

16th Sunday Ordinary Time - B

- **Last week** we heard about Jesus sending out disciples two by two
 - With no money, no food, no sack, no 2nd tunic
 - Preaching repentance and forgiveness of sin.
- **This week** they return & they are tired
 - And Jesus says “come aside and rest awhile”
 - Come aside for some peace and quiet
- Sound familiar? After a busy week, do you need a time of peace and quiet?
(Remember Fr. Murray – his mother would lock herself in the car.)
 - We all want a little peace in our lives
 - Peace in mind, in heart and in body
 - ITS SUMMER – people away – vacation time – no school – take time
 - We want peace - in relationships, at home, in jobs, the nation & the world
- But the best we can do on our own is something I call ‘**piecemeal peace**’
 - Piecemeal peace is the absence of conflict, *but under the covers* ...
 - I hear about lots of people who don’t get along – so they avoid each other
 - Conflict isn’t visible – but its not resolved – its simmering
 - On national scene - It’s like a peace that requires troops to enforce it
 - That’s not peace – the conflict is under control, but it isn’t peace.
- There’s only one way to the finding true peace
 - **There can be no true lasting peace (no healing) w/o forgiveness**
 - **That is why JC had the Apostles preach REPENTANCE**
 - **The only source of true forgiveness is Jesus**
- Jesus calls the disciples aside to rest awhile – where? – **with Him**
 - God’s peace is different
 - What was the Good News Jesus sent with the disciples last week?
 - Repent & be forgiven
 - True Peace comes through forgiveness
 - So – we can be instruments of peace
 - Forgive one another
 - Accept it when its offered

Jesus called the disciples to come and rest – He calls us too.

Jesus promised

Come to me all who labor & I will give you rest – and Jesus keeps His promises