

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6.

Nations shall walk by your light. They all gather and come to you. All shall come proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 3-8.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him.

Gospel: John 17: 11, 17-23.

As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.



Points for Reflection

Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday comes every year to remind us that:

- 1. The Church's most important duty is the preaching of the Good News of Salvation.** Today's Gospel tells us that on the night before his death, Jesus, referring to his disciples in his prayer to the Father, said: "*Father, as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world...*" And, before his Ascension into heaven, Jesus indeed told the Apostles: "*Go, make disciples of all nations!*"
- 2. Who in the Church has the duty to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation to the world? This duty** belongs in a special way to those who are officially designated and sent to do missionary work. Yet, it **affects all the members of the Church.**
- 3. But how are we to fulfil our missionary obligation?**
 - It is true that we still need many of Jesus' disciples who are willing and ready to leave their countries in order to make disciples of all nations, as Jesus' wish is still unfulfilled; yet, not all of Jesus' disciples are supposed to leave for other places in order to respond to their missionary call. **If we are true disciples of Jesus, we try to bring Jesus, our Master, new disciples wherever we may be, through our Christlike lives** (by the way we think, speak and behave, by the way we relate to

people and care for them). If and when that happens, non-Christians will recognize Jesus present in the Church and will be attracted to him.

- **We are also called to pray to the Lord of the vineyard. We should pray:**
 - a) for more missionary and priestly vocations;
 - b) for all the missionaries of the world; and
 - c) for ourselves, that we may live up to the standard of our Christian vocation and become the light of the world and salt of the earth.
- At a time when missionary vocations are on the decrease and the disproportion between Christians and non-Christians is increasing, the extent of the missionary task may discourage us. And yet, this perspective must not take away our joy and enthusiasm. We know that we are toiling to a task that is beyond our human strength. What the Lord asks of us is: "**Be my witnesses**". That is the mission we must carry out. It is for him to accomplish the work of salvation at a time the Father decides upon, in accordance with his own blessed will. And his will is one of tender love for each and every human being.

Amen. May God bless us all!

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture of Jesus below.

