



**The Solemnity of the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
– Jubilee for Priests
June 3, 2016**

**Sunday Liturgy Guide for the Church of the
Poor in the Spirit of the New Evangelization**

The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives God's love by seeking out the lost more than maintaining the good in his company, through justice and compassion.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church dedicates this day to as the Jubilee for Priests. On this Jubilee for Priests, with our theme “The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives God’s love by seeking out the lost more than maintaining the good in his company, through justice and compassion” let us reflect on PCP-II’s “A Renewed Integral Evangelization” when it says:

**“PART III. A RENEWED
INTEGRAL EVANGELIZATION**

**A. ANNOUNCING A MESSAGE
OF SALVATION**

“8. Special Concerns

**b) Fundamentalists and the Iglesia
ni Kristo**

(223) But the success of these

fundamentalist groups is a sign of the times for us. They succeed because the Church has failed in many ways to satisfy the spiritual hunger of many of the faithful. This we must correct.

(224) The Philippine bishops point out the following challenges raised by the presence of fundamentalists in our midst:

1. There is the challenge to read and study, pray over and live the written Word of God ... May the Bible, read in the Church, occupy the place of honor it deserves in the every Catholic heart, home and parish.

(225) 2. We are also challenged to provide catechesis which will enable Catholics “to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15), and lead to a mature personal commitment to the Lord Jesus and a living relationship with him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Points for Reflection: Make a survey on how many families have actual copies of the Bible in your parish and BEC. Do you have a catechetical program that makes you grow in faith from the womb to the tomb? Make an inventory of the times that you received catechetical instructions. ■

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 33(32):11,19
The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And with your spirit.

Introduction and Welcome

P: Dear brothers and sisters: on this Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us continue to ask God's special grace to be aware of our Christian and Catholic heritage as the prophetic conscience of our people. Today let us ask for the special gift to be men and women of love and compassion, mercy and justice: that the heartbeats of our hearts may be the heartbeats of the heart of Jesus..

Penitential Act

P: Brethren (brothers and sisters), to prepare ourselves to celebrate worthily these sacred mysteries, let us now acknowledge our sins, and ask God for pardon and strength:

P: Lord Jesus, forgive us for our failure to be good shepherds to one another. Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ Jesus, forgive us for our failure to love due to legalism and formalism. Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, forgive us for our failure to open ourselves to sinners and the lost because we preferred the maintenance of our comfortable and secure lives and communities. Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

P: Let us pray: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ez 34:11-16

L: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when

he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places.

In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Commentary on Ez 34:11-16:

For Ezekiel, the bad things that were happening to Israel were the sole responsibility of its leaders. The charge: they have abandoned the people, as in the past. Therefore, the Lord himself will take over: he will be the shepherd of the flock. Take note of the actions of the good shepherd: he will rescue the flock, he will lead them out of exile and gather them together and bring them back to their own country, give them pasture and rest in bountiful grazing grounds. Take note of the focus of his pasturing: the lost he will seek out, the strayed he will bring back,

the injured he will bind, the sick he will heal, but the sleek and the strong he will destroy: the just way of shepherding!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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Commentary on Psalm Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6:

The qualities of the Lord as shepherd are: (1) guide to where food is plentiful, to the right path when the sands of the desert have covered the known routes, (2) protector of the flock and (3) host of a banquet for his flock before the enemy. Goodness and kindness are the personifications of the qualities of God, the shepherd who gives security to the flock, and

the host of the banquet who gives plenty in life to his people, his friends, at the shame of the enemy.

Second Reading: Rom 5:5b-11

L: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Commentary on Rom 5:5b-11

After reflecting on divine justification with its juridical language, Paul now reflects on love, and its more profound ethical discourse. God's love and how it works can only be understood through the Holy Spirit. For if Christ died for us sinners, and therefore enemies of God, how much more will He show love for us now that we are reconciled to Him as friends, saved/justified by the blood of Jesus? But what is incredible for human beings is not so much God's

infinite love for the innocent and the sinless, but God's love born out of the human condition of sinfulness!

