

June 14th 2026 11th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A Matthew 9:36 - 10-8

⁹⁻³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” ¹⁰⁻¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this gospel we celebrate leaders in our lives and communities. We see Jesus “feeling sorry” for his people not in a condescending way which shows a position of superiority because Jesus rejects all condescension but he feels sorry because people are not been given the opportunity to fulfil their true potential. He summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out to help his people who were lost. Jesus names each of his 12 disciples which is very important because they are unique individuals not just mere numbers. We are also each known to Jesus by our name. Judas Iscariot was also included because in the time and plan of Jesus there was no cover up.

Who are the people who have been good leaders to us – parents, teachers other people in authority.

Do we lead by example or do we just set down rules and regulations?

Are we ready for action when we seen an injustice being done to other people or do we just “feel sorry for them”.

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for all the people who have been shepherds to us especially when we feel lost. Thank you for people who give “without charge” especially all the wonderful volunteers in hospices and all the people who give their services to help the sick and dying.

Forgive us Lord for the times we talked down to people hiding from the truth of ourselves our own hidden racism, sexism and elitism.

Help us Lord to be shepherds to all we meet especially those who may be lost or frightened.