



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ  
through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

## Gospel Reflections

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel for Sunday, July 11, 2021 – Mark 6:7-13

**Reading:** Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Meditation<sup>1</sup>:** What does this text say to me, today, and to my life? (Please note: We share one here as an example but feel free to focus on the phrase God is helping to highlight for you.)

“Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

When have I felt unwelcome?

<sup>1</sup> Meditation Question is from Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 182

- What word or words in this passage caught my attention?
- What in this passage comforted me?
- What in this passage challenged me?

**Prayer:** **What can I say to the Lord in response to His word?** I bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in me.

**Contemplation<sup>2</sup>:** **What conversion of the mind, heart, or life is the Lord asking of me? I spend quiet time in God's presence.**

*When have I failed to welcome someone?*

**Action:** **How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?**

- Suggested actions to consider: *Can I learn more about welcoming the stranger by visiting the Justice for Immigrants website: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org>. Would I consider volunteering to be a greeter at any our parish masses or events?*

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<sup>2</sup> Contemplation and Action focus are chosen from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021*. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 217