

LITURGY FOR 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2020

“HERE AM I, SEND ME” (Isaiah 6:8)

INTRODUCTION: Today, Holy Mother the Church invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday which unites all Catholics into one community of faith. In his Message for World Mission Sunday 2020, our Holy Father Pope Francis has explained clearly, that we treat this pandemic as a time of meaningful mission by being of service to others. Each time we answer “Here am I, send me” (Isaiah 6:8) by participating in a Church-activity, we recommit ourselves in support of the missionary work of the Church especially through prayer and sacrifice, offered with great love.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

You call us to be ambassadors of unity and dignity in a world suffering from discrimination due to caste, gender, race, colour and economic instability. *Lord have mercy... Lord have mercy*

You call us to be beacons and pathways of enlightenment and justice in a world suffering in suppressed silence due to oppression, rejection and deprivation of basic necessities of life. *Christ have mercy... Christ have mercy.*

You call us to be missionary disciples who care for the co-existence of the living and non-living as we strive to overcome all divisions that break the spirit of humanity. *Lord Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy*

READINGS:

First Reading:	Is 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm:	96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Second Reading:	1 Thes 1:1 -5b
Gospel:	Mt 22:15-21 [2]

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: We give the Lord glory and power in our resolve and commitment to mission. We surrender our needs to God who inspires us just as He inspired Cyrus to play a role in salvation history. Our response is: **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

1. That Pope Francis and all the leaders of the church may proclaim the Gospel of Christ and work with compassion and zeal in fulfilling his mission of equality and justice for all people... we pray to the Lord...
2. That leaders who govern the nations may work for peace and justice for all especially in times of conflict, division, cultural fundamentalism and dehumanising poverty... we pray to the Lord...
3. That all Christians may offer to live out their commitment as missionaries in the simplicity of their homes, communities and society... we pray to the Lord...

4. That all missionaries may courageously proclaim the message of Christ even in the midst of challenges and struggles as they seek to bring hope and joy to the world... we pray to the Lord...
5. That all immigrants who are displaced from home and family may find avenues to dignified livelihood and strength to overcome indifferent conditions... we pray to the Lord...
6. That all those who are suffering due to the coronavirus may find hope and healing in these trying times... we pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Merciful Father, we thank You for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in You as we bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P. May the Lord protect you always and free you from every evil (Response) Amen.

P. May he inspire you to proclaim and witness the good news (Response) Amen.

P. May he bless your endeavours for the spread of the Gospel (Response) Amen.

P. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever (Response) Amen.