

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus: 19:2-6.

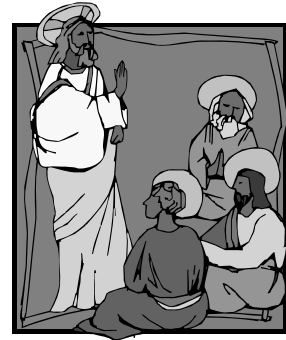
God calls Israel to be a holy nation, his own chosen people.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11.

If Jesus died for us, is it likely he would fail to save us?

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8.

Jesus sends the apostles to serve the harassed,
helpless crowds that flocked to him.



Points for Reflection

1. In the **First Reading**, God offers the Hebrews a wonderful future. If they take him as their only God, he will make them his own people, a holy nation with whom he will keep faith forever.
2. In successive centuries, God's message of hope suffered in transmission. The idea of a holy nation diminished. By **the time of Jesus**, only those people who observed with exactness the minutely detailed regulations of the religious law were allowed to be called holy by the religious leaders. Those who could or would not do this were 'outside the law', the 'sinners'. It was on such people that Jesus had compassion, because he saw their helplessness, how harassed they were, how they were without proper direction or purpose in their lives. It was for them that he sent out the apostles. They were to bring a message of hope: *"The kingdom of God is at hand"*. A new sort of life is available.
3. Similar instances of helplessness and loss of direction and purpose in life are evident today. In our civilization, everything has grown to such a vast scale that we have lost sight of the individual's importance.
4. Jesus expects us to continue his work for him. As unbelievable as it may seem, He needs us, each one of us, regardless of our age, our nationality, our profession, our social status, our physical condition, our degree of education or our political standpoint. He wants us to speak to people with our words, work for them with our hands, and love them with our hearts.
5. The Father and Jesus give us the Holy Spirit to continually guide us, and the Holy Eucharist to be our strength, in our daily pilgrimage towards the heavenly Jerusalem.



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Kids' Corner

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Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,
 that He will send forth laborers into His
 harvest. ~Matthew 9:38

