

“BE A PROPHET IN YOUR OWN HOME”

Fr. Jose Miguel Jimenez, First Homily

July 5, 2015

I am Father Miguel. I was ordained one month ago, right here, at St Philip the Apostle. This parish is my first assignment as a new priest. I have heard many good things about you and how well you live your mission, *Opus Christi*— to do Christ’s Work. Now I join with you in ministry and in service and this makes me very happy.

I was born and raised in Colombia. Sometimes people ask me why I came to America to be a priest. Today’s Gospel gives the answer. Jesus says, “No prophet is without honor except in his own country” ... so I followed his advice and came to this country. Now it is my country too. God has given us each other as a parish to live and to work together and to do whatever the Lord asks of us.

In today’s readings God has a beautiful invitation for all of us **to be prophets.**

A prophet has a special mission: “to become Christ’s witness in the midst of our world.”¹

How are we called to be prophets in our everyday lives? How are we asked to show in word and in deeds that God is important in our lives?

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I will share with you a story about my Grandmother.

She is 85 years old. She is a good Catholic, prays the rosary every day and likes to watch Mass on Television. My grandmother has a large family -- 4 daughters, 4 sons and 16 grandchildren. Every summer our whole family visits my grandmother. Visiting her is a fun time. My cousins play soccer, we watch movies, or just rest and talk together.

My Grandmother prepares a delicious lunch for all of her grandchildren. She calls us into the dining room. Just when we are ready to eat--- CLICK----she turns on the TV. And guess what? Mass is on television. She times it perfectly!

We say, “We want to eat!” She says, “Watch the Mass!”

When the priest consecrates the bread into the Body of Christ and the wine into the Blood of Christ, my grandmother says to all of us, “Hold your hands together and pray for your family especially for the marriage of your parents.” Although we complain and

are not very comfortable-- it is a beautiful moment we will always remember.

She is a very smart prophet teaching us about faith, prayer and family when we are all together at her table. This is being a prophet in your own home.

Dear brothers and sisters, to be a prophet in our time, means to be a witness of the love of Christ in our daily world; this world is our family, our home. Sometimes it is difficult to witness to the Word of God among the people who know us very well.

Jesus had the same difficulty. When Jesus was teaching in the synagogue in his native place some people did not open their hearts to him because he was familiar to them. They said, “Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” And they took offense at him. Jesus was a prophet even when he was questioned. He witnessed to his Father in Heaven despite their criticism by curing the sick.

How can we witness to Christ when we are uncomfortable? Today’s second reading teaches us how. Saint Paul reminds us that the grace of God is sufficient for us, because God’s power is made perfect in weakness. In other words, we can use God’s strength when we don’t have enough of our own. Don’t be afraid to be a prophet in your home. Jesus invites us to share his mission, to do Christ’s work right in our everyday lives, with the people he gives us to love--- perhaps right at our dining room table. Be a prophet in your own home.

PRAYER FOR FATHER MIGUEL

Lord, we ask for your blessing upon our new priest, Fr. Miguel.

We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have bestowed upon him to fulfill his mission, *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ’s work.

May we be generous in our welcome and ever grateful for his ministry.

May we and our new *Companion on the Journey* grow evermore deeply spiritually, socially and in service to one another to Christ our Lord.

Amen

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church. N 785

In Gratitude

I would like to thank each of you for your kindness extended to me last weekend. The outpouring of support, encouragement, love, and tribute is deeply appreciated. It was a memorable day for both me and my family. Please pray for me as I will continue to pray for you.

Fr. Jared

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: July 13TH AND 27TH AT 6:30 PM.
THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

DIVORCE HEALING GROUP: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Molloy Center on July 13th & 27th.

PRIME TIMERS UPCOMING TRIPS 2015-2016

If you are pondering the Viking River Cruise: Tulips and Windmills April 6-16, 2016, you might be interested in knowing that it holds only 175 guests. Three from our parish are just waiting for flyers to sign up. All tours are included in the price.

If you think you might be interested please call Sr. Christine at 973-779-1295 for a flyer.

CARNIVAL SPONSOR

A special thank you to St. Philip's Columbiettes for their support as a sponsor for the Carnival in June. They were omitted in last weekend's bulletin.

