



Daily Reflections

October 18, 2017

Scripture

Luke 10: 1-9

The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way;

behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'

If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

"I am sending you like lambs among wolves": What an ominous forecast for the disciple's mission. There were people who were unreceptive and even hostile to the Gospel back then as there are today. But the mission must go forward. St. Francis of Assisi had wonderful advice for the friars whom he sent out on mission: "Don't go out to preach unless you are preaching as you are walking!"

Food for your Journey

Speaking of risk and probabilities: According to the BBC News (October 23, 2003), during filming in a remote area of Italy earlier this year for the controversial Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ," the actor who portrays Jesus was struck during a lightning storm. Also struck was assistant director Jan Michelini, who had been struck by lightning at a previous shoot for the film, in Matera, Italy. None of the strikes created a serious injury.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, My Heart is filled with love for You. Through my words and actions this day, may all people see the depth of my love and come to know You. Amen.