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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Beginning with the original sin of Adam and Eve, humanity has lived in a way that has separated us from God's perfect love. Despite the many ways we have tried to draw near to God, it is impossible for us to repair this relationship on our own. The ways we turn away from God, therefore, require an outpouring of mercy and forgiveness, which our loving Father is eager to offer. When speaking of the grace that defeated the power of death, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that "the gift is not like the transgression." God's love for us is overflowing, and his desire to be in relationship with us is manifest in his giving his life for our salvation. Christ longs to heal and free us from the hold of sin in our lives, and we can experience this grace when we encounter Christ as the Divine Physician in the sacrament of reconciliation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In witness to the promise of eternal life and joy, we are called to live in a countercultural way, adhering to the words of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church. We know this is not always easy. Yet, the Lord - through the prophet Jeremiah - reassures us that God is with us, and that he will be our "mighty champion." In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks to the Apostles as they prepare to travel and preach the Good News. He warns them they will experience persecution, but he also reminds them that God is abundantly generous in his care for them. God cares for us in the same way as we continue our work of evangelization. He values us as precious children, and he promises that we will not be left alone in whatever challenges we may encounter while proclaiming the truth of his love.

PRAY

It can be difficult to rest in the promise of a love that exceeds our human faults and failings. It may seem impossible to be fully known and yet still exceedingly loved. The gift God offers us of being known, loved, and forgiven demonstrates a level of goodness that far exceeds any wrong we may have done. In your prayer this week, ask God for the grace to trust in this abundance of love that he desires to give to you.