



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th June 2021

Resurrection Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

CHILD SAFETY - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

If you see something that seems inappropriate towards a child or a vulnerable adult please notify Fr Gerard.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

RESURRECTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

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COVID UPDATE

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are allowed with a density requirement of 1 person per 4 sqm and a maximum 150 people. (excluding any babies under 12 months old), plus those required to facilitate or conduct the service.

Check in upon entry using the Service Victoria app.

Please keep safe, and let's pray for each other.

COVID MARSHALL

We are seeking COVID check in marshalls at each Mass, to ensure the 'green tick' is achieved with each QR code login. If you can assist with this please contact the office.



Parish at Prayer Mass Times

Saturday

6.00 pm

Sunday

**9.00 am
10.30 am**

Weekday Masses

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

6.00 pm

9.30 am

6.30 pm

Before each weekday Mass there will be approximately 15 minutes of meditation followed by the prayer of the church.

COMMUNAL PRAYER

10.00am - Tuesday: Rosary after morning Mass

9.30am - Wednesday: Communion Service followed by rosary

7.00pm - Thursday: Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass

7.00pm - Friday: Heart on Fire Prayer group

10.00am - 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month: Gospel Reflection Group in the parish office.

COMMUNAL EVENTS

10.00am - Men's Group Every 2nd Thursday in the Narthex

We pray for Joseph Portelli, Jack Collins, Miriam Lowe, Alexander Zipagan, John Gubeljak and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Sylvia Lavery, Edith D'Cruz, Edith Fisher, Efina D'Monte, Clemente Beltran Snr, Emmanuel Muscat, Pietra Muscat, Paul Grech, Doris Grech, Carmen Darmanin, John Hili, Vincent Attard, Victoria Attard, Carmel Sciberras, Emmanuel Sciberras and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

We also pray for those who are sick and that

Take THE Way OF THE Gospel

RE-IMAGINING OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS MISSION COMMUNITIES

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
Pentecost 2021

AT PENTECOST, the Spirit of the Risen Lord came among the household of disciples gathered in prayer, filling them with Gospel power, and sending them out on mission as the Church of Jesus Christ. On that day, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples new eyes and ears, and a fresh heart to form the family of the Church, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God to all nations.

On this great feast of Pentecost, I warmly welcome you home! After many long months we are finally opening our doors more fully, and it is time we return to gather as God's people – to worship together, to pray together and to prepare our lives to go out in mission together. And I write to you today – God's family of the Archdiocese of Melbourne – to invite you into a new conversation about our common mission for the years ahead.

To begin this conversation, I called two meetings over the past month – one with all the clergy of the Archdiocese and the other with lay representatives from each of our 209 parishes. These initial meetings had one purpose in mind: to open up the question as to how our local Church in Melbourne might best be organised into the future, such that:

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish;
- Our faith communities be effectively resourced – spiritually, ministerially and materially.

When I was appointed to Melbourne nearly three years ago, I saw a great need for us to find new and life-giving ground in which to plant the seeds of the Gospel. For decades, the clergy and faithful of Melbourne have been exploring ways to bring about a re-framing of the local Church to become more vital for God's people. The challenges, wounds and disruptions of recent years, coupled with the life-changing reality of the COVID pandemic, have opened my own eyes, ears and heart to recognise that our present way of doing things needs to be re-imagined in the face of the changing circumstances in which we live.

But what might this look like?

In discerning this question, I have drawn insight from the first Archbishop of Melbourne, James Goold. When he came to Victoria in 1848, he did not set about arranging the Archdiocese into parishes, but instead established Missions into various localities. Each Mission comprised a family of local faith communities, gathered around a shared life of faith, worship and outreach. These Missions would then grow within them more local communities as the need arose.

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When the day of Pentecost had come, the [disciples] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-3

It is a renewal of this vision for today that I want to explore with you over the coming months and years, so that we might walk together towards a more energised purpose for our local Church in the light of Pentecost. This will be a journey that will take time and effort, and we will need to take it together.

Our local Church, in all its vast spread, is wonderfully rich and varied in its many realities – be they parishes, language communities, or faith movements. But it is also true that our accompaniment and nurturing of these realities could, and should, be more life-giving. It falls to us to take on this task as Christ's disciples today.

Let me describe this task ahead by way of asking three questions:

- Where might be the local Missions of our Archdiocese today?
- Which parishes might organically fit together to form a family of communities?
- How might we better resource these Missions – spiritually, ministerially and materially?

Why should we be doing this? The Way of the Gospel – the path of missionary discipleship – has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. Now is our time; here is our place. As Pope Francis has been reminding us, we must be open to change if renewal is to be possible, and sometimes new structures are required for apostolic spirit to gain momentum.

