



**Thursday, October 5, 2023**  
**Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We celebrate Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and Saint Faustina Kowalska. We read Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Psalm 19, and Luke 10:1-12. "The Kingdom of God is at hand." "The Kingdom of God is at hand." What do you think or feel when you hear this? Who do we have to explain to us what this means? The whole people gathered in the open space before the Water Gate as Ezra read out of the book of the law of Moses from daybreak until midday, as the people listened attentively. Ezra read from and interpreted the book of the law so all could understand what was read. Jesus appointed seventy-two and sent them ahead of him in pairs to proclaim, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." They were to bring nothing for the journey, so as not to be burdened, but to depend on those who would receive them. We need to listen and understand what is being read and said. At different times in our lives, we will understand differently so we need to be attentive even if we think we have heard it before. Who will go? Who will speak? Who will listen? "The harvest is abundant but laborers are few."

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."*

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