

PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

Bow low before the Lord
who made us!



Saturday, February 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, February 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, February 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, February 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, February 16	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jer:17:5-8: The prophet contrasts trust in God with trust in humans

1 Cor:15:12, 16-20: Faith must be rooted in Christ's resurrection

Lk:6:17, 20-26: Jesus preaches four blessings and four woes

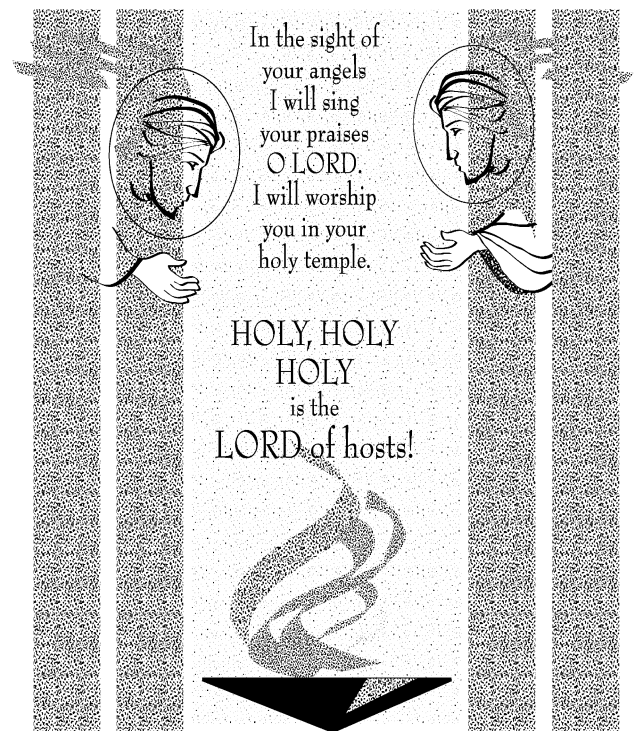
Reflection

Well, Peter knew fish, but Jesus knew his mission. The marvelous catch of fish brought everything into focus for Peter, who had already spent some time with Jesus and had witnessed other miracles. But now he saw anew. He fell to his knees, suddenly aware of who Jesus was and who he was—or was not. Who Peter was and what he lacked did not matter. Who Jesus was and what he asked mattered absolutely. Peter knew this, and he knew that this was it. Along with his fishing partners, James and John, Peter left his boats and his fishing and followed Jesus.

Today we hear from one last apostle, who was as surprised as anyone could be about his calling—Paul. He does not set forth the story of his calling but rather the mission for which he was called. We have in today's second reading the Church's oldest surviving faith statement. Paul sets out the hard-won and fiercely proclaimed credo that formed the heart of the Church and claimed the hearts of its members.

These stories of the beginnings of a new life for Isaiah, for Simon and his shipmates, and for Paul, all witness to an undeniable sense of the mystery of God and of each individual's sense of inadequacy. But above all, these stories communicate God's abiding grace, which makes their new life and mission possible.

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CULTURAL/HULA MINISTRY: If you are interested in being a part of the Cultural/Hula Ministry please join us after the 5pm Sunday Mass at 630pm-8pm. Just be open to learning more about Hula and other cultural dances within the context of our Catholic faith. If you have experience, that is also appreciated but no experience necessary. Any questions please call/text Christina Lefu'a at 808-699-1343 or email her at chrilefua@yahoo.com

RESPECT LIFE MESSAGE: Give us the grace... When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life. **Pope John Paul II** /Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you. **Pope Francis**

WORD OF LIFE: “When violent crimes impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.” **Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 10 Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps:138; 1 Cor:15:1-11; Lk:5:1-11

Feb 11 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:1:1-19; Ps:104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35; Mk:6:53-56

Feb 12 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:1:20-2:4a; Ps:8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk:7:1-13

Feb 13 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps:104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk:7:14-23

Feb 14 Thu: Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius Bishop

Gen:2:18-25; Ps: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk:7:24-30

Feb 15 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:3:1-8; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk:7:31-37

Feb 16 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:3:9-24; Ps:90: 2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk:8:1-10

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we get a glimpse of a model of Christian stewards to follow. Within the temple, God’s voice shakes the foundations and causes the natural world to shake and tremble. The Lord asks “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah replies to the call of God for service with immediacy and enthusiasms: “here I am, send me!” There is no hesitation. There are no excuses, contingencies, or “what-ifs.” Good stewards know that responding to the Lord’s call to serve is never easy, never simple to grasp, never designed for ready comfort and success. But the call needs a response. What about us? What does it take to shake us into an enthusiastic response? To say to God: “Here I am, Lord. Send me!”

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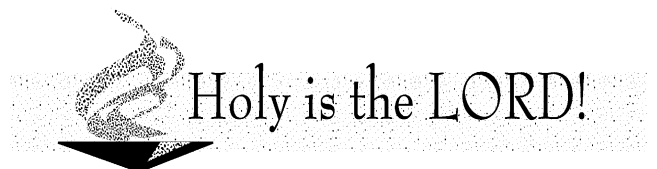
The magnificent Temple paled in comparison to Isaiah’s vision of God, who appears in the brightness of angels. The experience left Isaiah purged and strengthened, once he recovered his composure. In his vision he understood himself called near. But he also felt unworthy to draw near, much less be addressed by God’s angels. But called he was. And Isaiah was finally able to respond in a firm and loud voice, “Here I am, send me!” It would be hard to imagine a more dramatic calling. One wonders how Isaiah managed to survive to tell the story. One expects him to be somehow singed or dazed. He is transformed, for sure! Jesus’ call to Peter is less spectacular but no less important. Jesus turned toward Peter on his turf—well, water, actually. In any case, the setting was the shore of the Sea of Galilee, the place Peter knew best—the lake where he plied his trade. The detailed, carefully written account signals its importance to Peter and to us. This is the beginning of Jesus’ mission, his assembling of his closest friends. It is morning and the fishermen are washing their nets. The long night of toil is over. It was a hard night, and they had caught no fish. Jesus needs room along the shore, the people crowd so close. After preaching from Peter’s boat a little off shore, Jesus asks Peter to cast his net, presumably to catch fish—why else?

Call

Our language embodies the confusion we experience in the face of transcendence. For example, the word “terrific” connotes fright, terror. But a terrific experience is also attractive to us. So, our response is simultaneous attraction and repulsion. We have all had some kind of terrific experience that has drawn us near and made us afraid. Those experiences that are somehow beyond us give us some idea of what it is like to be summoned toward transcendence. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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