

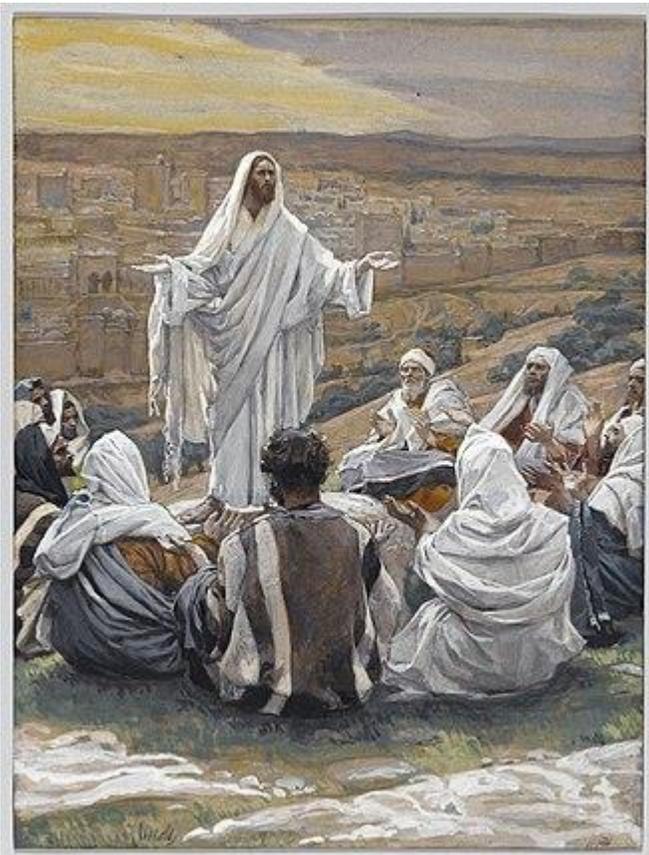
Gospel Reflection

7th Sunday of Easter

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: John 17:11-19

“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world...”



¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. In the Gospel reading for today Jesus prays for His followers. Take some time to read this prayer slowly and ask yourself: How am I being called today to bring Christ to others?
2. Often people reject not faith itself, but rather a negative experience of how they were presented the faith. With what characteristics does the Lord ask us to witness to our faith? For example, *joy* is present in the Gospel today (cf. Jn 17:13)
3. Have you had an experience where you experienced an authentic and loving witness to the faith from another member of the community? How did it strengthen you in your own commitment?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

**Special Petition: For a spirit of loving witness among all Christians:
We pray to the Lord**

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.