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# EVANGELISE THROUGH OUR BEHAVIOUR

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 6, 2025

In the Gospel of this Sunday's liturgy, we read that "the Lord appointed seventy-two [disciples], and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come" (cf. Lk 10:1). The disciples were sent two by two, not individually. To go on a mission two by two, from a practical point of view, would seem to bring more disadvantages than advantages. There is the risk that the two would not get along, that they would go at different paces, that one would get tired or sick along the way, forcing the other to stop. When one is alone, on the other hand, it seems the journey would become swifter and smoother. However, Jesus does not think like this: he does not send people out alone before him, but disciples who go two by two. Let us ask ourselves a question: what is the reason for this choice of the Lord?

It was the disciples' task to go ahead into the villages to prepare the people to receive Jesus; and the instructions he gives them are not so much about what they should say, but how they should be : that is, not on the "phrasebook" of what they should say, no; on the witness of life, the witness to give rather than the words to say. Indeed, he defines them as workers : in other words, they are called to work, to evangelise through their behaviour. And the first practical action with which the disciples carry out their mission is precisely that of going two by two. The disciples are not "free agents", preachers who do not know how to yield the word to another. It is primarily the very life of the disciples that announces the Gospel: their knowing how to be together, their mutual respect, their not wanting to prove that they are more capable than the other, their concordant reference to the one Master.

Perfect pastoral plans can be drawn up, and well-designed projects implemented, organised down to the last detail; one can summon crowds and have many means; but if there is no openness to fraternity, the evangelical mission cannot advance. Once, a missionary recounted how he left for Africa with a confrère. However, after some time he separated from him, stopping in a village where he successfully implemented a series of building projects for the good of the community. Everything was working well. But one day he had a jolt: he realised that his life was that of a good entrepreneur, always in the midst of building sites and paperwork! But... and that "but" remained there. So, he left the management to others, to the laypeople, and joined his confrère. He thus understood why the Lord had sent the disciples "two by two": the evangelising mission is not based on personal activism, that is, on "doing", but on the witness of brotherly love, even amid the difficulties that living together entails.

So, we might wonder: how do we take the good news of the Gospel to others? Do we do so with a fraternal spirit and style, or in the manner of the world, with self-promotion, competitiveness and efficiency? Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view; whether we do so in community, not by ourselves. Indeed, it is above all in this way that the life of the disciple allows that of the Master to shine through, truly announcing it to others.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach us to prepare the way for the Lord with the witness of fraternity.

*POPE FRANCIS — July 3, 2022*

## Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend Joshua Osoria's Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders on **Saturday, July 19 at the 5:00 PM Mass**, celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. This is a significant milestone on his journey to the priesthood, where Joshua will publicly express his intention to continue preparing for ordination as a deacon and, God willing, as a priest. Your prayers and presence are a meaningful support on this path of discernment and service.

### ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<u>Saturday, July 5</u> +Gerald Dombroskie	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<u>Sunday, July 6</u> For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<u>Tuesday, July 8</u>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>Wednesday, July 9</u>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>Thursday, July 10</u>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>Friday, July 11</u> Saint Benedict, Abbot +Ron Howlett	<b>11:00 AM</b>

#### *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<u>Saturday, July 12</u> +Nicola Scarfone	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<u>Sunday, July 13</u> For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	<b>9:00 AM</b>

### MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

#### *XIV Domingo Ordinario*

<u>Sabado 5 de Julio</u> +Lilia Zulema Acero +Isabel Marin +Pedro de la Cruz	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<u>Domingo 6 de Julio</u> Por la Comunidad Parroquial	<b>11:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM</b>
<u>Martes 8 de julio</u>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<u>Miercoles 9 de Julio</u> +Teresa Morales Castro	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<u>Jueves 10 de Julio</u>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<u>Viernes 11 de Julio</u> San Benito, Abad	<b>12:00 PM</b>

#### *XV Domingo Ordinario*

<u>Sabado 12 de Julio</u> +Marvin Castillo Courtade +Roberto Courtade +Rafael Lazo +Sigfredo Valle	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<u>Domingo 13 de Julio</u> Por la Comunidad Parroquial	<b>11:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM</b>

## Feast Day Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

You're invited to join the Carmelites on Sunday July 13 at 2 PM to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This event will take place at the Carmelite Monastery, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St Agatha, with Bishop Douglas Crosby as the Mass Celebrant. Light refreshments will be served. Please note: there are special accommodations for visitors who require walkers and/or wheelchairs.

**When Life Changes** – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one will be offered later in the fall and registration will be up soon. For those who have taken part one, the second part of the program will be offered from September 10 to October 15, 2025, from 7:00-8:30pm. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under upcoming events on the home page.