

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

SENT BY GOD

In Amos' time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as “judges,” but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, “chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will” (Ephesians 1:11). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

A MAGICAL EFFECT

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

—John Quincy Adams

MARY MAGDALENE -- JULY 22

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2) — an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness.

Father W.J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that “seven demons” does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life — a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman in Luke 7:36.” Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members. We are in need of a Recording Secretary and general members to fill vacant terms. We also are in the process of reforming our Four Parish Commissions. The Commissions are Parish Life, Human Concerns, Spiritual Life, and Education. By serving on the PPC, and/or the Commissions we are able to spread the Gospel to our sisters and brothers in the parish community. If you are interested in serving on the PPC and/or one of the Commissions, please call Rosa at the parish office 1-847-473-4079.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, August 17, 9am-5pm

Friday, August 18, 9am-6pm

Saturday, August 19, 9am-1pm

Items for the sale may be left before and after Mass times the weekends of **15/16, 22/23, 29/30 and August 4/5. Drop off hours: Saturdays 3-5:30pm Sundays 8am-12:30pm in the parish hall.**

If you're unable to bring your items to church or if you have a large item (sofa, dresser, desk, etc) and do not have a way to get it to church, you may call John Kremptotic at 1-847-650-3671 and he will make arrangements to have your item(s) picked up.

HELP CAN BE AS NEAR AS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Having difficulty just dealing with our complex world? Holbrook Counseling Center, a part of Catholic Charities, can help! Whether you're having problems with personal relationships, work situations, or are just feeling unhappy or unfulfilled, we're here for you. We have reasonable rates, and are located in Mundelein and Highland Park. Daytime and evening hours are available and our professional counselors keep your business completely private and confidential. For your free telephone consultation, call Michael at 1-312-655-7725.

HUMILITY

Three things matter: humility first, humility second, humility third. —St. Augustine

MASS REMEMBRANCES - YEAR 2007

We are ready to accept Mass requests for 2007. If there are particular dates and requests you wish to reserve, please place the request and stipend (\$10) in the Sunday Offertory **in a separate envelope marked “Mass Requests 2007.”** Include your name, address and phone number. You may also place your requests for the Sanctuary Lamp and Candle Memorials (\$10) and the monthly Collective Mass Remembrances at this time. Make sure you indicate that these requests are for 2007. **Please print all requests. We ask that you do not call the Rectory to schedule Masses or candles. If you wish to receive written confirmation, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.**