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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24 - January 30

## Events

### SATURDAY Jan. 24

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Latin America

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

### SUNDAY Jan. 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Latin America

**Coffee & Christ**

9:15-10:15am - Faith Formation Room

### MONDAY Jan. 26

**No events today**

### TUESDAY Jan. 27

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00am-Noon - Faith Formation Room

**Centering Prayer**

12:15-2:00pm - John Paul II Room

**OCIA**

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

### WEDNESDAY Jan. 28

**Stitchers**

9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

**PSR**

5:30pm - Mass

6:15-7:00pm - Dinner/Class

### THURSDAY Jan. 29

**OLL Game Day**

1:00-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

### FRIDAY Jan. 30

**Spanish Charismatic Group**

6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

### SATURDAY Jan. 31

**WELCOME Women**

9:00-11:00am - Heritage Room

## Mass Times

### SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

### SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

### MONDAY

9:00am

### TUESDAY

9:00am

### WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

### THURSDAY

9:00am



## Adoration

### TUESDAY

9:30am-3:00pm - Chapel

### THURSDAY

9:30am-7:00pm - Chapel

## Important Links

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[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions available for January & February*

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/24	5:00pm	Carol Kent (Special Intention-Living)
Sat.	1/24	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	1/25	8:00am	Robert and Dorothy Chapman and family (Living & Deceased) †
Sun.	1/25	10:30am	Christine Perovich (Birthday Living)
Mon.	1/26	9:00am	June Blackwell †
Tue.	1/27	9:00am	Gary Lallo (Special Intention-Living)
Wed.	1/28	5:30pm	Roland Krienke (L) (Birthday Living)
Thur.	1/29	9:00am	Johnpaul Bonanno (Living)



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### Collection through Jan. 18, 2026

Envelopes:		\$26,578.66
Plate:		\$5,000.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 5,474.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$37,052.66</b>

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# Coffee & Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am  
Faith Formation Room



Jan. 25

## Episode 9 -The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist

"The Eucharist affected the thinking of the early Church in all aspects of its worship and practices. But how did the Apostles put into practice Christ's command to ""Do this in memory of me?"" Two men and the miraculous encounter they had on the road to Emmaus could show us more than we realize.



Feb. 1

## Episode 10 -Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time

"The book of Revelation, with all of its apocalyptic imagery and focus on the end of time, has a great deal to teach us about liturgy and worship. Dr. Pitre brings our study of the Eucharist to a powerful conclusion.



# Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am-noon  
Faith Formation Room

Join us on Tuesdays  
to watch & discuss  
Season 5 of The Chosen  
followed by that episode's  
Biblical Roundtable discussion



There's a lot to talk about, and our Messianic Jewish rabbi, Catholic priest, and Evangelical scholar are back to discuss it all.

Jan. 27th

## Season 5 Episode 4: The Same Coin

*Afraid of public outcry—and further embarrassment—Caiaphas resolves to arrest Jesus quietly at night. Only one problem: no one knows how to find Him.*

### Bible Roundtable:

It's time to talk about the most bone-chilling scene in the entire season—the moment when Judas gives himself over to "not God." Our biblical experts weigh in on nagging questions about Jesus' betrayer. Was he trying to do good or harm? Was he bad from the beginning, or did he stray along the way? Was he a conscious agent or a pawn in a bigger plan? They also discuss perhaps the most surprising question and controversy that came out of this episode: Did Jesus pray for Judas?

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Feb. 3rd

## Season 5 Episode 5: Because of Me

*The decision to arrest Jesus leads to a fiery debate. Roman soldiers track down a troublemaking crowd. Shmuel finds help from an unexpected source.*

### Bible Roundtable:

You've seen Jesus get angry at corruption in His Father's house and hypocrisy within the religious leadership, but now, you've also seen Him snap at a tree. The "Cursing of the Fig Tree," has stumped many Christians over the centuries, but Dallas promises our Bible consultants will fig-ure it out. ;) Puns notwithstanding, this discussion truly gives us a solid understanding of the spiritual, historical, and symbolic meaning of what's been a confusing Bible passage for many.

## ***Why do priests receive Holy Communion before the laity?***

At every Mass, the priest receives Holy Communion before anyone else. To some, this can look like privilege or hierarchy. But in the Church, nothing at the altar is about status, this moment is about order, responsibility, and sacrifice.

