

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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Catechizing Corner!

Matthew's first concern of the Kingdom is elucidated in the imperative to preach and heal. The Kingdom of God will be evident by signs. Yet the spectacular miracles are not to be overshadowed by the reason for the miracles in the first place: God's incredible love and compassion for those who are suffering and in distress. The expectation to believe in God's reign and accept God's rule lies in the recognizable sign of God's compassion and care for human beings--his healing love. The contemporary church understands this imperative when it sends out missionaries to hurting communities, along with medical personnel and technical support. Communities that concern themselves with the care of people's bodies, along with care for their souls, demonstrate in sign, symbol, and service the compassion of God. Preaching and healing go hand in hand.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,
 Cycle A Paulist Press*



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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

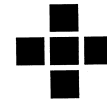
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 Matthew 9:36--10:8

Faith Sharing
 Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 9:36--10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and **abandoned**, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is **abundant** but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over **unclean spirits** to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Is-

Gospel Glossary

Abandoned means left alone without anyone to care for the person or thing.

Abundant means rich, plentiful.

Unclean spirits are devils.

cariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into **pagan territory** or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this **proclamation**: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

The Gospel of the Lord



Pagan territory refers to places where people did not believe in the true God.

A **proclamation** is a speech or announcement.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Jesus recognized that "the crowds" were going to need a lot of help. When you see a large and difficult problem, do you try to solve it on your own, or do you ask others for help?

Teens: The twelve disciples were given awesome powers and responsibilities. Would you like to have been one of them? Why or why not?

Children: Do you get an allowance? How much money and what do you have to do to get it?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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