



Building Faith@HOME

January 24, 2021

1st Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)
Second Reading: [1 Cor 7: 29-31](#)
Gospel: [Mk 1: 14-20](#)



Call to Discipleship

Within the first thirteen lines of Mark's Gospel (Mark 1:1-3), Mark covers the baptism of Jesus, the forty days in the desert being tempted by Satan, and the beginning of Jesus' ministry to proclaim the gospel of God. Yet it is not until line fourteen that Mark gives voice to Jesus with the words, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These are the first words of Jesus in Mark's gospel which is very significant to the way Mark structures his writing for the hearer. He impresses that the time is now, not tomorrow. The very next spoken words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel are, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." From the beginning of his gospel, Mark leaves no doubt that following after Jesus and proclaiming the Kingdom of God calls for a conversion of heart that begins *today*...not tomorrow. The four disciples in this reading responded with immediacy and complete faith as they left their nets and ways of old to follow Jesus. Are you ready to "leave your nets" to follow Jesus and his Way?

Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

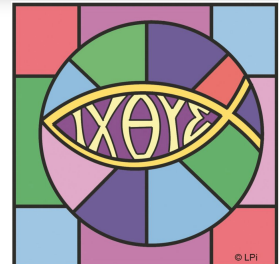
Pray as a family: Father, Help us to become good fishers of men. Help us to be good examples by the way we act and what we say. Help us to tell others about you and to invite them to church so that they will know you and follow you.

Year of Vocation

The call of Jesus to come and follow him may mean a change in your vocation, as it did for those fishermen of old. At the very least, it is the transforming of your vocation, to see yourself as Christ's person in every aspect of your life. As a member of the church, as a married couple, as a citizen in society, as a family member. Jesus is calling you to learn the life of love. Love for your neighbor, caring for one another. Forgiving one another when someone has wronged you. Taking the initiative to seek reconciliation where relationships have been strained. This is the living out of witness, mercy, and life together in Christ. All of this is packed into the words of Jesus, "Follow me."

More on vocations at:

Review.catechetics.com - From the Shepherds: Our Personal Vocation



"Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."



2018/06/12/treat-tackle-box

FISH FOOD: Enjoy some "fish" snack as you talk about what nourishes your faith? (prayer, Eucharist, etc).



As a family, pray together the Lord's Prayer to give you the confidence to share the message of Jesus' love with others.



The Greek letters above spell "ichthus" which is the Greek word for "fish". Learn more about the ichthys symbol in the resources below.

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- vocations-syracuse.org - Vocation stories Diocese of Syracuse (Family Faith Builder)
- Jareddees.com - The Meaning of the "Fishers of Men" verse for you (Teens and Adults Faith Builder)
- keythoughts.weebly.com - Catholic Culture: The Ichthys (Family Faith Builder)
- youtube.com - Fishers of Men: Bible story for children *This is adorable! (Children's Faith Builder)
- Sermon4kids.com - I will make you fishers of men *song sheet for those who sing! (Family Faith Builder) [mp3 music track](#)

Our website RCfaithquest.syrdio.org has many ideas during this Ordinary Time!





1st Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42



Call to Discipleship

Last week was the Feast of the Baptism of Lord leading us to understand the Trinitarian baptism. The Scripture story reminded us of our own baptism, in which God's gift of abundant grace is given. Our response to this gift of love is our call to holiness. This week we continue to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord with John the Baptist, who announces, "Behold, the Lamb of God." With this testimony from John the Baptist, two disciples immediately began to follow. The first followers sought out Jesus because of John's testimony and witness. As they followed, Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?" The disciples ask where he is staying and he responds, "Come and see". The "where" is not a place or building, it is an abidance to be in a relationship with Jesus... to follow him, to stay with him, to know him.... Today's scripture beckons to us, "Come and see!"

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

Year of Vocation - Stories of Call

The Scripture readings between the Baptism of the Lord which ends the Christmas Season and the beginning of Lent usually present the "call." accounts, where Jesus calls the first disciples. Jesus calls his disciples to "Come and see" (John 1:39) From the readings this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear God calling Samuel, and then Samuel responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." God is always calling us, beckoning us to be with Him. God calls us in many ways, but it takes the discerning ear and the discerning heart to hear. Are you listening for God's voice?

Pray as a family: Pray humbly the words Samuel responded with, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". Then take quiet time to read Scripture, or just be open to the Holy Spirit.



Make Snowangels

Be a snowangel!



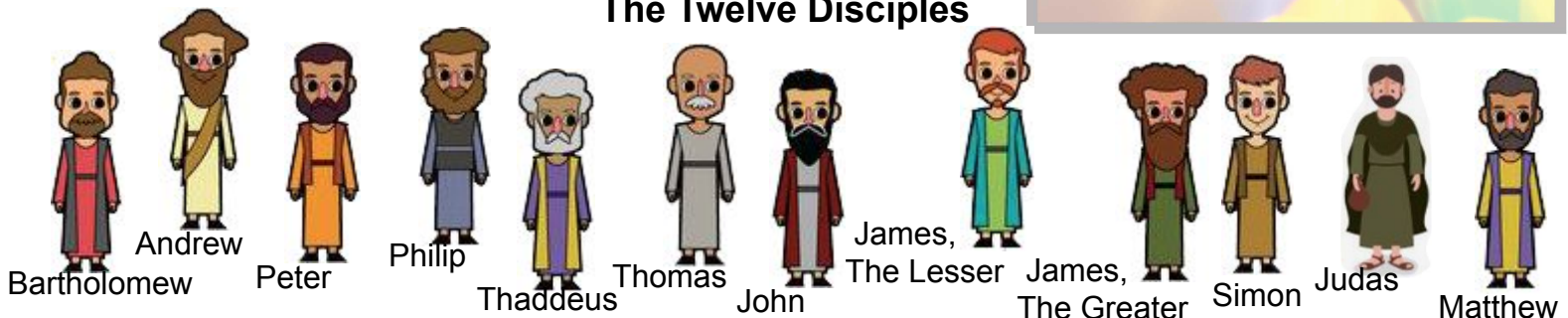
January 22 Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn

For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray,
that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Collect for Jan. 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Twelve Disciples



Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

Ocarm.org - *Lectio Divina: John 1:35-42- (Adult Faith Builder)*

biblefunforkids.com - *The 12 Disciples of Jesus - crafts (Children's Faith Builder)*

youtube.com - *7 ways to Hear God's voice (Teens & Faith Builder)*