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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

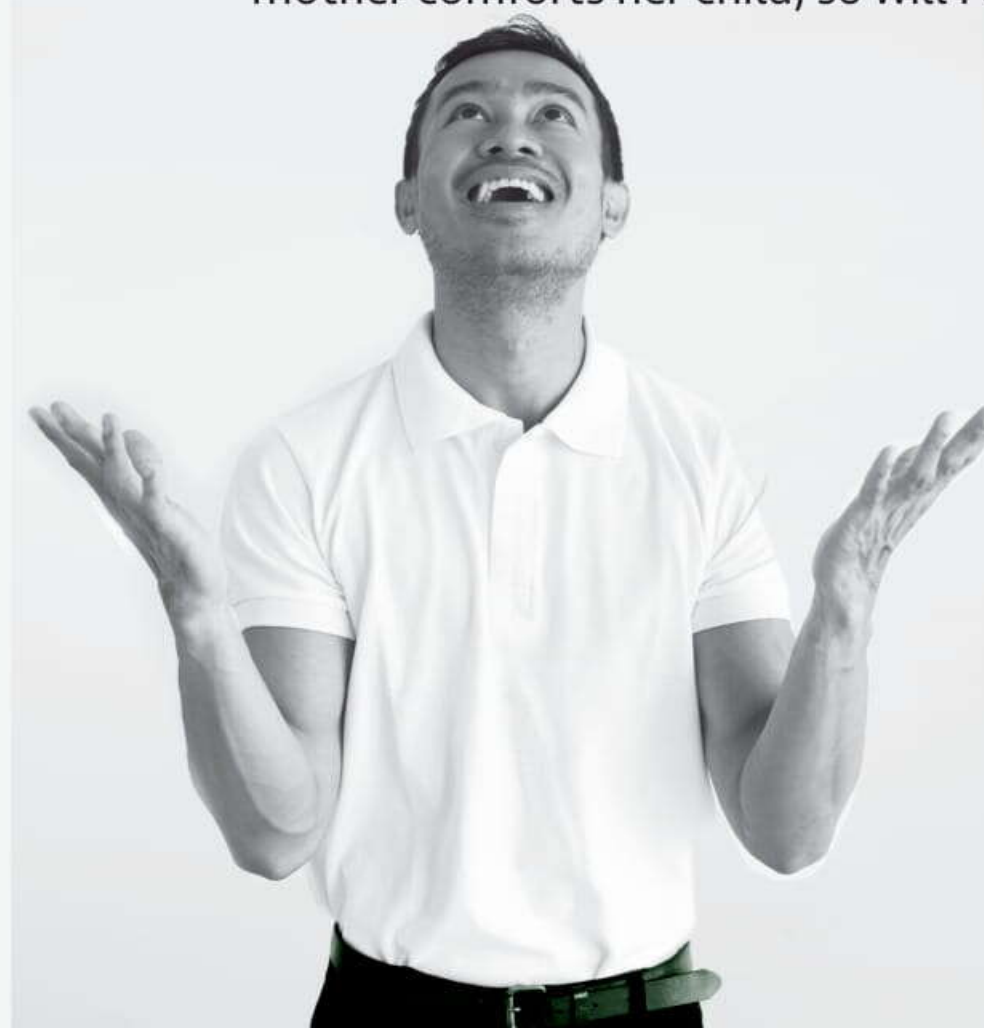
SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

MONTHLY FOCUS:

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS &amp; THE ELDERLY (24 July)

## Be Messengers of Peace

The Church's task of sending out missionaries is an urgent one and goes on in every age. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah is a loving and tender promise of God to protect and provide for His people. He promised abundance of blessings: "I will bring you lasting prosperity; the wealth of the nations will flow to you like a river that never goes dry." He promised comfort and lasting peace: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."



### SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

Whatever house you enter, let your first words be, "Peace to his house!"

(Luke 10:5)

The Responsorial Psalm is the fitting response of the people for such wonderful and loving promises of God: "Cry out with joy to God all the earth!" For a people so loved and cared for by God, there is no room for fear and sorrow. Joy and thanksgiving should always fill our hearts.

The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians gives praise and glory to the cross of Christ: "May I never boast of anything, but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the cross of Christ that renews the life of the world and fills our lives with peace.

The Gospel account is about the sending of the Seventy-two disciples on mission. Jesus gives them specific practical instructions before they embark on their mission to proclaim the Good News of salvation. These instructions are meant to guide them in this task, and also to remind them that ultimately, it is God's work and they are just His instruments. So, they should always remain humble, docile and totally dependent on God in their missionary activities.

The invitation to take part in the work of the Lord, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world is extended to our generation. **Our mission is to bring the peace of Christ wherever we go and to all we meet.** No special training or education is needed for the work, as the word of God is waiting to come to birth in a more total way in each of us. All that is required is an effort on our part to allow the goodness of God to shine in our lives. Since the Lord relies on us as His helpers, Christ will be glorified by our witnessing of Him.

Let us make Jesus concretely alive to the people in the world through our life. As Christians, let us be communicators of God's goodness and love in our times. ✚

### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 66:10-14;

Psalms 65: 1-7, 16, 20;

Galatians 6: 14-18 ;

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20  
or 10: 1-9.