



# Fifteenth Sunday Of The Year

## Working For Christ

### Introduction

The apostles were very ordinary men. In no sense could they be called specialists. Yet Christ involved them in his own work of teaching and healing. Christ wants us to be a part of his work too. Each of us is responsible for a small corner of the world where it is up to us to make the influence of Christ felt. But often we leave Christ's work to others to do.

### First Reading (Amos 7: 12-15)

Here we see how that great champion of justice. Amos is faithful to the task God gave him, even though he is rejected by those to whom he is sent.

### Second Reading (Ephesians 1: 3-14)

This is a hymn of thanksgiving to God for the great spiritual gifts he had given us through Christ.

### Gospel (Mark 6: 7-13)

The time has come for Jesus to involve the twelve apostles in his own work. Accordingly, he sends them out in twos as his representatives.

### Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray that the faith we profess with our words may be borne out by our deeds.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the baptized: that they may realize that Christ has made them his co-workers in building the Kingdom of God on earth. Lord, hear us.

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For missionaries, working to spread the Gospel; and for all those who are suffering for their belief: that God may sustain their efforts and their hope. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



That we may realize that we show our love for Christ and for our fellowman in a most practical way by doing our ordinary work well.  
Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

### Communion Reflection

To do the work of Christ  
is not a complicated thing.  
It is really quiet simple.

It means to be faithful in little things,  
for to be faithful in little things is a big thing.

It means to do one's task,  
no matter how humble it may be,  
not only thoroughly but joyfully.

It means to make oneself available,  
yet never to seek the limelight.

It means to make oneself useful,  
without seeking to push oneself.  
It means to strive to remain calm  
amid the hustle and bustle of life.

It means to carry ones own burden,  
without, as far as possible, becoming a burden on others.

In a word it means to be at one's post,  
helpful and faithful, loyal and constant.

As Mother Teresa says:

"We can do no great things-  
only little things with great love.

You can do what I can't do.

I can do what you can't do.

Together we can do something beautiful for God".