

Sunday, July 7, 2024
The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FOCUS: *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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We now bring our prayers before the Lord, who hears our every need.

- 1) For the Church and all who are served by her witness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For nations plagued by civil unrest or war, may God bring enduring peace and justice to their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are weak in body, mind, or spirit, may they be strengthened by the power of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of faith, may the Lord heal all divisions and wounds within us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they rest in the eternal peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful God, hear the prayers that we have brought to you and have mercy on us in our needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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