

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage we find Jesus sending the apostles out two by two to preach the Good News of repentance. Noting that the word apostle means, "one sent on a mission" in a broad sense we are all apostles since we have received the sacraments of initiation, baptism and confirmation, and so share in this mission as well. Strictly speaking it is the bishops of our church who are the true heirs of the apostles.

So, what do we learn from today's Gospel passage that can help us in our mission? First, we note that Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. From this we learn that we are called into fellowship. Living the Gospel ideals is best done in the company of others who share our same Christian values. You need look no further than St. Josephs of Stratford for this fellowship. Second, they are told to bring a walking stick. This is a warning. The journey ahead will not be easy, best not to trip and fall. Finally, they are told not to bring provisions for themselves. Here Jesus is teaching them to shift their focus from their own needs to the needs of others. The Lord will provide.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

**Mass for Healing:** Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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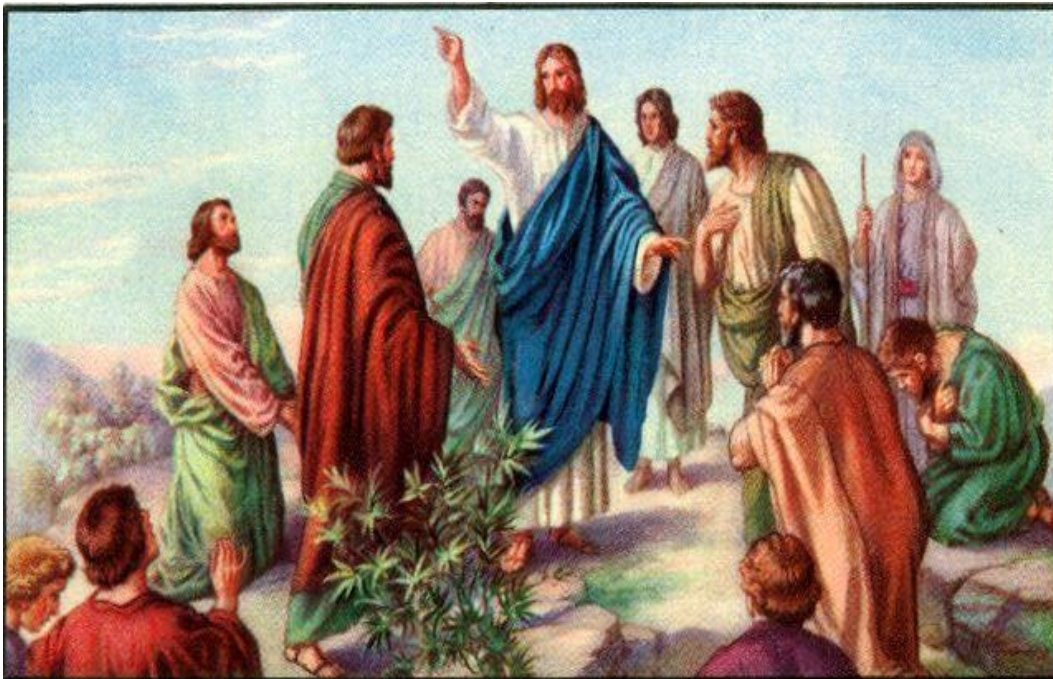
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## GOSPEL CHALLENGE

*“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.*

If Jesus' only goal was to have the apostles go off and preach repentance, why did he instruct them not to take provisions? What did carrying provision have to do with preaching? It seems that Jesus had another goal in mind as well, to prepare the apostles for a life of service when he would no longer be there to provide for them. I wonder what Jesus is preparing each one of us for? What lessons are we being called to learn, and to what purpose? Are we attentive to God's call?

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two*



## PARISH CALENDAR

### July

July 28 - Food Drive at Stop & Shop

### BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm

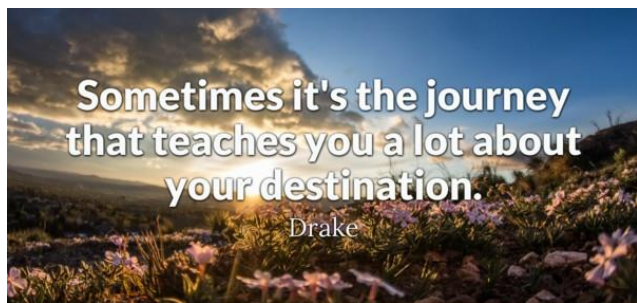
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact  
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

### READERS ROSTER

<u>July 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>July 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>July 15<sup>th</sup></u>
Dee Smith	Jean Macionus	Joe Pelland

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nancy Anzalone for **Dawn**;

For Kathy and Family, praying for guidance;

Carol Murdzia for **Veronica**;

Danika, for her **dance team ADF**;

And for those intentions we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

## NEWS AND EVENT

Starting the first Sunday in August, August 5<sup>th</sup> Mass will be held at 9:30am.

### Help Your Hungry Neighbors on July 28

The St. Joseph's community will again be holding a Food Drive at Stop & Shop on July 28. We need your help collecting donated food and thanking our generous supporters – please see the sign-up board in the foyer!

Saturdays are busy for all of us, but one hour of your time on the 28<sup>th</sup> will help make the food drive a success.

If you can't make it to the Dock on the 28<sup>th</sup>, please donate to the food pantry box here at St. Joseph's. Your non-perishable items are always welcome and appreciated. Also needed are seasonable clothing as well as household linens which will be brought to the "clothes closet" at Blessed Sacrament Church.

*Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.  
Luke 3:11 NRSV-CE*

### Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email RobNem21@aol.com. The cost is \$150 per person.

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

#### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos,  
“Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah!  
There earn your bread by prophesying,  
but never again prophesy in Bethel;  
for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.”  
Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet,  
nor have I belonged to a company of prophets;  
I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.  
The LORD took me from following the flock, and said  
to me,  
Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your  
salvation.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

#### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the  
world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.  
In love he destined us for adoption to himself through  
Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of God’s grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we have redemption by his blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished  
upon us.  
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us  
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor  
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of  
times,  
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia, Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
that we may know what is the hope that  
belongs to our call.

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

### Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out  
two by two  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.  
He instructed them to take nothing for the journey  
but a walking stick—  
no food, no sack, no money in their belts.  
They were, however, to wear sandals  
but not a second tunic.  
He said to them,  
“Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.  
Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you,  
leave there and shake the dust off your feet  
in testimony against them.”  
So they went off and preached repentance.  
The Twelve drove out many demons,  
and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured  
them.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