Pray for

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Tressa Bandel Domboski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, John Timochko, Ted Stefaniszyn, Margaret Schweighardt

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Dylan Alexander Rodrigues, child of Alexander and Nicole

THE DECEASED: Robert Ferrante, Maurice Rossi

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection July 6, 2014:	\$16,132.00
July 5, 2015 Sunday Collection:	
Envelopes	\$11,018.00
Cash	\$ 1,094.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 2,264.00
Total	\$14,376.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JULY 18/19, 2015

5:30 PM: Fr. Miguel	8:00 AM: Fr. Miguel
10:00 AM: Fr. Kevin	12:00 N: Fr. Kevin

THE COMMUNICATIONS/INDIAN & BLACK/LEPERS/CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION will take place next weekend, July 18-19, 2015.



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Dear Friends in Christ;

This month parishes are taking up a special combined collection that serves a variety of important needs. I ask you to prayerfully consider participating with a generous gift.

The *Catholic Communications Campaign* supports projects throughout the world that evangelize both Catholic & non-Catholics alike with the growth of new media.

Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church which educates clergy, religious and young men and women throughout the country.

The *Black and Indian Mission Collection* serves as a great tool in evangelization. Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of those who bring the Catholic faith to Indian reservations, urban centers and Alaskan Native parishes and mission schools. Please support these efforts through prayer and your financial support.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from your stewardship with a gift to this month's special combined collection, I thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Arthur J. Serratelli

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph V. Ricotta
Marianne Mattera
Morris Russo
Richard Pekarsky
Marion Neglia

12:00 Theresa Gabler
Charles Elbert

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

9:00 Kenneth Comtois

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

9:00 Charles Pigut
Frances Dollbaum

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

9:00 Sergio Sanzari

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

9:00 Marjorie Cerullo
Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015

9:00 Malcom D. Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

9:00 AM Margaret Shannon

5:30 PM Otillio Pannullo
Daniel Sowa – 1st Anniversary
Jackie Galvin

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph Svec
Morris Russo
Jim Kamphausen
Rafalina Masucci
Rudolph Pohle

12:00 Raffie Basile – 35th Anniversary
Maura Loor

The Sanctuary Candle In Memory of
Malcom D. Hall

The Offertory Gifts In Memory of
Jackie Galvin
From Cathie & Jim Murtha

Cycle B



Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus sent the twelve out in pairs, having been given the authority to preach and heal as Jesus had done. They went only with sandals, staff and faith.

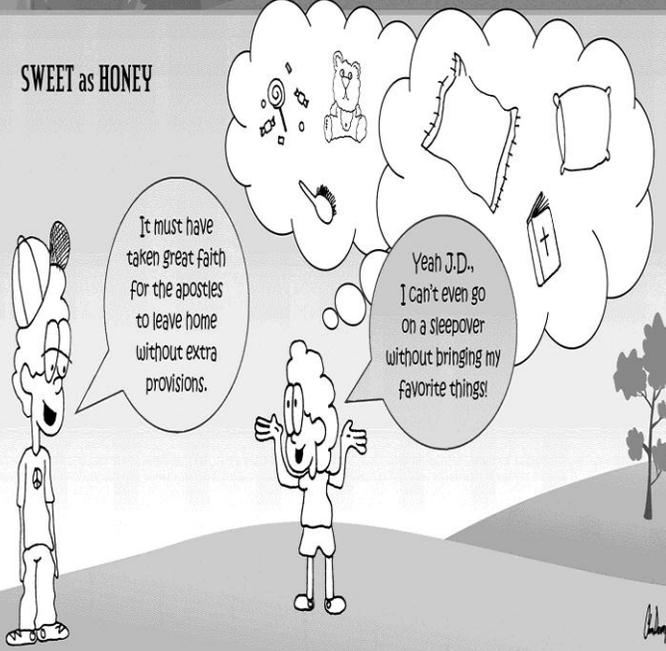
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SWEET as HONEY



It must have taken great faith for the apostles to leave home without extra provisions.

Yeah J.D., I can't even go on a sleepover without bringing my favorite things!