

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: 1) Isaiah 66:10-14c 2) Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20/ or 10:1-9**

## **Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that we rejoice in the love and compassion of the Lord.

In the reading from Isaiah, we hear that as a mother comforts her child so, too, does the Lord reach out to comfort us.

Understanding this, it is important that we open ourselves to the Lord.

If we are open to feeling the Lord's care and compassion, it will bring us strength and peace of mind as we walk our daily journey of faith.

The first reading from Isaiah uses beautiful imagery to show how the Lord cares for his people.

The second reading reminds us that we have become new creations in Christ and are brothers and sisters in the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples in pairs to cure the sick and proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand.

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

### **PRIEST:**

**Heavenly Father, because we place our hope and trust in you,  
we now present our needs and the needs of the world.**

**For Pope Francis, bishops, priests and deacons,  
may they be blessed with the grace to continue preaching the Gospel  
with courage and zeal to all the nations of the world.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For world leaders,  
that their decision-making may reflect wisdom and consideration  
for peaceful resolution to conflict.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who face unplanned or difficult pregnancies,  
that they may feel the comfort of Jesus and always choose life for their babies.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For families in our parish, that they may rejoice in sharing the Good News of the Lord within their families  
and in their schools, neighborhoods and workplaces.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died, that they may enjoy perfect peace and joy in heaven.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

### **PRIEST:**

**O God, please answer our prayers according to your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord**