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<b>Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time (2)</b>				
<b>Date July</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Intention/Donor</b>
<b>SAT 13</b>	<b>SHJ</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 	<b>Shona Lee [RIP]</b> <i>Sylvia Towns</i>
<b>SUN 14</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>9am</b>		<b>Gord Pregioso [RIP]</b> <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	<b>SFA</b>	<b>11am</b>		<b>Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family</b>
<b>TUE 16</b>	<b>SFA</b>	<b>9am</b> <i>incense used</i>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>
<b>WED 17</b>	<b>SFA</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>For Forgiveness of Sins (1296) Exposition &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>Arnold, Nancy and Terry Bell [RIP]</b> <i>Kateri Bamford</i>
	<b>SJM</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>LW&amp;C</b>	
<b>THR 18</b>	<b>SFA</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Council # 11655 [RIP]</b>
<b>FRI 19</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>LW&amp;C</b>	
<b>SAT 20</b>	<b>SHJ</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 	<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>
<b>SUN 21</b>	<b>SJM</b>	<b>9am</b>		<b>Robert Raymond [RIP]</b> <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	<b>SFA</b>	<b>11am</b>		<b>Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family</b>

#### Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Jul 13 Sun, Jul 14	Lector – R. LeFort	Lector – B. Kerby Usher – L. Forestell
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Jul 20 Sun, Jul 21	Lector – T. O’Shea	Lector – C. Carswell-Towns Usher – M. Kerby

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever considered a task and then thought, I am in no way equipped for this? There are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than that for which we are prepared. The prophet Amos never expected to be God's mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a "dresser of sycamores." Yet, Amos listened when God chose him "from following the flock" and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. "Do you really mean me?" we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those whom we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner; Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role to which they were called, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

In this week's Gospel from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them his authority. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things – "preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick" – not through their own power, but by the authority which they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts which He gave them. This is a lesson for all of us – to heed the commands of Christ and rely on His authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through Him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of His will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ." Today's Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ that we can accomplish all things for His glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.

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## **Ladies of Sacred Heart Church**

The Ladies wish to thank everyone who came to the Steak Night. It was a lively evening. Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and effort, it was greatly appreciated. \$900.00 was raised. This money will go towards the vandalized sign.

## **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus General meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Parish rectory at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome.