

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 7, 2024

‘All the goods of this world cannot content the heart of the human person, who has been created to love God, and can find no peace out of God.’ (St. Alphonsus)

Moving into the season of summer: enjoying the beautiful change of the season, finding refreshment in the change of routine, adventure in meeting new people and new places – in short deeply contemplating the gifts of creation, we are more aware of the variety of experiences. In today’s readings, there are reflections upon our vocation as prophets which springs from our baptismal dignity.

Ezekiel, from which our 1st reading is taken, speaks of a vital force taking hold of us making us to become a voice of God’s faithfulness to all of God’s people. Our lives are an integral part of God’s voice to the world. In the Gospel passage from Mark 6, Jesus is rejected by his own community; they cannot perceive the newness and surprising aspects of his teaching. They cannot move beyond their inability to recognize this newness!

We learn so much within our families, truths that sustain and challenge us everyday. How we live and communicate, how we see our lives through the prism of Christ’ message, all these things are honed within the heart of our homes, allowing us to apply and live out the basic life-giving attitudes and values. At this blessed time of year, may we incarnate God’s love for the world.

Blessings of peace and refreshment! Fr. Don