At every Mass, the priest acts in persona Christi—in the person of Christ—when he consecrates the bread and wine. This means he is not simply a leader of prayer but the sacramental presence of Christ the High Priest. He does not stand outside the sacrifice; he is deeply bound to it. By receiving first, he completes the offering he has made on behalf of the people. Because he offers the sacrifice, he must also partake of it. The Church teaches that the priest's Communion is not optional; it is necessary for the Mass to be complete.

This practice reaches back to Scripture. In the Old Testament priests who offered sacrifice were commanded to consume part of it. In the New Covenant. Christ, the true High Priest, both offers Himself and receives Himself. When the priest communicates first, he mirrors Christ's priesthood, not his own importance. It is not about human protocol but is based on the integrity of the sacrament and the priest's role in the liturgy.

There is also a pastoral meaning. The priest cannot give what he has not first received. Just as he proclaims the Word before the people hear it, he must be nourished by the Eucharist before distributing it. His Communion is not separate from the people's; it is for them. It strengthens him to serve, to bless, and to feed the flock entrusted to him.

This moment also carries a silent burden. The priest receives first because he will answer first. With the grace of the Eucharist comes accountability. He stands before God not only for himself, but for the souls he serves. His Communion is a reminder that leadership in the Church is not privilege, it is sacrifice.

The Church is also very clear that the faithful receive the same Christ in Holy Communion as the priest does. Receiving the same Sacrifice at the Mass -- a liturgical norm that Fr. J is very passionate about.

So, when you see the priest receive Communion first, do not see rank. See responsibility. See his sacramental role. See a man who must be strengthened before he can strengthen others.



***If the Branson school district closes due to weather, our office will be closed and all church events will be cancelled.***



***On the weekends... please use your best judgement in deciding whether or not to come to Mass in inclement weather. The roads around the church are on hills and several are under construction.***



***Mass will still take place, but we want everyone to stay safe.***

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**There will be a 2nd Collection - This Saturday & Sunday, January 24 & 25 for the Church in Latin America**

The bishops of the United States established this annual collection as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean.

For more than 60 years, Catholics in the U.S. have answered the invitation to “share the faith” by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help pass on the Gospel to future generation.

Share your faith by supporting this collection for the Church in Latin America

# **Healing Mass**

*The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite where a priest anoints a seriously ill, elderly, or struggling person with blessed oil, offering spiritual healing, peace, and strength, and sometimes physical recovery, by uniting their suffering with Christ's, not just for those near death but for anyone needing God's healing grace, incorporating prayers and laying on of hands.*

***Anyone in need of this Sacrament is encouraged to attend one of these Masses***

**Our Lady of the Lake  
Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am**

**Our Lady of the Cove  
Tuesday, February 10th 9:00am**

***If you cannot attend, please contact the Parish office to schedule a time to receive this Sacrament***



W H Y   N O T

# DRAW CLOSER

TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

*Learn from the Catechism*

#1322 - 1327

*Get to know St. John Paul II's Mind*

Ecclesia de Eucaristica Introduction

*Give Praise to God*

through the "Tantum Ergo" hymn

*Reclaim Sunday for God & the Family*

Take a fun Catholic online quiz

*Watch an uplifting movie*

The Boy from Milan

I am with You - A documentary on Carlo Acutis

*Contemplate Sacred Art*

The Pelican and the Eucharist



70  
YEARS  
1948-2018

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**JANUARY**

resource page. Find more ideas at [dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress](http://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress)



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Want to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, but don't want to drive?  
We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.  
We will leave OLL - SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:00AM

*There's no charge to sign up for the bus, **HOWEVER...**  
you will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.*

### Cost

There is a registration fee of  
**\$10 per person or  
\$25 maximum per family**  
(parents with minor age children).

*We are grateful to the  
sponsors and donors whose  
financial gifts are helping to  
keep the registration cost very  
low for participants!*

The registration fee includes

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

### Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. A variety of grab-n-go lunch options will be provided by area restaurants that will be serving meals at the Civic Center.

**You will be able to view menu options  
and order your lunch meal ahead of time,  
during the online registration process.**

**TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)**

Scan QR code  
to reserve



Or

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reserve a seat(s) on the bus

Eucharistic Congress Bus  
reservation | Flocknote

**OR GO TO:**

<https://ollbranson.flocknote.com/signup/241552>

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CONGRESS OR  
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Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG

**Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**

**AUGUST 15, 2026**  
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

REGISTRATION OPENS  
JANUARY 12, 2026!

*Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. - Jn 6:56*

Speakers: Bishop James Conley, Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Leo Potalinghaus, Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Elvis Gonzalez, De Ministris, Mari Pablo, Brian Miller, Dr. Carolyn Nunes-Fisher

**JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING  
at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**

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70 YEARS 1956-2026

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# OLL Games

Join us on January 29th OLL Game Day  
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - Suzie's Girls  
BIG Winner is Anna Marie -156  
Julie J -189 Rose Marie -313  
Lil' Winner is Kevin -314



OLL Train - The Rascals  
BIG Winner is Joe -203  
Eva -221 Judy E -269 Ed -275  
Lil' Winner Remy -282



Swoop - 4 Beginners  
BIG Winner is Harry -137  
Judy H -208 Kevin -298  
Lil' Winner is Sharron -411



Mahjong  
Judy O - 50  
Joyce -25  
Brenda -0  
Susan -0

## FORWARD... One Step At A Time



## Bereavement Healing

Grief is painful and exhausting. Bereavement is the state of loss when someone close to an individual has died. The death of a loved one is one of the greatest sorrows that can occur in one's life. People's responses to grief will vary, but grief is a normal, healthy response to loss.

It sometimes seems easier to avoid confronting the feelings of grief and loss. But working through sorrow and allowing ourselves to express such feelings can help us recover.

As we come together, sharing our pain, you will not be told how to grieve or how long it will take. Grief ultimately asks many things of us... including a shift in the way we relate to life. As we walk with each other, we will understand that we are not alone, allow ourselves to be mad and broken, re-discover God's love for us and eventually think and say our loved one's name with hope.

You are invited to join the bereavement group on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Heritage Room (lower level of the church). You may have recently lost a loved one or time may have passed since your loved one's death. If you are interested in walking together through this time of sorrow, call the OLL parish office 417-334-2928 asking to be contacted by Joyce Arnold about our Lady's Bereavement Healing Group.



# JANUARY PSR CALENDAR



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

Jan. 28 5:30 - 7:00pm

Mass  
Food/Class



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### Saint John Bosco

His feast day is on January 31



Also known as Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815

SAINT JOHN BOSCO IS THE PATRON SAINT OF APPRENTICES, EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS, SCHOOLCHILDREN, MAGICIANS, AND JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

## REMINDER

If Branson Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all activities at the parish will be cancelled.



## MENU

# 2026

1/28 - Pasta



## SERVICE PROJECT

Decorate  
lunch bags  
for Elevate  
Branson



If you have any questions regarding PSR, Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.



Please call, text, or email 417-251-1819 Cell

[NickieRivera@ollbranson.com](mailto:NickieRivera@ollbranson.com)

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry

# FEBRUARY PSR CALENDAR



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

Feb 4th 5:30-7pm  
Mass/Adoration  
Food/Class

Feb 11th 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

Feb 18th  
Ash Wednesday  
No Class

Feb 25th 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows



His feast day is Feb. 27th

Many young people look up to Gabriel today. He shows that you do not need to be famous or powerful to please God. You only need to love and trust Him. Gabriel lived this lesson with all his strength.

SAINT GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF  
SORROWS IS A PATRON SAINT OF:  
CLERGY, STUDENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

## SPECIAL EVENTS



Mardi Gras  
Sunday, February 15th

*More details coming soon*

Ash Wednesday  
February 18th



## SERVICE PROJECT

Valentine's Day Cards  
for Homebound



## MENU

2/4 - Shredded chicken sandwiches,  
salad, and chips

2/11 - Mild chicken gumbo,  
salad, and doughnuts

2/25 - Pasta and salad



# REAL PRESENCE

## *Understanding Christ in the Eucharist*

A mini retreat at Catholic Campus Ministry  
Sunday February 8, 4-8:30 PM  
with special guest

**Dr. Bruce D. Marshall**

All are welcome to join us for a contemplative evening aimed at deepening understanding of the Catholic doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Dinner will be provided, and the retreat will conclude with Mass at 7:30 PM. Students—\$5 All others—\$15



Dr. Marshall (PhD, Yale University) is a Catholic theologian who has held the Lehman Chair in Christian Doctrine at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology since 2011 and has recently held distinguished visiting positions at Providence College and the Angelicum in Rome. He is a past president of the Academy of Catholic Theology. Dr. Marshall is the author of several books and dozens of articles, and he is a frequent speaker for the Thomistic Institute.

### Priestly Discernment Retreat

at

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis,  
the weekend of February 6-8, 2026.

The retreat will focus on seminary formation, prayer,  
and discerning one's call.

For more information or to register, [please click here.](#)



### PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Retreat for Ages 18-35

For more information visit:  
[stlvocations.org](http://stlvocations.org)

## You are Invited

*to the*  
Diocesan Wedding Anniversary  
Celebration

For couples celebrating their  
1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or 50+  
anniversary anytime during 2026

*Join Bishop Edward M. Roice*

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS  
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH RECEPTION

01 | FEB | 2026

Sunday at 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral  
Cape Girardeau



08 | FEB | 2026

Sunday at 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
Springfield

Kindly RSVP by January 23, 2026 online by scanning the QR code above  
or call Sharon in the Diocesan Family Life Office at (417)866-0841.

Family members are welcome!

**\*Updated  
as the  
Springfield  
celebration  
has been  
moved to  
St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton  
Parish  
due to the  
construction  
at  
St. Agnes  
Cathedral.**

The 7th Annual  
**CATHOLIC  
MEN'S  
CONFERENCE**

In cooperation with the diocesan Office of Evangelization.

**TAKING  
FAITH TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL!**

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026**  
at Springfield Catholic High School



Keynote Speaker

**Marcel LeJeune**

"Marcel LeJeune, author of 'The Contagious Catholic,' is renowned for his message of radical change and the call for person-to-person evangelization."  
— John Edwards



Doors open 7am. Mass 8am. Ends by 3:30pm.

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"Let us pray and work for the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death. May every parish put forth the necessary resources to walk with moms in need."

Bishop Edward M. Rice



*January*  
PRAYER INTENTION



**Welcome.**  
There is **More to Life**

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Be Bold. Be Catholic.

**Women's Welcome Retreat**  
**Our Lady of the Lake in Branson, MO**  
**March 7 & 8, 2026**

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



*Welcome is a two-day renewal weekend unlike any you have attended. Parishioners share with one another ways they have found meaning, hope, peace, and love in their lives through Christ.*

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Today  
is a  
new  
day

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt him?

**Answer:** Three.

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"What's a pirate's favorite class in school?"



"Arrrrrrt!"

FUN FACT!



Students are special members of our community, and we're sending our love and prayers to them today and always!

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS SAID,  
"REPENT AND  
FOLLOW ME!"



THE LAST  
TIME I  
HEARD THOSE  
WORDS I  
WAS BEING  
AUDITED  
BY THE I.R.S.

ISYDOR  
WEBB!  
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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

XAVIER, WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
TELL PEOPLE  
WHO WANT TO  
FOLLOW  
IN THE LORD'S  
FOOTSTEPS?

ISYDOR  
WEBB!  
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WELL, THE  
FIRST THING  
IS TO  
GET SOME  
REALLY GOOD  
SANDALS...



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree in what you say,  
and that you be united in the same mind and in the same  
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

### Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,  
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet  
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

## Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and “look at (other people) with God’s gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults.”

## Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen.

## Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

### Monday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

### Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,  
13-14/Mk 4:21-25

### Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,  
6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

### Saturday:

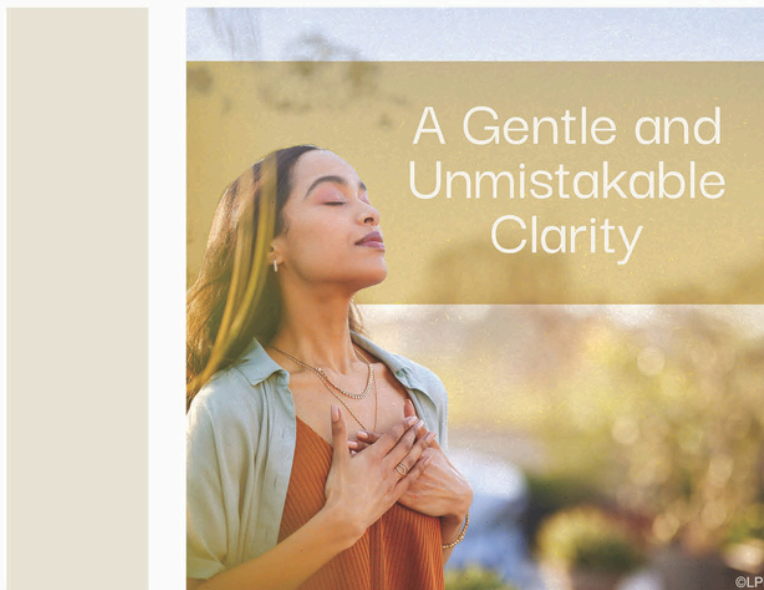
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-  
17/Mk 4:35-41

### Next Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-  
10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, **“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)**. And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, **“In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us” (1 John 4:10)**. They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— *Father John Muir*

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

### Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs — for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you — so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you — the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

#### Answer:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible — it's you!

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