

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year B**

Readings: 1) Amos 7:12-15 2) Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 3) Mark 6:7-13

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today is: *God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.* God chooses us, despite our failures and shortcomings, to be his disciples. He sends us out into the world, not on our own, but in the companionship of our brothers and sisters in community. He does not leave us to our own devices, but gives power and authority through his name.

Amos was chosen, taken away from his work as *a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores*, to prophesy to the people of Israel. In writing to the Ephesians, Paul praises God and reminds his listeners that *God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.* In the Gospel, the now-chosen Twelve are sent out to preach repentance and to bring healing.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Let us bring our prayers and petitions before our loving Father.

For all members of the Church,
may we be guided by the courage and wisdom of the Holy Spirit,
We Pray to the Lord.

For world leaders,
may the Holy Spirit inform their work together to
sustain a vision of hope among their people,
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind, body or spirit;
may they find the healing grace of Christ showered upon them,
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who have died,
may they rest in the glory of God's kingdom,
We Pray to the Lord.

For our parish community,
may we receive and carry out the mission Jesus gives to us,
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions...
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Lord, you bring healing into the brokenness of our lives.
Please hear and answer these prayers,
for we ask them through Jesus Christ our Lord.