

Fr Gregory Jacobs S.J. reflection for this weekend - **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Leadership Team

What can we say of Jesus' selection of apostles? Well, if prior to appointing these 12 men as apostles, Jesus had arranged with a recruitment agency to have them psychologically tested, he might have received a reply something like this:

“Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men that you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. Each of the 12 has been exhaustively tested. It is generally agreed that most of your nominees lack the background, education and vocational aptitude for such an enterprise. They have no previous relevant experience for the job, and they have no concept of working together as a team. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable, and given to fits of temper. The two brothers, James and John, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas shows a sceptical attitude that would surely undermine morale.

“Matthew has been blacklisted by the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce for collecting taxes for foreigners, and Simon has radical leanings and registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale. He and Matthew will almost certainly come to blows!

“However, one of the candidates shows real potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, shrewd in dealing with people, and has contacts in high places. We therefore recommend that you appoint him as the leader of your enterprise. His name is Judas Iscariot.”

The 12 apostles were very ordinary people. They were neither geniuses nor exceptionally gifted. They were neither rich nor influential. But herein lies a lesson for us all. The Lord is looking not for extraordinary people, but for ordinary people who can do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Jesus sees in each person not only what that person is but also what that person can become. Jesus chooses us not only for who we are but for who, with his grace, we are capable of becoming.

What do you think God has chosen you to do, to be?

Today's feast

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Today's First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

Today's Psalm

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”

Today's Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

Today's Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near;
repent, and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!”

Today's Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

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