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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MONTHLY THEME:

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD

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For the Catholic World, October 2019 has been declared the Extraordinary Mission Month. In proclaiming it, our Holy Father intends to awaken in us an awareness that the pilgrim church is missionary by her very nature. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (n.15), Pope Francis writes, "Missionary activity is the paradigm of every activity of the Church".

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission.

- Pope Francis



Scripture of the Day:

Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4;  
Ps 94, 1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
2 Tim 1, 6-8, 13-14  
Lk 17, 5-10

We, the Church, have been given the Great Commission - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Indeed, the Church exists to evangelise. To evangelise is to make the kingdom of God present in our world. We, as the Body of Christ, are all a part of and contribute to this mission. To do so effectively, we first need a personal encounter with Christ. The prayer of the disciples in today's Gospel resound in us, "Increase our faith".

As we acknowledge and celebrate God in our daily activities, the joy of the Gospel is proclaimed. As we make space for God in our lives, we are assured that He will lead us when we meditate on the words of the psalmist, "For he is our God, we are the people he shepherds, the sheep in his hands." Confident of His presence in our lives, we would then stand ready to fulfil St Paul's injunction to Timothy to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

On the day of reckoning, may we adopt the attitude of humility to say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do". And we did it to the best of our ability using the talents, grace and resources that He so bountifully blessed us with. ✝

Weekly WORD  
Increase our faith