 July 2016

Be sensuous. Be bold. Be sent. Two great stories are heard today. Isaiah invites us to look around and notice how a mother comforts her child. God says to Israel: “That’s exactly how I comfort you.” And God says it to us today! So let us be bold and be like God. Give comfort. Luke invites us to go ahead of the Lord, just like the 72 sent out to the nations. Say “Peace.” Then take care of the sick. Can we be bold just like them?

- Who needs comfort today? What will I do?
- Who is sick? What peace and comfort will I bring?
- How will I be bold?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 July 2016

Mercy has a face. Some hospitals in our region have a corps of volunteers called Good Samaritans. They do all manner of kindness so that the sick can get the care, the treatment they need. Mercy has the face of real live people, those who (1) love God, (2) love self, and (3) love the other by being the neighbor. We hear Moses, in the fifth book (Deuteronomy) for God’s Chosen People, say to them – and now to us today: this command to love like God is not too mysterious or remote.

- Who needs my acts of love today – perhaps even beyond my close circle of family and friends?
- Who needs a ride to church, to doctor, to grocery that I can give?
- How can I manifest the mystery of mercy by being a face of mercy?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 July 2016

I am amazed by this story! Abraham, sitting at this doorway under a tree, sees three strangers approach. He runs to greet them. He sees to the bathing of their tired dusty feet. He sits them down under his tree. He feeds them. They engage in conversation. The story is a little ambiguous, but Abraham comes to know them as someone(s) divine. He responds with lavish hospitality. Perhaps my mercy work this week is wrestling with these discipleship questions:

- How will I greet and treat strangers?
- How can I, who can I literally bathe or “bathe” with kindness?
- Who will I feed dinner?

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 July 2016**

Ask. Seek. Knock. Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask ... and ask again ... and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that – reread of his persistence in Genesis 18:20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11:1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today as well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, fewer actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31 July 2016

Don't be hard hearted. We have all heard stories of relatives who fight over an estate or a supposed inheritance. Luke recounts the Jesus parable of packing away so many possessions in order to “rest, eat, drink, be merry!” It is Jesus who said to the crowd, and says to us today: “One’s life does not consist in possessions.” On hearing Christ, the logical philosopher lays out this syllogism: (1) Guard against all greed; (2) because life does not consist of possessions; (3) therefore, give away somethings, some time, some effort, some of self.

- What things can I give away?
- What time and effort can I expend to another?
- How will I reuse, use up, recycle?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 07August 2016

Hard but clear words today. Jesus tells his beloved “little flock” – that includes us – to sell belongings and give alms. Do not be afraid. Sell. Give. Yet, we are sometimes afraid to let go, to give away. I really like this, we say. I might need it later, we say. Since we are numbered among his disciples, what Jesus said to Peter and to the rest of the Followers, he says to us:

- Do not fear!
- Give alms!
- Be ready to act for the benefit of others; be ready to do what is good!
- So, this week, I will _____!

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 August 2016

We are not alone. In this great mercy work, we are not alone. The Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-4) declares we can run the race, we can live the Christian life, we can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus because we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. We are not alone. We who eat and drink Christ's Blood and Body are "conformed to his image on earth" in order to not only look like him but also be like him.

- Who is lonely, cut off, alone, and needs my visit?
- Who can I surround with my witness and comfort?

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Monday, 15 August 2016

Let us say with Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 August 2016

Here comes everybody. The entry to the kingdom of God, to heaven is described as passage through a narrow gate. But the path to it is pretty wide. It has to be, because this roadway has room for the nations of every language, sisters and brothers from everywhere. This is our pilgrimage – helping one another on the path to the kingdom, to our final home, to God.

- Who will be my companions this week?
- Who needs my help down this common road to heaven?

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 August 2016

Who to invite? We have all had the task of making the guest list for a dinner, a cookout, a wedding, the Christmas cards. Who is on it? Who is crossed off? Who must we invite? Who can't be seated next to whom? You know it all! Jesus, however, upsets our list making tasks today. He tells his host – and thus us – invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. In short, invite everyone, especially those who probably cannot invite you back.

- Who do I need to invite over for coffee, for lunch?
- Who can I include in some outing, project, or conversation?