

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 22, 2008
Jer 20:7,10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Theme: Be proud to bear witness to your Faith.

Last Sunday, we saw Christ sending out the apostles with the mandate to preach the good news to all nations. He commissioned them with power to heal the sick, to cast out demons and to raise the dead.

Today, Jesus is telling them not to be afraid of those who can kill the body but not the soul. He further told them again not to be afraid or worry about what to eat or wear for God is aware of all their needs, that even the hairs of their head are all counted.

At the end, Jesus told them “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.”

This message is for all of us baptized Christians. Christ wants each and every one of us to bear him witness. He wants us to make known the goodness of God to all. Let your faith in Christ be felt in your family, your place of work, in your business. And let anyone who comes into contact with you see Christ in your life. Let us be proud to profess our faith in Christ in words and deeds.

As you do this, do not be afraid for Christ, your Lord, is with you. He will also bear you witness before God the Almighty in heaven.