



14 JULY 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B



### Introduction:

While last week (Faith Formation Sunday) we were reminded about knowing and understanding our Catholic faith and beliefs, this Sunday's liturgy reminds us that we are called to bear witness to our faith and beliefs. Amos was a shepherd and looked after sycamores, but God called him to be His prophet. Paul reminds the Ephesians that God chose us from the beginning to witness through a life of holiness. And Jesus involves His apostles in His mission of taking the Good News to the people. While Jesus mentions nothing of what they were to say, He stresses the kind of lives they should live. We pray at this Eucharist, that the witness of our lives will be the greatest sermon we will deliver.

### Readings:

**First Reading:** Amos 7:12-15  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 85: 9ab &10, 11-12, 13-14  
**Second Reading:** Eph 1:3-14  
**Gospel:** Mk 6: 7-13

### Prayer of the Faithful:

**Celebrant:** Ever-loving Father, we come before you with faith-filled hearts, surrendering to your divine providence. As we place our needs before you, we pray: '**Lord, hear us.**'

For the Pope, Bishops, Priests and Religious – that true to the Gospel, their proclamation may draw the faithful to a deeper communion with the Lord ... (*brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord

For world leaders and those in positions of authority – that they may let their decisions and policies for the welfare of their citizens always be guided by divine wisdom ... (*brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord

For vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life – that many more young men and women may receive the grace to hear and fearless follow Christ's call ...(*brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord

For a good monsoon – that God may grant us enough rain to sustain us and provide for our needs ... (*brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord

For each of us – that as we receive God in Word and Sacrament, we may understand what we are being called to, and have the courage to bear witness to Him ... (*brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord

In silence, we bring to the Lord our personal petitions ... (*longer silent pause*)... We pray to the Lord

### Celebrant:

Merciful Father, grant us your saving help, as you hear and answer these petitions, which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.