



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY July 15 & BEYOND”

“I know where I’m going, and I know who’s going with me”



The Collect (theme prayer) for the Sunday closest to July 13

“O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may

have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

The Gospel for the Sunday closest to July 13 in Year B (of A, B,&C) --Mark 6: 7-13

“Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”

Don't you agree that, before you go and do something, it's always a good thing to know and understand what things you OUGHT to be doing? AND, that you have the means to actually accomplish whatever it is that you want to go and do?!

I think its interesting that different people, well, really, different kinds and types of people will respond to that question differently. Some kinds of people are those who will jump or race forward, shouting “Seize the Day!” Some kinds of people will take a step back and say, “Count the Cost.” And there are many other variations in between.

Jesus was One who could see and understand both the big picture, where he was ultimately going and what it was ultimately all about, and he understood the objectives and goals along the way. He also knew that others would want the same, and would instruct his

followers about what their objectives were, and the details of what they should do while they were carrying out their objectives.

As important as such consideration is for each life here on earth -- by the way, what are YOU doing with yourself and your life right now, and do you know if that is what you OUGHT to be doing? -- there is another aspect to this question that needs to be pointed out. The Collect for Sunday, printed above, and the Gospel lesson for Sunday both point to it, and that is the power and authority you need to accomplish what you need to accomplish!

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus “gave them authority” for their objective, which was to cast out demons, as well as effectively proclaim repentance from sins.

In the Collect, we pray that God will grant us – just as Jesus on earth instructed his disciples – the understanding and direction we need, AND, just like Jesus did with his disciples on earth, provide the “grace and power” to faithfully accomplish those objectives in ministry.

When you are wondering about your life, where you need to go, what you need to do, and how you are ever going to get there, Go to God, in the Name of Jesus, and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you to get there. If you have time, you can ask why you are where you are! But the main thing is to figure out where he wants you, if not where you are.

Father Rob Eaton, Interim Rector

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00a Low Mass (Church)

10:30a Solemn High Mass (Church)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY: 7:00p (AA) Doctors’ Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

FRIDAY: AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies’ Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men’s Group (Parish Hall)