

Fr. Matt's Musings October 6, 2017

In today's (Thursday) gospel at Mass, Luke offers a scene found only in his gospel. Jesus sends out a further 72 disciples to preach and to heal. In Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus sends the twelve disciples in pairs with this same mission. Luke has this second moment of sending to show that Jesus' mission needs the gifts, talents, participation and generosity of many and not just a select few. His gospel is one of hospitality and inclusion and not exclusivity.

The same is true of our community and any community. We have very generous parishioners who volunteer, turn out and seek to become involved in order to help others and build up our community. We always need more because some people are more inclined to volunteer. Others wait to be invited or some are not sure if they are the right person. They can think that others might be better suited or more qualified.

OLGC is as strong as the participation, actions, and generosity of all of its members. Please continue to be involved or to get more involved. Twelve can become overwhelmed or burdened, but as Luke shows, seventy-two more can broaden and extend the mission and reach out to even more people. May the Lord be blessed by our acceptance of the call to be part of Jesus' mission of teaching and sharing our faith with others, especially the young. We are also part of the Lord's mission when we seek to be those who try to bring healing and build up the Body of Christ by offering ourselves and the gifts and talents the Lord has shared with us.

Live Jesus!

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