Our parishes will remain at the heart of the gathering of God's people locally, but we need to adapt the way we resource our local communities, including the placement of clergy, catechists and other lay leaders, to form Missions that comprise a family of faith communities.

My letter to you today is simply an introduction to this task. This is the beginning of a way of thinking and acting that will involve us all – bishops, clergy and laity. It will be a journey of listening and learning, and walking together. Bring it to prayer; begin to talk with one another; open your hearts to where the Lord is calling us; reach out to your neighbours in faith.



More information will be made available soon, so the steps of discernment and consultation are readily available for everyone. I would like to note though that this is a period of growing and learning, not of haste. It is not about change overnight, it is not about parish closures or amalgamations, but a reframing of our thinking, and a resourcing of where our current need is, not where it was, in order to bring renewed life.

As the disciples gathered on that first Pentecost, might we now start this journey in prayer – together. Let us open ourselves to Christ Jesus with a new depth of trust and conviction in his guiding hand, so that we may discern our journey with compassionate and humble hearts and come to know the Spirit moving within and amongst us, and so be transformed.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Mary, Mother of Church, pray for us.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

Above image: 'Pentecost' by Fr Lawrence Lew OP

RESURRECTION PARISH GROUPS, 2021 – 2022

Resurrection Young Adults - Post-secondary young adults who meet for friendship and support in their faith life as well as assisting the Parish with their involvement in such things as Children's Liturgy and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

55 Plus - This is a group for young at heart. The purpose is to provide spiritual and social activities for those over 55 years of age. The scope of the activities are only limited by the imagination and the preparedness of people to be involved. You can simply come to the events and/or be part of the organising committee.

Liturgy - The word 'liturgy' comes from a Greek word meaning 'work'. Good liturgy requires work. Liturgy at its best assists people to participate, praise, pray, worship and celebrate the Good News that the Risen Lord is indeed present in the special occasions such as Easter and Christmas as well as the ordinary Sunday Masses. The Liturgy group assists with the planning and the practical preparations for these Masses.

Outreach - This group's aim is to 'reach out' through hospitality, a warm welcome, comfort and practical support to families with a member who has special needs, those grieving for the loss of a loved one, people challenged by grave sickness and their carers and those who are simply feeling lonely and need someone to talk to and mix with.

Adult Faith Formation Team - The call of the Church today is for the lay people to deepen and enrich their knowledge and experience of their faith. This group will work within our own parish and possibly beyond to help others grow in their faith. This may include being part of the RCIA (which assist adults wishing to become Catholics) or overseeing Gospel reflections, parish missions etc.

Resurrection Comms Team - This group is involved in producing and maintaining the website and Facebook page, through the use of photography, videography, marketing and writing so as to promote parish activities as well as support and streamline communications between Resurrection's people, groups and ministries.

Social Events Group - An events management group that plans, supports and organises events for the parish. The focus is to help build strong relationships between members of the parish community, old and new.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Vision – *"The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society"*. Our Kings Park conference of St Vincent de Paul aspires to this vision in the local community.

Garden and Maintenance - At Resurrection we take care and pride in our parish property. The gardens are now being maintained by the school. However, the parish still needs advice, support and the occasional working bee for the maintenance and enhancement of the parish buildings – the Church, office and Presbytery.

Men's Group - A group of men who meet every second Thursday at 10am for friendship, activities, information (e.g. health issues). The gathering concludes with lunch.

Kateri Environmental Group - Pope Francis reminds us that all of us are called to be good stewards of creation. This group's focus is on raising awareness and engaging in activities to make a positive contribution to the care of the environment in our community.

Uganda Partnership - An international missionary outreach based on friendship and partnership with Fr Nestus and the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Buyaga.

PARISH MINISTRY ~ how will you serve?

Serving others is central to being a Christian. The word "Ministry" comes from a Latin word meaning service.

You are invited to serve in the following ministries. *Please read the following description of each Resurrection Ministry and then make a one year commitment to at least one Ministry.*

Camera Operator

Operates the camera for parishioners during the 10.30am Mass.

Church Flower Arrangement

Arranges flowers purchased by the Parish in the Church, expect during Lent and Advent.

Choirs/Music

Resurrection is blessed with many parish choirs. Each choir has its own distinctive style. All our choirs welcome new members. If you are already in a choir when signing up for please indicate the name of your present choir.

Church Cleaning

Our church is well used over the course of a week. There is a saying cleanliness is next to Godliness. The cleaning teams help us achieve this ideal.

Coffee Clean Up

Part of a team that cleans up after coffee has been served.

Coffee Maker

Sharing a cup of coffee brings people together. We offer parishioners coffee made from our espresso coffee machine in the narthex. This ministry of hospitality does require knowledge and skill to operate.

Counting

A rostered system of counting the collections either on a Sunday or Monday morning.

