

Whom Shall I Send?

This could very well be called **Mission Sunday**—not because there is a second collection, but because today's readings challenge us to examine how we have responded to being called and sent.

Isaiah recounts a religious experience he had while in the Temple. Most majestic of all aspects of that vision was the voice that spoke to him. He heard the words, "Whom shall I send?" (Isaiah 6:8). Send where? To do what? Presumably it meant: "Whom shall I send to speak my word to the people?" The eagerness of the prophet is remarkable: "Here I am...send me!" This passage describes Isaiah's call to ministry, to be God's prophet to the people.

The Gospel reading reports another call—that of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to

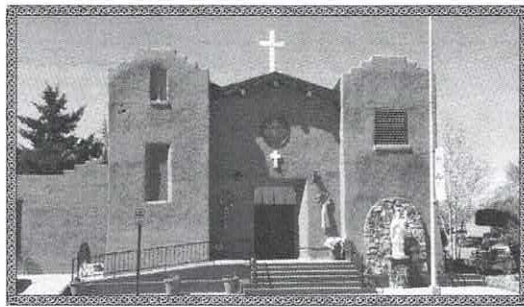
attract (catch) men and women. Again, almost without thinking, "they left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11).

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the "fish" (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: "I handed on to you...what I also received" (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: "I will be your God and you will be my people." This is what we've all been called to experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, then the disciples, then Paul, and now you and me.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In which life circumstances have you been called to be a disciple of Jesus?*
- ★ *How might you spread the Good News of God's love to others in your life?*



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FEBRUARY 6TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal  
 covenant, which will be poured out for you & for many for the for-  
 giveness of sins.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered Feb. 2022*

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| nn, Feb. 6<br>(OLOG) | +Mike Raines<br>+Tim Gallagher<br>+Jim Montoya                                  | by Lupe Raines<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by The Montoya Family                                     |
| i, Feb. 11           | +Jose Valdez                                                                    | by Rose Cardenas                                                                                      |
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|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
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| January 22-23 | \$1,648.00 | \$ 410.00   |
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 March 1, 2022

If interested, please come into the office  
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**UPDATE:**

Mass and Adoration for February 10,  
 2022 will be moved to 7:00am.

Saint John Paul II wrote the following words to all women who have had abortions: "The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life." (The Gospel of Life, n.99)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Feb 12-Pat Crisp
- Sun, Feb 13- Johnna and Tailyn Kimble
- Sat, Feb 19-Shelley Carter
- Sun, Feb 20-Sandy Vaughn

# Dear Padre,

## I heard some people talking about the coming of the Antichrist. Who or what is this Antichrist?

Some Christian sects believe there will come a point when the faithful of their church will be taken off the earth and whisked into heaven. This is usually referred to as “the rapture.” After this event, they believe the Antichrist will come. This Antichrist is an individual man who will incarnate in himself the power of Satan. He will deceive even the holiest person and will rule the entire world. It is believed that Jesus will then return and defeat this Antichrist in the ultimate battle between good and evil. The appearance of the Antichrist supposedly coincides with the end of time.

Most of the material that would support this scenario is found in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here the devil tries to stop Christ’s victory and to convince people that Christ is not the master. This chapter of Revelation deals with the conflict in the Roman Empire between the emperor Nero and the faithful Christians. Nero, the evil one, is assigned the number 666 so Christians could refer to him without openly attacking him. This section of the book was written to give hope to persecuted Christians.

Instead of worrying about the end of time, an Antichrist, a final battle, and “evil” numbers, Catholics are encouraged to believe that Christ has already conquered sin, death, and Satan. God’s reign is already here in our midst (see Luke 17:20–21). Our task is to prepare for our own moment of dying and meeting the Lord. We leave the rest to God’s providence!

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ROMAN EMPEROR NERO, LEFT, FROM “HISTORY OF THE CHURCH,” AROUND 1880 / SERGEY KOHL / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We can make many pastoral plans, conceive of new methods for drawing people close, but if we don’t take the path of God who has come in the flesh...then we are not on the path of the good spirit. [Instead, what prevails] is the Antichrist, worldliness, the spirit of the world.

MORNING MEDITATION, JANUARY 7, 2016



## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13

Mk 6:53–56

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30

Mk 7:1–13

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1–10

Mk 7:14–23

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4–13

Mk 7:24–30

### Friday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19

Mk 7:31–37

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26–32;

13:33–34

Mk 8:1–10

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 13

Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Lk 6:17, 20–26

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a question for  
the Padre?

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