Alleluia Verse: Mt 11:29ab

R: Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

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Gospel: Lk 15:3-7

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees and scribes: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.*

Commentary on Lk 15:3-7

This parable, addressed to confront directly the legalism of the Pharisees, demonstrates the absolute mercy and compassion of God. What is hidden here is this: Jesus' joyful and welcoming treatment of tax collectors and sinners is scandalous to those who pretend to be "just" and "good". But that is exactly the absolute compassion

and mercy of God: to seek the sinner and the lost and to rejoice when these few sinners and lost are found...as if they were more precious than the ones who were already good and in the company of God. Thus, every soul, every person is precious to God! He will leave the many who are already with Him, for the sake of the one who needs to be recovered and restored to His company!

Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives God's love by seeking out the lost more than maintaining the good in his company, through justice and compassion.

Summary of the Sunday Reading Message	Concrete description of the poor people and their situation	Reflection/ Points for reflection/ Call/ Challenge
The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives God's love by seeking out the lost more than maintaining the good in his company, through justice and compassion.	In your parish and BEC, whom do you consider as sinners and lost? Are they discriminated against and excluded from your faith-based activities? What would you consider as maintenance activities of your parish and BEC? Why? Where is your focus as church?	The spiritual hunger of many of the faithful must be satisfied through reading, study and praying with the Bible. As Church, we are prophets and missionaries, not do-gooders and maintenance workers.

Profession of Faith

P: Dear sisters and brothers, let us humbly and confidently raise our voices in prayer to our heavenly Father who listens to us with a heart of love and compassion, justice and mercy. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: Let us pray for the Church: that, being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to live God's love by seeking out the lost more than maintaining the good in her system and structures, through the practice of true justice and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the bishops, all the clergy, all those in consecrated life and for all lay people who are entrusted with the care and administration of the People of God: that they may share the blessings of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus through their prophetic ministry and missionary activities, more than through maintenance of rituals and buildings. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: For world leaders and all those entrusted with governance and administration of the goods of the earth: that they make laws, policies and structures that uphold the recognition of equal dignity for all, provide facilities for the re-building and rehabilitation of broken human spirits and relationships and promote a culture of social integration, liberation and

development. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: For all of us, inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven: that we may live according to the values of the new life lived in common by shepherding one another, helping develop a catechesis and faith-formations program that accompany the growth of children, teenagers, young adults, those in mid-life transitions, the sick, the dying and the grieving, in their different states of life and social and physical circumstances. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: Let us pray especially for our priests: that they may continue to love and discover Jesus Christ more intimately in their lives, in each person they meet in their ministries and social activities, and in every creature that they see, smell, hear and touch so that they may become priests of God, ministers of his people and stewards of creation, burning with love, justice and mercy in a world of human weakness and sin. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: For our beloved dead: that in the forgiveness of their sins, they may find eternal rest in the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

L: For our special intentions, in the silence of our hearts. (*pause*)... Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us your heart on earth.

P: Lord, these are the prayers we

present to you today. On this feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, help us to love you and know you more, by encountering you alive in our lives and in creation, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Help us see the heart of Jesus as the remedy of the ills of our time such as egoism, indifferentism and relativism. Help us imbibe the sentiments of his heart beating with love and compassion, justice and mercy. Help us recognize the new world that is emerging from his pierced heart. Mold us to become the gentle but firm hearts of your heart on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

C: Blessed be God forever.

P: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings:

P: Look, O Lord, we pray, on the surpassing charity in the Heart of your beloved Son, that what we offer may be a gift acceptable to you and an expiation of offenses. Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Eucharist

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right and just.*

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For raised up high on the Cross, he gave himself up for us with a wonderful love and poured out blood and water from his pierced side, the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments, so that, won over to the open heart of the Savior, all might draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation

P: The mystery of faith.

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

(Concluding the Eucharistic Prayer; the priest says:)

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

C: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Sign of Peace

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

A: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ... grant us peace.

Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: (Cf. Jn 7:37-38)

Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

Final Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessings. Turn your people to you with all their heart, O Lord, we pray, for you protect even those who go astray, but when they serve you with undivided heart, you sustain them with still greater care. Through Christ our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

P: And may the blessings of almighty God, + the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.

C: *Amen.*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

C: *Thanks be to God.* ■

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