

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

LUKE 10:20

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Church of the Epiphany



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Matthew 2:10-11 (NABRE)

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8:00am & 5:30pm

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6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am (livestream),
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Confessions: Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm

Confesiones: Sabados 4:00pm-5:00pm

Sick Calls

In case of an emergency, please contact the parish office at 415-333-7630 any hour of the day or night.

**Fourteenth
Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

JULY 3, 2022

Reflections ~ Reflexiones

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

If Jesus sounds like he means business in this reading, he does! What matters most to him in the whole world is to make people understand that the Kingdom of God is at hand. This is why he sends his disciples out in every direction.

The harvest (people who have not heard the Good News of the Gospel) is ready right now. Jesus instructs the disciples to go quickly and travel light. They are to spread his peace, cure the sick, and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

1.) What are we, the disciples of Jesus, doing today to announce the Kingdom of God? How are we carrying out Jesus' message of love and peace and justice and hope in our world today?

2.) Imagine for a moment that Jesus sent you and a partner into your town or city to proclaim God's Kingdom. How would you do it? What would you do first? Is there a way you could do this very thing in reality? Why or why not?

Lucas 10:1-12, 17-20 o 10:1-9

Nos puede parecer que lo que dice Jesús en esta lectura es algo muy serio. Y lo es. Lo que más le interesa en el mundo es que la gente entienda que el reino de Dios está cerca. Es por eso que envía a sus discípulos por todo el mundo.

La siembra (la gente que no ha escuchado la Buena Nueva del evangelio) está lista ahora mismo. Jesús manda a los discípulos a ir tan rápido como la velocidad de la luz. Ellos tienen que llevar su paz, su sanación y proclamar el reino de Dios.

1.) ¿Qué estamos haciendo hoy los discípulos de Jesús para anunciar el reino de Dios? ¿Cómo estamos llevando el mensaje de amor, paz, justicia y esperanza al mundo hoy?

2.) Imaginen por un momento que Jesús les envía con un compañero a una ciudad o pueblo a proclamar su reino. ¿Qué harían? ¿Qué harían primero? ¿Hay alguna forma en que podrían hacer esto realmente? ¿Por qué sí o por qué no?

Treasures from our Traditions ~ Tradiciones de nuestra Fe

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

En muchos santuarios de Latinoamérica y Europa se pueden encontrar diversas ofrendas que han dejado los fieles a través de los siglos. Entre estas ofrendas es de particular relieve el exvoto. Exvoto (una frase en latín que se traduce "del voto") es el regalo que se le presenta al santo o a la santa en reconocimiento del favor recibido. Esto también se llama "manda".

Los exvotos o mandas toman varias formas desde pequeñas medallas en forma de la parte del cuerpo que fue sanado hasta pinturas del milagro concedido. El exvoto más antiguo en América es de una pintura mandada a hacer por Hernán Cortés en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Extremadura (España). Esta imagen reconocía el hecho de ser salvado del piquete de un alacrán mientras estaba en México. Lamentablemente esta pintura se extravió en el siglo XIX.

En realidad el santo o la santa no necesita el exvoto pero los creyentes sí. Estas mandas nos recuerdan el poder de la intercesión divina en la vida humana. También nos invitan al agradecimiento de los favores que Dios nos hace.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glз, OFM,
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ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

THANK YOU

*My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the following parishioners who have so far responded to our 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). As of now, we have received **\$43,000** of our assigned goal, which is **\$92,174**. If you have not received a brochure, please pick one up in the church vestibule of the parish office. You can also donate online through our website. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families.*

*Reverend Eugene Tungol,
Pastor*

Mr. & Mrs. Gino Arieta
Mr. Hans Borgards
Ms. Emilia Maglasang
Mr. Philip Morales
Ms. Fabiola Rachal
Mr. Ronald Ruaro

If your name is not listed above, please understand that it takes time to receive the donor list. Please be patient and again thank you for your generosity.

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Calendar / Calendario

Sunday, July 3, 2021

11:00am: CAF Hispanic Pastoral
2:00pm: OKH Knights of Columbus
7:00pm: OKH Sunday Silence-AA

Monday, July 4, 2022



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO MEETINGS**

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:00pm: CAF Bible Study

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

7:00pm: OKH Grupo Progreso-AA



Thursday, July 7, 2022

6:00pm: RH Spiritual Life Meeting
6:30pm: OKH Grupo de Oración

Friday, July 8, 2022

9:00am: AS Legion of Mary

Saturday, July 9, 2022

11:15am: CH English Baptisms
4:00pm: CH Confessions
6:30pm: CAF FR. EUGENE'S
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 10, 2021

7:00pm: OKH Sunday Silence-AA

Intentions/Intenciones:

