

*Ss Timothy and Titus were close companions of the Apostle Paul and bishops of the Church in its earliest days. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. In contrast with Timothy's partial Jewish descent, Titus was born into a non-jewish family.*



**First Reading: (2 Tim 1:1-8)** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you. Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God.

***Ps 95:1-3, 7-8, 10***

**R./ Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all his people.**

**Gospel: (Lk 10:1-9)** The Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

### REFLECTION

Jesus sending out the seventy-two is found only in Luke's Gospel, indicating not only that Luke's Gospel is directed in a special way to the Gentiles but also that everyone is called to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ. Their first task is to pray for more missionaries. There is no watering down of what awaits them as the mission is going to be a difficult and dangerous task, to bring forth life through one's own death. Contrary to the other missionaries, the disciples of Jesus requires letting go of a lot of baggage and have to trust just in the hospitality of the people. Through the mission of the disciples, Jesus seeks to recover the community values of hospitality, sharing, communion, and acceptance of the excluded as expressions of the Kingdom of God. **We are called to journey with Christ on his mission, and although we do not always know where it will lead us, he gives us the gifts we need to be part of a great adventure – namely the coming of God's kingdom.**