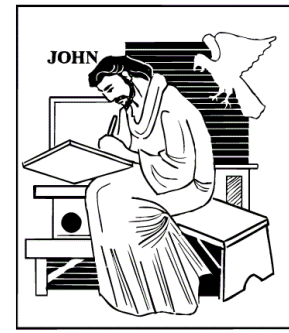
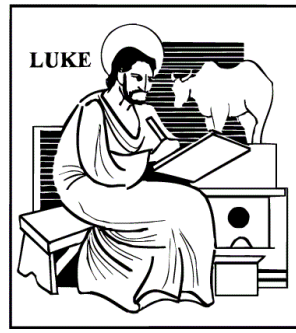
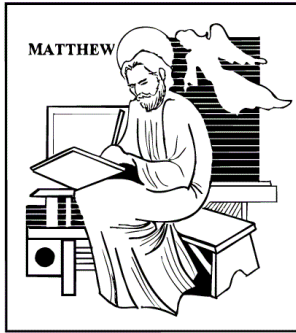


Breaking Open the Word



July 19, 2015 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 107 Gospel [Mk 6:30-34](#)

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Spiritual Reflection: The normal human response to people who ruin our plans is anger. Jesus shows us that the divine response is compassion (pity).

Spiritual Questions

1. Do you share all that you have done with Jesus?
2. Do you take time to rest and pray when you can?
3. How do you treat people who ruin your plans?
4. What does it take for someone to get you to feel compassion for them?
5. What do you do when you feel compassion?