



**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 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, is missionary when she humbly and obediently participates in the people's struggle to transform the world.

Today we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. With today's theme, "The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, is missionary when she humbly and obediently participates in the people's struggle to transform the world" 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

d) Prisoners

(236) We acknowledge the invaluable and often unsung work of prison chaplains, full time and part time, the work of numerous

Volunteers in Prison Service (VIPS) from among the laity, and the services that have been rendered by the Episcopal Commission on Prisoners' Welfare (ECOPRIW). Through their activities, the Church has set up rehabilitation programs for prisoners, awakened among them the urgency to accept Christ as their personal Savior, and initiated the process of reforming their lives.

(237) In the future the Church has to intensify its advocacy of more humane conditions in prisons, more humane treatment of prisoners, the release of those who are unjustly detained, as well as the integration of those who have been released into life in society. Above all, the Church must ensure that prisoners have ready access to the spiritual blessings that the Church can offer by way of catechesis, prayer, and the sacraments.

Points for Reflection: Does the prison system in your place help its prisoners there become better persons, or are they made worse by their prison experience? How are the prisoners treated by fellow prisoners in your place? By those who imprison them? How do you regard them yourself? ■

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Introductory Rites

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

C: Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Introduction and Welcome

P: Dear brothers and sisters: on this Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 of being and becoming missionaries of God's love that respond to the people's hunger and thirst for true love and care.

Penitential Act

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P: Lord Jesus, forgive us for our failure to love and to care for others in need. Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ Jesus, forgive us for our failure to be in solidarity with the struggle of the poor to transform the world. Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, forgive us for our failure to live as simple and obedient missionaries of Your Love. 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: O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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: Is 66:10-14c

L: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of

her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Commentary on Is 66:10-14c:

This is a joyful proclamation of the rebirth of a people and the restoration of the city of Jerusalem. The pictures used to describe this joyful rebirth and restoration are romantic and tender birth images and maternal care. God is the exclusive giver of life and its sole sustainer. The new people and the new Jerusalem, now flowing with peace and prosperity, are the direct anti-thesis of a past history of injustice, oppression and corruption.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your

deeds!"

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Commentary on Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20:

This psalm combines praise and thanksgiving. It sings of the mighty acts of God in the heavens, on earth, in human history and in the personal experience of the psalmist. The psalmist is inviting all of creation to acclaim, sing and praise the name of the Lord. By inviting all the earth to cry out to God with joy, the psalmist recognizes that salvation - fullness of life - comes from God alone!

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

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

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me,

and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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Commentary on Gal 6:14-18

This marks the conclusion and farewell in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul takes sole pride in his participation in the cross of Jesus Christ in this world. The world and Paul are crucified to each other: an experience of the Cross of Jesus Christ, of his suffering and death for the sake of love as the only way to salvation. This is the only place where Paul mentions "brothers and sisters" at the end of his letter. This signifies Paul's reconciliation with the Galatian community, for they have accepted the Gospel faithfully in the manner that Paul preached it.

Alleluia Verse: Col 3:15a, 16a

R: Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9

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.*

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' [Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town.]"

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Commentary on Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9

While the Twelve symbolized the twelve tribes of Israel, this time the Seventy (or Seventy-Two) symbolizes the universality of the mission of preaching the Gospel. The Gospel must be preached to ALL nations by ALL people with great urgency: a universal mission, a universal call. In a situation where seekers of love are plentiful, there is a call for more missionaries of God’s LOVE equal to respond to the task. God calls missionaries to respond to the human hunger and thirst for God. The ethic of a missionary is defined: selflessness and radical simplicity that carry no self-interest and baggage, the gift of peace and intentional solidarity as the sole reward for the missionary, the power to heal as the sign of the operations of the Kingdom of God. For the real victory of the missionary is not in overcoming evil on earth, but in the ultimate joy in heaven!

Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, is missionary when she humbly and obediently participates in the people’s struggle to transform the world.

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, is missionary when she humbly and obediently participates in the people’s struggle to transform the world.	Identify the people imprisoned in your municipal jail? What crimes did they commit? How is the condition of the prison cell? How can one be imprisoned, outside of the physical prison cell? How do you seek their freedom?	The Church must advocate for more humane conditions in prisons, more humane treatment of prisoners, the release of those unjustly detained, the integration of the released into society.

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.



Profession of Faith

P: Dear sisters and brothers, let us humbly and confidently raise our voices in prayer to our heavenly Father. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

L: Let us pray for the Church: that, being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to be missionary of God’s Love by participating humbly and

obediently in the people's struggle to transform the world in the newness of the God's Kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the bishops, priests, deacons, for those in consecrated life and for all the lay who are entrusted with the care and administration of the church as People of God: that they may be faithful to their missionary calling by adhering to the ethic of radical simplicity and obedience to the will of the Father articulated by the needs and struggles of the poor and the oppressed. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

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 establish a more just and humane social order that makes prison almost unnecessary, that in the meantime, promote and introduce reforms in penal system, give justice to the prisoners, especially those unjustly deprived of liberty, and enable the prisoners to integrate into the life of a better society. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

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 helping one another in the quest for inner personal freedom, freedom from the social bondage of poverty due to injustice and oppression, and for liberation and newness of life in a world of love,

mutual respect and interdependence. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

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 missionaries of your love.

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

R: Lord, make us missionaries of your love.

P: Lord, these are the prayers we present to you today. Help us to love you and know you more, by encountering you alive in our lives and in creation, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Make us your missionaries of love and liberation in our time. 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: May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and

day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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 through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, 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.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

(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: (Ps 34 (33): 9)
Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. 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: Be propitious to your people, O God, that, freed from every evil, they serve you with all their heart and ever stand firm under your protection. 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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God.* ■

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