

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, July 4, 2021

**Readings:** 1) Ezekiel 2:2-5 2) 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 3) Mark 6:1-6a

## Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: *My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.*

We are a world full of social division and unrest – not unlike the rebellious house of Israel in the first reading. But God never abandons us: He sends prophets; he also chooses the seemingly most unlikely of people, such as Paul, to proclaim the Good News. And in our own faults and weaknesses, he has the power to work through us if we but direct our efforts toward Christ and allow his grace to transform us.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel. In the second reading, Paul explains to the Corinthians that he had asked for an affliction of his to be removed, but the Lord had said to him, *My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.* In the Gospel, Jesus faces opposition in his native place and is amazed by the people's lack of faith.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**PRIEST:**

We now bring our needs and the needs of the world before our Merciful Father.

**For the Church and all who are served by her witness.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For nations plagued by civil unrest or war.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body, may God bless and console them.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For our beloved dead, may they rest in peace.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For this faith community, may the Lord heal all divisions and wounds within us.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

Father,

we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.