Sunday, July 3, 2022

6:30am: Andrew Scarpelli †
8:30am: Ludovico Cava †
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Enriqueta Castillo †
1:00pm: Evelyn S. Palacio †

Monday, July 4, 2022

6:30am: Ubonrak Khandhawit †
8:00am: Octavio Huerta †
Thanksgiving: Refugio & Maria Arias

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

6:30am: Ubonrak Khandhawit †
8:00am: Rachele Fazio †

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

6:30am: Ubonrak Khandhawit †
8:00am: Felisa Lafuente †

Thursday, July 7, 2022

6:30am: Ubonrak Khandhawit †
8:00am: **Thanksgiving:** Marlena
Bartolome Agsinaldo

Friday, July 8, 2022

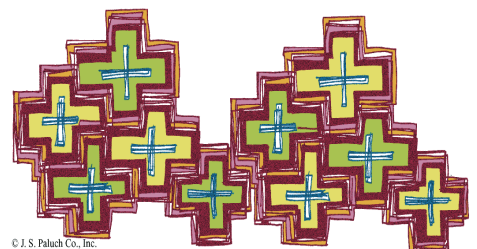
6:30am: Ubonrak Khandhawit †
8:00am: Beatriz Mateo †

Saturday, July 9, 2022

8:00am: Abraham F. Datlag †
5:30pm: Raymond & Dolly Lavin †

Sunday, July 10, 2022

6:30am: Tony Balestrieri †
8:30am: Franco & Gabriella Pacello †
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Augusto y Kampui Chisen †
1:00pm: Modesto Garcia †



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COLLECTIONS

June 26, 2022 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Collection: \$17,470.16
2nd Collection: \$2,272.00

Second Collections:

Today: Parish School
Next Week: Archdiocesan Annual
Appeal

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Monday: Independence Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti

Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong
and Companions;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Epiphany Parish News

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4th for Independence Day and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:30am. Happy 4th of July!

**Fourth
of July**



PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You are all invited to celebrate our pastor Fr. Eugene Tungol's birthday celebration on **Saturday, July 9th**. It will begin with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Early enrollment for the Parish Religious Education Program for Faith Formation, First Communion and Confirmation will begin on Monday, June 6th. Applications will be available in the parish office and on the parish website www.epiphanyssf.com at the "Faith Formation" menu tab. Please call the parish office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you or anyone you know want to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith by being Baptized, receiving First Communion or Confirmation? Do you just want to learn more about the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith? You're welcome to join in Epiphany's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Registration forms and more information are available in the parish office or on the webpage at: www.epiphanyssf.com/rcia.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

Do those around me see in me the joy of someone who has been rescued from sin?

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GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY

This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon. In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing. The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"

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ICA CRISTO REY ACADEMY

A Catholic high school in San Francisco that serves all young women has several open spots for this fall. If you have a student entering into high school, ICA Cristo Rey Academy is a phenomenal option that offers college preparatory classes and a work study program where each student works 1 day a week in a business throughout the Bay Area. ICA Cristo Rey Academy students thrive and 100% of their students have been accepted to college. ICA Cristo Rey Academy is also affordable and never turns families away due to low finances.

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

—Abraham Lincoln

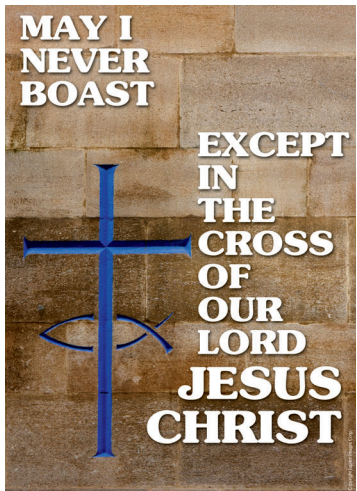
WISDOM

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

—Anonymous

ST. MARIA GORETTI

O God, author of innocence and lover of chastity, who bestowed the grace of martyrdom on your handmaid, the Virgin Saint Maria Goretti, in her youth, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that, as you gave her a crown for her steadfastness, so we, too, may be firm in obeying your commandments. *From The Roman Missal*



Noticias de Epifanía

OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 4 de julio por el Día de la Independencia y reabrirá el martes 5 de julio a las 8:30am. ¡Feliz 4 de julio!



CUMPLEAÑOS DEL PÁRROCO

Están todos invitados a celebrar el cumpleaños de nuestro párroco Padre Eugene Tungol el **sábado 9 de julio**. Comenzará con una Misa de Acción de Gracias a las 5:30pm seguida de una recepción en la cafetería de la escuela.