Collector

A rostered system of collecting the generous stewardship of parishioners at the Masses.

Data Projector

Involves setting up, operating the data projector during the Mass and packing the laptop up after the Mass.

Hospitality

Involves extending a warm welcome and helpful information relating to the Mass. Also, they ensure that the other rostered liturgical ministries are in place.

Office Help

Assist the parish staff with the administrative tasks either on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

Overseer

Attends to the practical aspects of the Mass. Guidelines are available.

Proclaimer of the Word

A clear proclaiming of God's Word at Mass.

Sacristan

Cleaning and tidying up after Mass including washing the sacred vessels.

Special Minister of Communion

The reverent distribution of Holy Communion at the Mass.

Further information is available at the office. Training can also be provided.

Working with children's check is compulsory.

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Sustainability News



"If God sees creation as good, as a beautiful thing, then we too must take this attitude and see that creation is a good and beautiful thing."



Kateri Update May 2021 – Winter is just around the corner and as the days get shorter and colder and we spend more time indoors, we have the opportunity to take a look around our homes and identify what habits we can modify in our daily lives to be better stewards of God's creation.

Fact of the week: Did you know that 10 million tonnes of plastic are dumped in our oceans annually? That's equal to more than a garbage truck load every minute! (source: Plastic Oceans International) Soft plastics like chip packets and biscuit wrappers aren't able to be collected kerbside by the majority of councils

in Australia because it jams the automated sorting machines. If you have soft plastic rubbish at home that can be easily scrunched into a ball, then it can be recycled at your nearest RedCycle bin at Coles etc.

Tip/Challenge of the Week: ie. Collect all the soft plastics in a separate bin in your home and drop it off at a RedCycle bin during your next grocery shop! Extra Challenge for those already using RedCycle: Check your soft plastic rubbish and see if there is anything you can swap for plastic free packaging.



3rd & 4th July 2021
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Kathy Wale	Angelita Ramat
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Anna Wright Naveen Andrade	Vilinda Rebustillo Mary Gatt	Daniella Carapellotti
DATA PROJECTOR	Daniella Gozun	Christian Dizon	Leanne Alderson
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Henry Dunn Marissa Dunn Henry Dunn Marissa Dunn	Emmanuelle Brizuela Rianne Brizuela Emmanuelle Brizuela Rianne Brizuela	Calvin Alderson Veronica Santiago Calvin Alderson Veronica Santiago
COLLECTORS	Joseph Caruana Lachlan Colaco Michael Dutkowsky Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Emmanuel Galea Milton Young Raul Dizon Rosemarie Balfour Oliver D'Souza Teresita Komarow	Isidro Asuncion Oliver Zipagan Marlena-Grace Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Need volunteer Need volunteer Need volunteer
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Henry Dunn Naveen Andrade Marlene Axiak Emalyn Spiteri	Fr Gerard Keith Rosario Gaquit Rosemarie Balfour Marc Dicconson Minh Pham	Fr Gerard Keith Aurora Asuncion Cecilia Navarro Christine Perram Cleo Oliveria
SACRISTY DUTY	Rachael Bonavia	Need Volunteer	Aurora Asuncion
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Anthony Scerri Margaret Bannerman	Emy Rivera Mary Fulla
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Doris Frendo Need Volunteer	Jane Inot Kate Pedralvez
CHURCH CLEANERS NEED VOLUNTEERS			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Need Volunteer

10th & 11th July 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Vilinda Rebustillo	Marissa Medilo
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Grace Eppingstall	Anna Cassar Andrew Cassar	Marques Navarro
DATA PROJECTOR	Xavier Bugeja	Jacob Rebustillo	Calvin Alderson
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Isabella Portelli Choir Isabella Portelli Jonathan Magtals	Nadia Young Paula Prosia Nadia Young Paula Prosia	Jet Nacional Choir Jet Nacional Jane Inot
COLLECTORS	Jimmy Attard Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Brian Briffa Charlie Galea Charlie Grech Jacob Magtals	Frank Gatt Emmanuel Galea Milton Young Raul Dizon Rosemarie Balfour Oliver D'Souza Teresita Komarow	Isidro Asuncion Oliver Zipagan Marlena-Grace Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Need volunteer Need volunteer Need volunteer
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Spria Attard Karen Colaco Naveen Andrade Patricia Marek	Fr Gerard Keith Kathy Wale Marc Dicconson Andrew Cassar Rosario Gaquit	Fr Gerard Keith Clem Beltran Felicitas Baltazar Teresita Villar Margaret Vilardo
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Need Volunteer	Marques Navarro
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee – Volunteers Required	No Coffee – Volunteers Required	Leanne Alderson Kate Pedralvez
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Erato Muscat	Teresa Jennifer The Valerie Stockbridge	Paul Bossini Maria Grasso
CHURCH CLEANERS NEED VOLUNTEERS			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulis ALTAR LINEN: Lina Scicluna PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi

