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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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**Exodus 19: 2-6**

**Romans 5: 6-11**

**Matthew 9: 36 to 10: 8**

The main theme of today's readings is that we are commissioned or sent, to transform others with the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus His Son. The first reading gives Israel the good news that the God of Mount Sinai loves and cares for his people. God showed His continuing care for Israel by liberating the people from slavery in Egypt and by offering them a relationship in which they would be God's "special possession,"-- "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." Paul, in today's second reading, reflects on how Jesus in his life, death, and resurrection made manifest God's love and care for mankind. According to Paul, the greatest proof of God's love and care for us is Jesus' willingness to die on behalf of sinful mankind and so make possible a new and better relationship with God. Today's Gospel is, in effect, a reminder from God to each one of us: "You have received grace and talents from Me without charge, and so you have to give without charge through your simple, responsible, sharing lives." This is indeed the core of the priestly vocation and of the vocation of every Christian through his or her Baptism. Up to this point in the story, Jesus himself was the focus of the healing, teaching, and controversy. With the commissioning of his disciples, others began to assume some of the responsibility for the new movement that heralded the kingdom of God. That new movement was destined to grow later, with increasing diversity, as it extended beyond the borders of Galilee, into Gentile territory, becoming the Universal Christian Church.

Yours. Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> St Albert Chmielowski</b> Born 1845 in Poland. Joined the uprising against the Russian occupation in 1863 which failed. He was injured and taken prisoner. His left leg was amputated and he was released and returned to Poland. He abandoned his earlier study of agriculture for that of Art. As an artist he enjoyed considerable success. After ten years he entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. However, the life did not suit him and within six months he suffered a nervous breakdown and left the Jesuits and returned to painting. He became a Franciscan tertiary, working first in the countryside and, in 1884 in Cracow. He cared for the poor, particularly the homeless. Inspired by Rafal Kalinowski, another freedom fighter who had become a Carmelite friar, in 1887. He took vows to dedicate himself to the service of the poor. Founded the <i>Albertine Brothers</i> , and the <i>Albertine Sisters</i> , which opened houses for the poor and homeless, still existing in Poland today
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Nikki and Kenneth God's protection and mercy</b>
6.30pm Mass	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> St Juliana of Falconieri</b> Born in 1270 in Florence, Italy. Rich father paid for construction of Church of Annunciation in Florence. Her uncle was one of the 7 founders of Servite Order. Given a good religious education. She was a tall, graceful, beautiful girl but refused to marry. Mother was furious. Involved in self harm as penance. Eventually allowed to join the Servites as a nun in the Church of Annunciation built by her father. Uncle tutored her. Stayed at home to care for her widowed mother. Collected together women in Florence to form nuns for Servite Order, <i>Sisters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Servites</i> . First Convent near Church of Annunciation. Devotion to Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows. Cared for sick and poor. Mother Superior for 35 years.
10 am Mass	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 24 Martyrs of Titus Oates fictitious Popish Plot</b> Fictitious conspiracy invented by the villainous Titus Oates from 1678 to 1681. This disreputable character was expelled from school, was rated a dunce at Cambridge University and left without a degree. Anglican vicar. Dismissed for drunken blasphemy. Joined father, a Hastings cleric, as curate. Falsely accused schoolmaster. Arrested for perjury. Escaped to London. Chaplain to a ship in Royal Navy. Arrested in Tangier for sodomy, capital offence, but just dismissed due to clerical status. Chaplain to the Protestant members of household of Catholic Duke of Norfolk. Unreliable and lost his position. Joined Catholic Church and Jesuits for training but was thrown out. Joined a fanatical anti-Catholic Puritan preacher who blamed Catholics for the Plague of London and Fire of London. Devised the false "Popish Plot" to kill King Charles II. King never believed conspiracy. . Titus tried and imprisoned for perjury.
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> St Alban</b> Born in 3 <sup>rd</sup> century near St Albans. Prominent citizen in Roman town of Verulamium. Alban was a pagan who was converted by a Christian priest fleeing persecution by the pagan Roman authorities. When Roman soldiers arrived, Alban was arrested thinking he was the priest. Judge then asked him to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. Alban refused and then was recognised as not being the priest. Judge furious at deception, sent him to be tortured which did not shake Alban's faith. Ordered to be beheaded. Executioner, moved by Alban's faith, cast down his sword. Roman soldiers also refused to kill him. Taken to a hill and an executioner was found who beheaded Alban and his first executioner. After killing them, the eyes of the executioner popped out. Alban's head rolled down the hill. Stopped where a well sprang up. Judge shocked.

