

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 6:7-13**

<sup>6-7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel we see Jesus sending out his group of 12 people he felt would be able to represent him before the world. He called each one by name so that he could send them into the world not merely as a group, but as individuals. An important aspect of their mission was to go out in pairs working together. If people refuse to listen to them they must shake the dust off their feet and not hold on to the rejection as something that defines them from then on.

When were the times in your life that you were very happy that you reached out to someone to accompany you on your travels or hospital appointments?

**Prayer:**

**Thank You Lord** for our friends who reach out to us in our time of need. They help to make the world a better place as Jesus requested of his twelve.

**Forgive us Lord** for thinking that we can do our work alone, forgetting that we are in need of the support and ideas of others.

**Lord when** we are rejected help us not to react in anger that keeps us in bondage. Help us to walk away and shake the dust from under our feet so that we may be free to bring the joy of the gospels to all.

