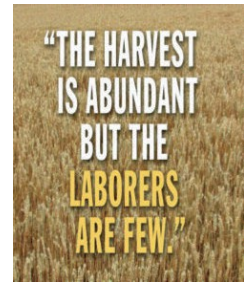


14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 2025

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year C presents us with a unique passage found only in Luke's Gospel. Without Luke, we wouldn't know about the mysterious group of 72 disciples Jesus appoints and sends out on a mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. This story is exclusive to Luke's account.



"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few," Jesus laments in today's Gospel. Indeed, the kingdom of God is plentiful, but there are always opportunities to build it up through how we share God's love with others.

In these 15 verses, the scope, urgency, challenges, conduct, anguish, rejection, success, and joy of kingdom workers are vividly described as only an inspired author can do. Jesus is the sender of these workers, and His disciples—specifically, 72 of them—are the ones sent forth. They are sent because the people are eager to receive the good news, and the urgency stems from the closeness of God's kingdom, which must reach its recipients.

The disciples are empowered to heal and preach, which are their primary tasks. Rejection, however, is to be expected—just as Jesus Himself faced rejection for doing the good work of His mission. The disciples' ability to heal, preach, and even subdue the devil indicates that, through their efforts, the kingdom of God is becoming a reality, benefiting the people.

Nourished in the Word and the Eucharist, let us go forth to labor for the kingdom. May we embrace the spirit of the 72 disciples: to go out boldly, trusting in God's guidance, knowing that the harvest is plentiful and that we are His chosen laborers.

May the Lord bless and strengthen each of us as we answer His call.

Amen.

Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike