

Good Morning. Welcome to Sacred Heart Church as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

Today we hear about Jesus gathering together a group of 72 women and men to go on a mission. There were no newspapers, social media, or TV's in those days, and Jesus seemed to have a passion to spread his news. So, he gave the 72 a marketing strategy for this incredible new product that they were to make known throughout the land, and sent them out. It was a household product that would be life changing for all members if they chose to believe it was true. The men and women's mission was simply this: to speak of the wonderful things God had done in their lives. To tell of some personal way they were changed for the better as a result of knowing God, and to say that this was available to all. It was good news... in the midst of a culture full of bad news. Does this sound familiar?

As you listen to the Gospel today, try to imagine yourself standing there among the 72. Bring to mind how your relationship with Jesus Christ has changed you. Is there something you have been freed from? Is it a sense of being deeply loved? A more grateful heart? A greater compassion for others? As you are sent out, who comes to mind as the person whose house you would go to first? Who do you know who seems hungry to hear this good news?

Your personal witness is still the most powerful evangelization tool.