

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's Gospel reading tells us of the missionary journey of the disciples. The persons who had lived with Jesus and understood his mission and his work now go out to continue his mission. Luke tells us that Jesus appointed seventy two and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. The disciples of Christ are called to testify to the love of God in all of their life, and even in their death as well. The disciples have their mission for the kingdom carefully planned out by Jesus for them. It includes three things: first, they have to establish a community, a community of love. Second, they are called upon to heal those who are sick. Thirdly, they are to announce that the kingdom of God is close at hand. Ultimately they are called upon to proclaim Jesus in their mission. If they are accepted their mission is complete but if they are rejected then those who do so will have a fate worse than Sodom, notorious for its lack of hospitality.

The mission was dangerous and difficult, yet indeed challenging to the disciples. The seventy two returned with joy and their hearts filled with thanksgiving. They were back from their mission rejoicing and excited. They discovered they could do the same things that Jesus was doing. They could do the healing, drive away demons and even bring dead to life. They were the extension of Jesus in every possible way. To be a labourer in the harvest is for the happiness of others to be as important as your own. It is to experience inner peace and to be a bringer of peace to others. Their life was transformed with the mission given to them. They tell Jesus that even the demons submitted themselves to them in his Name. To this, Jesus answers, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky." Jesus declares that the success of the disciples demonstrates that the kingdom of God is winning out over the power of Satan. Using the futuristic language and applying it to the present situation, Jesus emphasizes that the disciple will be able to exercise the power of the ministry without being subject to harm. However these signs of immediate success are not the most important aspects of the ministry. Most important is that the names of the disciples are written in heaven, a symbol of salvation.

The Gospel and the other readings tell us that we too have the task to proclaim the kingdom and we are now able to bring God's reign into our world. We have been made part of God's family and we have the responsibility to reach out to God's children beyond all barriers we can imagine. Jesus wants us to rejoice, not simply in what we have done in the past but in the fact that we have worked out our salvation by being part of the kingdom.

Let Peace be our greeting and peace be our hallmark. Peace is the sign of the presence of God's kingdom. May the God of peace be in our hearts and in our homes today and every day.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 980.00
Loose	104.00
Total	1,084.00
Total from July 1, 2018	1,340.00
Building Fund	50.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 290.00
Loose	205.00
Total	495.00
Total from July 1, 2018	396.00
Catholic Home Missions	250.00
National Concerns	25.00
Building Fund	20.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 925.32
Loose	76.00
Total	1,001.32
Total from July 1, 2018	1,474.00
National Concerns	50.00
Building Fund	100.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 180.00
Loose	55.00
Total	235.00
Total from July 1, 2018	252.00
National Concerns	25.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway through out the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **June 3rd**, we have collected:

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 8,880.00	\$ 2,513.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 6,485.00	\$ 2,673.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

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