17th & 18th July 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Kathy Wale	Yvonne Utoasega
HOSPITALITY	Jane Caruana Joe Caruana Charlie Grech	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Angelita Ramat
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Daniel D'Souza	Leanne Alderson
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Rebecca Galea Sandra Galea Rebecca Galea Sandra Galea	Jacob Rebustillo Vilinda Rebustillo Jacob Rebustillo Vilinda Rebustillo	Sacreana Ulugia – Sa'Ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia – Sa'Ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena
COLLECTORS	Joseph Caruana Lachlan Colaco Michael Dutkowsky Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Emmanuel Galea Milton Young Raul Dizon Rosemarie Balfour Oliver D'Souza Teresita Komarow	Isidro Asuncion Oliver Zipagan Marlena-Grace Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Need volunteer Need volunteer Need volunteer
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Blossom Tallent Carmen Falzon Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt	Fr Gerard Keith Vilina Rebustillo Emmanuelle Brizuela Michael Donnelly Karen D'Souza	Fr Gerard Keith Calvin Alderson Zita Alderson Jane Inot Atalina Ulugia-Sa'Ena
SACRISTY DUTY	Spira Attard	Need Volunteer	Aurora Asuncion
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Rosemarie Balfour Need Volunteer	Emy Rivera Lorna Salalila
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michael Dutkowsky	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Zeny Vella Jane Inot
CHURCH CLEANERS NEED VOLUNTEERS			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Need Volunteer

24th & 25th July 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9.00 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Vilinda Rebutillo	Aurora Asuncion
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia (A) Anna Wright Naveen Andrade	Kathy Wale Michael Donnelly	Clem Beltran
DATA PROJECTOR	Julia Portelli	Olivia D'Souza	Oliver Zipagan
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Max Michel Cathy Downing Max Michel Cathy Downing	Kathy Wale Minh Pham Kathy Wale Minh Pham	Veronica Santiago Angelita Ramat Veronica Santiago Angelita Ramat
COLLECTORS	Jimmy Attard Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Brian Briffa Charlie Galea Charlie Grech Jacob Magtalias	Frank Gatt Emmanuel Galea Milton Young Raul Dizon Rosemarie Balfour Oliver D'Souza Teresita Komarow	Isidro Asuncion Oliver Zipagan Marlena-Grace Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Need volunteer Need volunteer Need volunteer
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Noel Oliver Doris Oliver Lucia Portelli Joe Caruana	Fr Gerard Keith Karen D'Souza Nadia Young Rosario Gaquit Marc Dicconson	Fr Gerard Keith Cecilia Navarro Christine Perram Cleo Oliveria Owen D'Cruze
SACRISTY DUTY	Rachael Bonavia	Need Volunteer	Cecilia Navarro
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee - Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wes Yuan Paul Bossini Josephine Medilo
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Martine Grech Charlie Grech	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini
CHURCH CLEANERS NEED VOLUNTEERS			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Helen Muscat PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi

30th July & 1st August 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6.00pm	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Kathy Wale	Marques Navarro
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Grace Eppingstall	Vilinda Rebustillo Mary Gatt	Angelita Ramat
DATA PROJECTOR	Gabrielle Gozun	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Calvin Alderson
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Marlene Axiak Henry Dunn Marlene Axiak Henry Dunn	Elizabeth Michaelson Teresa The Elizabeth Michaelson Teresa The	Aurora Asuncion Cleo Oliveria Aurora Asuncion Cleo Oliveria
COLLECTORS	Joseph Caruana Lachlan Colaco Michael Dutkowsky Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Emmanuel Galea Milton Young Raul Dizon Rosemarie Balfour Oliver D'Souza Teresita Komarow	Isidro Asuncion Oliver Zipagan Marlena-Grace Ulugia-Sa'Ena Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'Ena Need volunteer Need volunteer Need volunteer
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Marlene Axiak Martine Grech Olga Hughes Rocky Hughes	Fr Gerard Keith Andrew Cassar Michael Donnelly Vilinda Rebustillo Emmanuelle Brizuela	Fr Gerard Keith Aurora Asuncion Cleo Oliveria Lynette Pirota Angelita Ramat
SACRISTY DUTY	Spira Attard	Need Volunteer	Teresita Villar
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Anthony Scerri Margaret Bannerman	Emy Rivera Mary Rulla
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Doris Frendo Need Volunteer	Jane Inot Kate Pedralvez
CHURCH CLEANERS NEED VOLUNTEERS			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Rehab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Need Volunteer



Reading 1

Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Reading 2

2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Stewardship Reflection

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.