PROGRAMA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

La inscripción temprana para el Programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial para la Formación de Fe, Primera Comunión y Confirmación comenzará el lunes 6 de junio. Las solicitudes estarán disponibles en la oficina parroquial y en el sitio web de la parroquia www.epiphanysf.com en la pestaña del menú "Faith Formation". Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Usted o alguien que conoce quiere iniciarse completamente en la fe católica siendo bautizado, recibiendo la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación? ¿Simplemente quiere aprender más sobre los fundamentos de la fe católica? Le invitamos a unirse al RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) de Epifanía. Los formularios de inscripción y más información están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o en la página web en: www.epiphanysf.com/rcia. Este programa solo se ofrece en inglés.

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor Dios, que por medio de la humillación de tu Hijo reconstruiste el mundo derrumbado, concede a tus fieles una santa alegría para que, a quienes rescataste de la esclavitud del pecado, nos hagas disfrutar del gozo que no tiene fin. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Dirían los de mi alrededor que muestro la alegría de estar redimido de la esclavitud del pecado?

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LA BUENA NUEVA ESTÁ EN CAMINO

Esta semana, en pleno verano, las Escrituras nos dan la bienvenida con alegría, paz, misericordia y más paz. Suena un poco como a Adviento ¿cierto? Con frecuencia asociamos al profeta Isaías con ese tiempo de preparación, y nuestra primera lectura suena con palabras como regocijar, consolar y alegrarse. Los israelitas tenían motivos para alegrarse, pues habían regresado, vuelto a casa, a una Jerusalén reconstruida tras su exilio en Babilonia. En el Evangelio, los setenta y dos discípulos que habían sido enviados tienen su propio "regreso a casa", volviendo a Jesús después de haber difundido la Buena Nueva del Reino y en haber preparado a la gente para el "advenimiento" de Jesús a sus ciudades y pueblos en su largo camino a Jerusalén. Como los exiliados que comenta Isaías, los discípulos regresan regocijados. La Buena Nueva, el Reino de Dios, está llegando, incluso en el verano. Como nos recuerda el salmo de hoy: "¡Grite con alegría a Dios toda la tierra!" Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ACADEMIA ICA CRISTO REY

A Catholic high school in San Francisco that serves all young women has several open spots for this fall. Si tiene un estudiante que ingresa a la escuela secundaria, la Academia ICA Cristo Rey es una opción fenomenal que ofrece clases de preparación para la universidad y un programa de estudio y trabajo donde cada estudiante trabaja 1 día a la semana en un negocio en todo el Área de la Bahía. Los estudiantes de la Academia Cristo Rey de ICA prosperan y el 100% de sus estudiantes han sido aceptados en la universidad. La Academia ICA Cristo Rey también es asequible y nunca rechaza a las familias debido a las finanzas bajas.

LIBERTAD

Los que niegan a otros su libertad no merecen la suya.
—Abraham Lincoln

VIRTUD

Para medir la virtud de un hombre no hay que mirar sus hazañas, sino su vida cotidiana. —Blas Pascal

SANTA MARÍA GORETTI

Oh Dios, autor de la inocencia y amante de la castidad, que concediste la gracia del martirio a tu sierva, la Virgen Santa María Goretti, en su juventud, concédenos, te rogamos, por su intercesión, que, como le diste una corona para ella firmeza, para que también nosotros seamos firmes en la obediencia a tus mandamientos. Del Misal Romano



Today's Readings:

First Reading — Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalms — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; <i>or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891</i>
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; <i>or</i> Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

PRAY FOR THE SICK

OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Margie Abellana, Richard Anduha, Angela Aviles, Jillian Baires, Luis Castaneda, Kay Castle, Linda Cheng, Daniel Copenhagen, Ramona DeMartini, Dawn Devenere, Nancy Evelyn Fuentes, Mario & Petra Laguatan, Rosario Lapuz, Frank Loomis, Almira Tayag Montemayor, Maria Luisa Mora, Jose-Edson Naval, Robert Neri, Jose Ortega, Mark Padua, Barbara Saitz, Dante Tayag, Armando Uy, Conrado Uy, Jr., Rolando Uy, Javier Vasquez, Michael, Adrian & Raphael Volz

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Those suffering from COVID-19

*Please help us to keep our prayer list current. We will keep all requests on our prayer list for **ONE MONTH** unless notified to keep them on longer.*

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Oremos por los Recientemente Difuntos:

Consuelo Cativo, David Easterbrooks, Jr., Edith Sorbi Handley, Octavio Huerta, Romeo Madali
And for those who have died by violence this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Sacrament of Baptism

Registered parishioners are invited to have their children baptized at Church of the Epiphany. Parents and Godparents must participate in our Baptismal Preparation program.

Sacrament of Matrimony

To be married at Church of the Epiphany either the bride or groom must be **Roman Catholic**.

