

## THE MISSION TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD 7/7/19

IS 66:10-14C, GAL 6:14-18, LK 10:1-12, 17-20

This Sunday's readings bring us a message of **PEACE AND COMFORT**; it sends us forth, like the 72 disciples in the Gospel of Luke, to bring peace to all. There are so many today who are wearied and sad ...so many who are living in fear and so many that are sick physically and spiritually. There are hardships everywhere, depression, anxiety, marital or family strife, financial instability and so on. These can sometimes deny us of any peace. It can cause us to lose our sense of happiness and joy. The reading from Isaiah has words of encouragement for us: "**As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord**" (Isaiah 66:13).

In the Gospel from Luke (LK 10:1-12, 17-20), we hear about the mission of the 72 disciples who were sent by Jesus to the surrounding towns and villages to help people see their way out of sadness, anxiety, fear, unforgiveness, selfishness and whatever deprives humankind of the true joy. That is the way of the Gospel, this is the mission of the Church. Are we ready to call someone who is lonely, send a card to a sick neighbor? Are we ready to speak for the poor and helpless immigrants? The disciples were to bring peace to every household. Peace has three dimensions: within oneself, between people and between man and God. God's purpose is for us to possess all three dimensions in abundant measure. That is the kingdom of God which we pray for in the Lord's prayer.

This is what we strive to achieve. When you are wearied and nothing seem to break through, when you are living those moments and you feel all your energy is gone, just remember that you can tap into God's **comfort** and **peace** which he offers you in his Son through the word, through the sacrament of healing, confession and communion. Tap into prayer, it'll be your peace!

Let us become **INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE** by helping to restore joy to people through your kindness, visits, smile and your help. Let us strive to fulfil the mission of Christ. We can all engage in the simplest acts of friendship that help to restore somebody's joy! Aware that everyone has a different load to carry, let us not add to each other's burdens, rather let us seek to make life lighter for people through joy, understanding, compassion and peace. This is our mission as disciples of Jesus to a broken world.

Praised be Jesus Christ...Now and forever

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