



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Fil-Mission Sunday
July 26, 2015**

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 the Eucharistic unity of all by promoting the freedom to share the boundless bounty of God.

Today we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our theme for this Sunday is: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives the Eucharistic unity of all by promoting the freedom to share the boundless bounty of God. With this theme, let us continue to reflect on the Church as Discipleship in Community, this time contemplating on Mary as Model of Discipleship. Let us reflect with PCP-II when it says:

“D. Mary, Model of Discipleship

2. Mary, the First Evangelizer

(151) At Cana, she interceded with her Son in that first of his signs that led his first disciples to believe in him, and she stood witness to her faith in him even as he hung on the cross abandoned by

practically all the disciples. To her as Mother, the dying Christ entrusted the beloved disciple, symbol of all disciples. Hence we can now confidently call her our Mother.

(152) She maintained a powerful feminine presence in the midst of the disciples as they waited for the Holy Spirit’s coming. In the last scriptural picture we have of Mary in her earthly pilgrimage, she is in the midst of the first community of disciples preparing for their mission.

(153) While many today attack our devotion to her, the Church of the Philippines, as a ‘pueblo amante de Maria’ – ‘a people in love with Mary’ – will always continue to seek her intercession and learn from her way of life what we need to be as a community of disciples. She is truly what her oldest extant image in the Philippines calls her: Nuestra Señora de Guia, Our Lady Guide of the Way.”

In your own words, describe how Mary, the mother of Jesus, is also the model of discipleship. Read and pray the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), Mary as woman at Cana (John 2,1-11), as woman who is given to us as our mother at the foot of the Cross (John 19,26-27) and Mary with the disciples in the Upper Room (Acts 1,13-14). ■

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon:(Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And with your spirit.

Introduction and Welcome

Introduction and Welcome:

P: Dear brothers and sisters: in celebrating the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us ask God's special grace to be aware of our Christian and Catholic heritage as the prophetic conscience of our people. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us imbibe the prophetic perspective of Jesus, the heavenly food of our earthly journey to the Kingdom of the Father, that "food and supplies will always be over-abundant when shared by the poor in need. But they will be scarce and insufficient when wanted and consumed by the selfish and the greedy." Let us also pray in a special way for more vocations to sustain and expand the Filipino Mission here and everywhere through the Mission Society of the Philippines.

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: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

C: For we have sinned against you.

P: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

C: And grant us your salvation.

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: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jer 23:1-6

L: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Commentary on Am Jer 23:1-6:

From a prophetic perspective, food and supplies will always be over-abundant when shared by the poor in need. But they will be scarce and insufficient when wanted and consumed by the selfish and the greedy.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Commentary on Psalm 145:

This the last acrostic poem in the psalter. Vv 10-11 correspond to the Hebrew letter Y; 15-16 P, 17 S and 18 Q. All of God's creation are grateful to Him; the praise and glorify Him by recalling His mighty deeds. God is their hope for He responds to all their needs. He responds justly and in a sacred way to those who are truthful to Him. He is always near and accessible to all His creation.

Second Reading: Eph 4:1-6

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

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Commentary on Eph 4:1-6

Paul, a prisoner, does not think of his pitiful condition of unfreedom. Rather, he goes beyond the four walls of his prison cell and reaches out lovingly and tenderly to the Christian community in Ephesus. In that sense, they are all one. And he exhorts to them to live in that unity, as one and one Spirit. First, he lists down the concrete human qualities that are

needed to achieve this unity in actual practice. And then, with a liturgical flair, he cites the 7 faces of Christian unity: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father who unites us all!

Alleluia Verse: Cf. Luke 7:16

R: Alleluia, alleluia. A great prophet has arisen in our midst. God has visited his people. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: John 6:1-15

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to

his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Commentary on John 6:1-15

The story of the multiplication of the bread, present in all gospels, recalls the Exodus experience of the manna from heaven and the Eucharistic celebration in the Christian community. Jesus is the fountain of life and the bread of life. He feeds the five thousand; he continues to feed millions more in the course of the history of salvation. By gathering all the left over and the fragments, Jesus never intends to lose anyone who has come to believe in him. But the people do not understand him and what he does. When he causes the people to share from so little so that there will be more than enough for all, the people see him as prophet worthy to be made king. But Jesus would not have anything to do with that. by distancing himself from them, he keeps his freedom.

Join Fr. Ben Alforque, MSC of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in **GOSPEL BREAK**, a short yet entertaining and insightful discussion of this Sunday’s Gospel on YouTube. Visit gospelbreak.wordpress.com. Or scan this QR code with your Smartphone or tablet.



Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, lives the Eucharistic unity of all by promoting the freedom to share the boundless bounty of God.

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 the Eucharistic unity of all by promoting the freedom to share the boundless bounty of God.	Cite instances or examples in your BEC community and parish community that demonstrate the saying: “when the poor loves, they give their all, while the rich, when they love, they count.”	Because Mary is our Mother in the new time, therefore, we are brothers and sisters, inheritors of the gifts of the Father. When we share from so little there will be more than enough for us all.

Profession of Faith

A: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the

right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:

P: Dear sisters and brothers, on this Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us humbly and confidently raise our voices in prayer to our heavenly Father. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

L: Let us pray for the Church: that, being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to share the mission of Jesus in being the prophetic conscience of the people through living the Eucharistic unity of all by promoting the freedom to share equally and justly the boundless bounty of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the bishops, priests, deacons, for those in consecrated life and for all those who are entrusted with the care and administration of the church as People of God: that they may continue to proclaim Mary as our Mother in the new time, that, therefore, as brothers and sisters, we are all equally inheritors of the gifts of the Father, and that when

we share from so little there will be more than enough for us all. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

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 promote the just and equal sharing of the earth's resources among all nations and peoples, especially the poor, who have long been deprived, oppressed and violated by unjust laws, treaties and international agreements that favor the rich and the victors of wars. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

L: For all of us, inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven: that we may live our lives according to the values of the new life lived in common by inspiring and encouraging one another to see the value of sharing even the little that we have, and more so are asked of the rich who accumulated their wealth at the expense of the poor workers and farmers, as an act of justice and Christian responsibility rather than as humanitarianism and philanthropy. Let us also pray in a special way for more vocations to sustain and expand the Filipino Mission here and everywhere through the Mission Society of the Philippines. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

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, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

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

R: Lord, help us to share equally and justly your endless bounty.

P: Lord, these are the prayers we present to you today. In this ordinary time, help us to love you and know you more, by encountering you alive in our lives and in creation, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Enable us to multiply your blessings on earth by dividing equally and justly the goods of the earth and the fruits of our labor. Mold us to become the gentle but firm hearts of your heart in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: 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: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. 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.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as 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. (Ps 103 (102): 2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift,

which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Final Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Bow down for the blessing: May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

C: Amen.

P: May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds.

C: Amen.

P: May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace.

C: Amen.

P: So that on this life's journey you may be effective in good works, rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity, and may come happily to eternal life.

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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