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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      A

Jer 20: 10-13

Psalm 69

Rom 5: 12-15

Mt 10: 26-33

In Mt Chapter 10 the Apostles are sent forth (v 1-5) and then receive instruction (v 5-42). These instructions are concerning the sufferings they will undergo as Disciples of Christ. It is easy to understand if some had decided not to go. They might even die.

Jesus says not be concerned about those who can kill you, because they can not kill the soul (v 28). But always take care that your soul is not separated from God and God's love. As Evangelized Catholics we should be more concerned for our souls than our jewels or 401K.

This is about being in relationship and in communion with a deeply loving God, and returning God's love especially to those at the bottom of the economic ladder. It is easy to forget that God is a just God who loves everyone with equality and compassion. God can not make us love God, and therefore acknowledge God in the way that is fitting for God. But God keeps trying and refuses to give up.

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