

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people

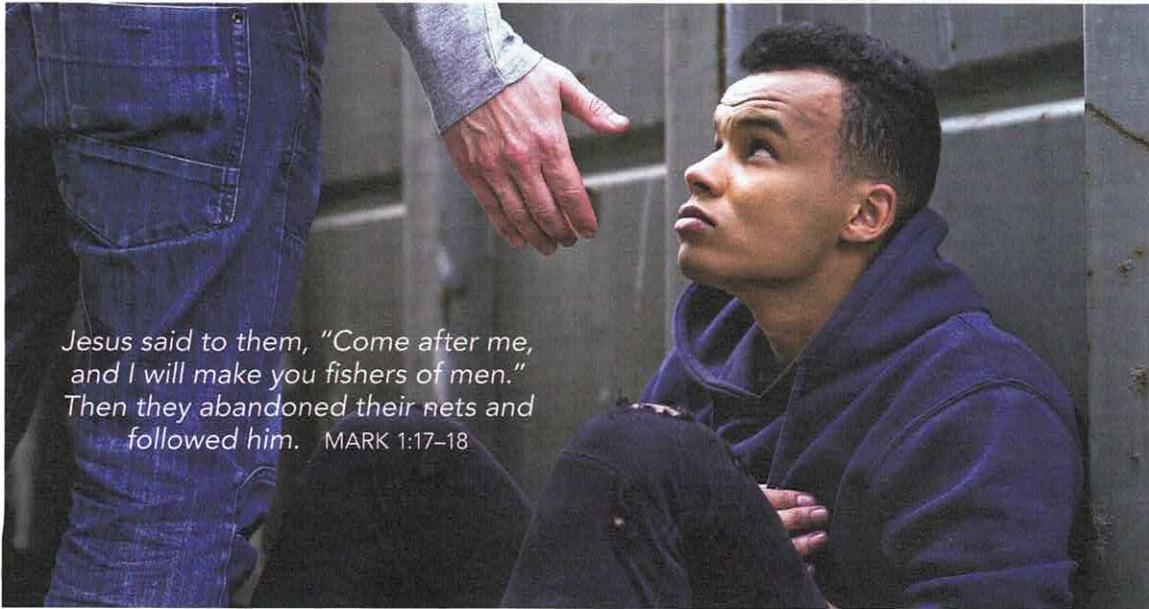
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

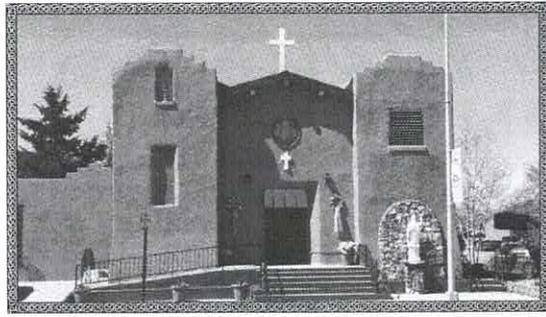
FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- ✦ *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18

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(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

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By appointment with the Pastor

JANUARY 24TH

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

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Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered **January & February 2021**  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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| <b>at, Jan 23.</b> | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Eddie Wood<br>+Mary Blau<br>+Kit Pettigrew | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| <b>an, Jan 24.</b> | +Inez Romero<br>+Sam Britt<br>+Kit Pettigrew                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Mary Alice Beck<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                   |
| <b>ri, Jan 29.</b> | SI Intentions of the Parishioners<br>And Missions of SFX Church      |                                                                                                              |
| <b>at, Jan 30.</b> | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Eddie Wood<br>+Kit Pettigrew               | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                             |
| <b>un, Jan 31.</b> | +Inez Romero<br>+Kit Pettigrew                                       | by Dolores Montoya<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                               |
| <b>ri, Feb 5.</b>  | SI Intentions of the Parishioners<br>And Missions of SFX Church      |                                                                                                              |
| <b>at, Feb 6.</b>  | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Kit Pettigrew                              | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                         |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Dec. 2020 & Jan.2021**

|                | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| January 16-17  | \$1,766.00 | \$ 432.00   |
| January 9-10   | \$1,977.80 | \$ 0.00     |
| January 2-3    | \$5,387.00 | \$1,091.00  |
| December 26-27 | \$2,847.50 | \$ 470.00   |

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- [v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**Announcement**  
**First Holy Communion Classes will  
 resume Wednesdays  
 3:30-5**  
**Conformation Classes are Wednesdays  
 5:30-7**

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. Some 62 million children have been killed in the womb since then just in America. In fact, over 10,000 of these children killed by abortion each year are at 21 weeks of development or beyond. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion. Visit [www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com](http://www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com) to learn what you can do.

**Announcements**  
**SFX Celebration Raffle Winners**

**1st Place– Teresina Montano**  
**2nd Place– Sam Burton**  
**3rd Place– Debbie Martinez**  
**4th Place– Sheila Castillo**  
**5th Place– Stephanie Cruz**  
**6th Place– Mark Gutierrez**

**Lectors for Masses**  
 Saturday, Jan. 30– Effie Walker  
 Sunday, Jan. 31– Andrea Naranjo  
 Saturday, Feb. 6– Effie Walker  
 Sunday, Feb. 7– Jack Chosvig

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# Dear Padre,

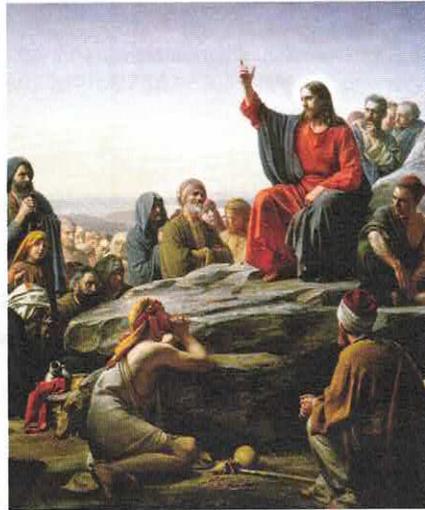
**Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?**

**T**hese days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel*—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

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SESSION ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BOECKHORN/REPTA

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 25

*Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle*  
Acts 22:3–16 or  
Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

### Tuesday

JANUARY 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops*  
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5  
Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 27

*Weekday*  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church*  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 29

*Weekday*  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 30

*Weekday*  
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19  
Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

JANUARY 31

*Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Dt 18:15–20  
1 Cor 7:32–35  
Mk 1:21–28

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