



Our Lady of the Sierra Parish

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Journeying together in our quest for holiness.

Sunday, July 6, 2025, Vol. 225

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66.10-14c; Gal 6.14-18

Luke 10.1-12, 17-20 – Jesus Sends out the Seventy Two

Focus: The Harvest is Plenty



In the Gospel reading, Jesus commissions the disciples who were following him and sent them out two by two to all the places which Jesus intended to go. They were sent to prepare the way, and to prepare the hearts of the people, that they will be able to receive Jesus and his message when he comes. However, there are two stark realities that Jesus conveys to the disciples about their journey.

First, the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. The world is ripe for the harvest, but unfortunately, the number of people willing to go out and work for the sake of the building up of the Kingdom of God is few. This reality was present in Jesus' time and continues to be a reality today. Jesus calls many yet only a few listen and answer the call. The second reality is that when we are sent, we are like lambs in the midst of wolves. Jesus knew that the preaching of the Gospel would come with its opposition and persecution. These same oppositions are what would ultimately lead Jesus to the cross and cause the deaths of many of his disciples.

Jesus knows that the work will be difficult and warns the disciples of this, yet he promises to be with us. As the Lord

speaks through Isaiah in the first reading, he tells us that as a mother comforts her child, so the Lord will comfort those who are doing his will. As stewards, we are called to labor for God's kingdom, a work that can be difficult and a work that is lifelong. The harvest is plenty, and the laborers are few. Let us spend time to reflect on the ways that the Lord calls us, and to be open-hearted to accept Christ's invitation to share our time and talent. Let us also pray in a special way this week for those who are laboring, and that even more people may hear the Lord's call and work in his harvest.

Summary

The disciples were sent ahead of Jesus in the Gospel to prepare the way, for Jesus tells them that the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. He warns the disciples as well that the work of evangelization will not be easy, and that they will be like sheep among wolves, facing many challenges and obstacles along the way. The Lord calls us as he did the disciples to go and work in the harvest, and to build up the kingdom of God through the sharing of our time and talent.

Self-Examination

Jesus sends his disciples to prepare his way in pairs. With whom do you travel through this life? Who accompanies you on your faith journey?

"We must always pray to the "Lord of the harvest", namely, God the Father, that he send laborers into his field which is the world. And each of us must do so with an open heart, with a missionary attitude; our prayer must not be limited only to our needs, to our necessities: a prayer is truly Christian if it also has a universal dimension. " (homily, 1Pope Francis, 4th Sunday OT-C)

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

7 Mo	Office Closed 8:15—12:30 VBS
8 Tu	8:00 AM Rosary & Mass 9:00 —St. Joseph Devotion 8:15—12:30 VBS
9 We	8:00 AM Rosary & Mass 9:00 —Devotion to St. Joseph 8:15—12:30 VBS
10 Th	8:00AM Divine Mercy & Mass 9:00 Devotion to Padre Pio 8:15—12:30 VBS
11 Fr	8:00AM Rosary & Mass 9:00—12 Noon -Sacred Heart ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8:15—12:30 VBS
12 Sa	3:00 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
13 Su	8:00 AM Mass—St Joseph 9:30 AM Mass—St Dominic 11:30 AM Mass—OLS

GROWING WITH OLS COMMUNITY

Discipleship: A Journey of Following and Transformation

Above is our Parish Mission Statement, allow me to gradually enfold it meaning, through this first series of articles.



What is Discipleship:

Discipleship, at its core, is the process of becoming more like Jesus Christ by intentionally following and learning from him. It's not just about acquiring knowledge or checking off religious duties; it's a lifelong journey of spiritual growth and transformation. Think of it like an apprenticeship, where a learner closely observes and emulates the master.

The Importance of Discipleship:

Discipleship is crucial for the health and vitality of the church. It strengthens relationships with Jesus, impacts how lives are lived, and prepares people to effectively share the gospel with others. Ultimately, discipleship is about partnering with God in His mission to redeem and transform the world. As people become more like Jesus, they will naturally bear fruit and make an impact on those around them.

(to be continued)

PARISH MISSION

To become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, and accompanied by the shepherds,...



BECOMING CATHOLIC: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OCIA

The recent election of Pope Leo XIV has sparked new interest in Catholicism, with Google data showing a spike in searches on "how to become Catholic" shortly after the death of Pope Francis in April. Meanwhile, across many dioceses anecdotal reports indicate an upswing in people joining the Catholic Church in recent years.

While the Church's requirements include some terminology that may be unfamiliar, the process has its roots in the early Church. If you're looking to become Catholic in 2025, here's a basic guide on what you should know.



At the Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Sierra, April 19, 2025: OCIA participant Justin Jones received the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation (above), and Holy Eucharist.

What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or "OCIA" is the normative way to receive formation and prepare to enter the Catholic Church. This process was previously known as RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, until the U.S. bishops renamed it in 2021 to reflect a more accurate translation of the original Latin.

OCIA has four phases designed to form and spiritually prepare participants to become Catholic: (a) Evangelization and Precatechumenate, (b) Catechumenate, (c) Purification and Enlightenment, and (d) Mystagogy.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, CALL OR TEXT ERLINDA TEISINGER, OCIA COORDINATOR, AT (559) 349-3855, OR EMAIL HER AT eteisinger@ols-oakhurst.org.

ON STATEMENT

nurtured by the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron,
coordinators and people of our Church.



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at ourladyofthesierra@ols-oakhurst.org or registering online at www.ols-oakhurst.org.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

7 Mo	Monday, 14th Week in OT Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
8 Tu	Tuesday, 14th Week in OT Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
9 We	Wednesday, 14th Week in OT Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
10 Th	Thursday, 14th Week in OT Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
11 Fr	(M) St. Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
12 Sa	Saturday, 14th Week in OT Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-3
13 Su	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

F – Feast; *S* – Solemnity; *M* – Obligatory Memorial;
m – Optional Memorial; *OT* – Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

8 Tu	SI—Mark Chapin Req. by Deborah Graham
9 We	SI—Mark Chapin Req. by Deborah Graham
10 Th	SI—Mark Chapin Req. by Deborah Graham
11 Fr	SI—Mark Chapin Req. by Deborah Graham
12 Sa	SI—Mark Chapin Req. by Deborah Graham
13S 8:00	Ann—Gene Harvey By Peter & Marissa Hawkins & Fam
9:30	Bd—Lanz Tan Req. by Carolyn Tan
11:30	Pro Populo
6:00 PM	RM—Prospero Gonzales Req. by Norma Gonzales

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27-Jul	Maintenance Fund (P)

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