

SUNDAY GOSPEL BIBLE SHARING



Wednesday Jan 17th, for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER: God, our loving Father, we gather in your name to share your holy Word. May your Spirit break open for us the true meaning of the Word we share. May your Spirit bind us together so that we may become a praying and loving small Church family. Above all, help us to become doers of your Word. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL

- In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”
- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 1:14-20

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry.

14^h After John had been arrested,* Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

15ⁱ “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

*The Call of the First Disciples.**

16ⁱ As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

17 Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
18 Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
19 He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.
20 Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Notes

* [[1:14–15](#)] After John had been arrested: in the plan of God, Jesus was not to proclaim the good news of salvation prior to the termination of the Baptist’s active mission. Galilee: in the Marcan account, scene of the major part of Jesus’ public ministry before his arrest and condemnation. The gospel of God: not only the good news from God but about God at work in Jesus Christ. This is the time of fulfillment: i.e., of God’s promises. The kingdom of God...Repent: see note on [Mt 3:2](#).

* [[1:16–20](#)] These verses narrate the call of the first Disciples. See notes on [Mt 4:18–22](#) and [Mt 4:20](#).

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

1. Our Church tells us that conversion is an ongoing and daily challenge. At this time, can you name an area of your life where conversion may be needed?
2. Can you recall the first time you had an experiential sense of God’s call? If so, what was that experience like for you?
3. In the Gospels, Peter, Andrew, James and John were not only called to follow Jesus, they were also called to be missionary disciples of Jesus. To what extent do you have a missionary sense in even small ways, like telling others about a good religious book you are reading. To what extent do you have “fire in your belly” for leading others to Christ?

Commentary

In the Gospel, the mention of John the Baptist’s arrest signals that the reign of God would not be established without sacrifice and that following Jesus could be dangerous. Jesus begins his preaching with a call to repentance.

The call to repentance connects his preaching with that of John the Baptist's. If the Ninevites responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much more should we respond to Jesus? The Gospel goes on to relate the call of four apostles: two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew, and James and John. We notice their immediate response to Jesus just like the Ninevites' immediate response to Jonah. Discipleship leads to mission: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." These men are called to become disciples and make disciples. So it is with us: we are called to radical conversion to Christ and called to lead others to Christ.

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord's Prayer

Bible Sharing Room 5 and Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 17 6:30 – 7:30pm

Weekly on Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 17, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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