1. You qualify as an "in parish" couple if you live within the parish boundaries or, have been registered and active for six months; or if you're an alumni of School of the Epiphany.
2. If you do not meet one of the qualifications above, then you are considered an "outside of the parish" couple. Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date of your proposed wedding to participate in our marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is for the seriously ill, or those scheduled for surgery. Call the parish office when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility.



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REGISTERING TO OUR PARISH:

<https://epiphanysf.com/register-as-new-parishioner>
or visit the parish office

Our Mission Statement:

We the people of the Church of the Epiphany strive to be a peaceful and welcoming parish. We strive to be mutually supportive of diverse communities. We strive to show compassion without distinction of age, gender, race or culture. Epiphany seeks to be a caring and loving community ever growing in faith formation.

Be a Spartan!

We are

ICA Cristo Rey Academy is a Dominican Catholic college preparatory that empowers girls from underserved communities to become confident young women able to realize their full potential. By providing an excellent academic curriculum, a unique corporate work study experience and the support of our community, we prepare students for a life of faith, purpose, and service.

¡Sé una espartana!

Quiénes somos

ICA Cristo Rey Academy es una escuela Dominicana Católica de preparación universitaria que empodera a jóvenes de comunidades poco privilegiadas para convertirse en mujeres seguras de sí mismas que puedan desarrollar su máximo potencial. Nuestras alumnas se preparan para la vida de fe, propósito y servicio, a través de nuestro excelente currículo académico, una experiencia única de estudio y trabajo corporativo, y el apoyo de toda nuestra comunidad.



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- Oportunidades de servicio
- Ministerio escolar
- y más

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- Concentraciones
- Revista escolar
- "Junior Ring"
- y más

En deportes

- Básquetball
- Fútbol
- Carrera
- Atletismo
- Natación
- Volleyball

En liderazgo

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- CLIP & Block
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- y más

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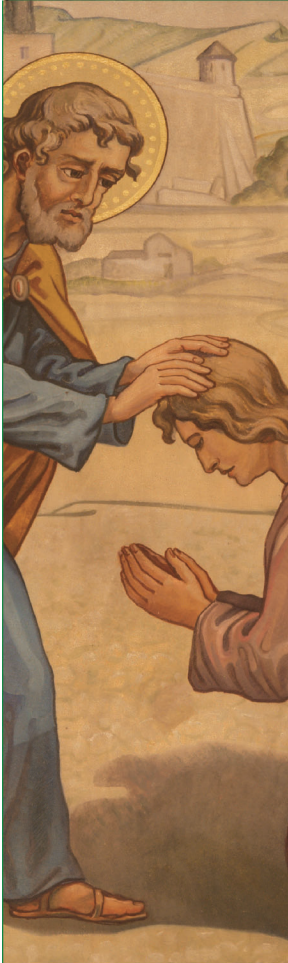
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LUKE 10:20

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EYES FIXED ON THE GOAL

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus sent the seventy-two out to prepare people's hearts and minds for him. The disciples whom he sent were to rely on the hospitality of those whom they served, and above all, to proclaim the kingdom of God. When they returned, joyful that so many had been healed through Christ's power, Jesus told them that true joy is to know our names are written in heaven. In other words, we must keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate goal, to be with God for eternity. In the heavenly Jerusalem, we will find comfort and overflowing nourishment. Our hearts will know joy beyond what we can imagine. Saint Paul tells us today that knowing the grace of Jesus Christ changes everything, giving new perspective, peace, and mercy.

CALLED TO HIGHER THINGS

Think about a typical day for you. From the time you awake until your day ends, you may be busy, focused on work or family with little time to pause except perhaps a few moments for lunch or dinner. Most of us would say this is an accurate description of life as we know it. And if we are honest with ourselves, we see much good that comes from the attention we pay to the people in our lives and the tasks that we accomplish. We may even be mindful of our call to do these things with and through the Lord as we go about our lives. Yet we must remember that we are also called to higher things. We are in the world but not of it. Our ultimate goal is to be with God for eternity, and all our activities, tasks, and interactions must bear this great purpose in mind.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

Jesus sent the seventy-two to proclaim the kingdom of God. They were to show people God's love by the way in which they lived. They were to travel simply, with only the provisions that were needed, rely on the good will of the people they served, and care for those who were in need. While some of us are called to live as missionaries, visiting places far from the comfort of home, most of us are called to live faithfully in our daily lives, where we are, with family and friends, co-workers, fellow citizens of our local towns and cities, our country, and the world. Whether we go to far-off lands to serve and share Christ's message of mercy or we serve in simple ways at home and in our local place, we must remember that whenever we reach out to heal, forgive, and show compassion, the kingdom of God is at hand. Christ is with us and will remain with us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 66:10–14c

Psalms 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14–18

Luke 10:1–12, 17–20 [1–9]