

**GOSPEL SUMMARY: MARK 1:14-20**



Today's gospel reading recounts how Jesus calls his first disciples Simon and Andrew, James and John. His herald, John the Baptist, has been put in prison. Jesus urgently calls people to repent and believe in the good news. Like the Ninevites in the first reading, the four fishermen immediately respond to God's call. They leave their boats and their nets in order to follow Jesus right on the spot. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus promises his new disciples. They take his words to heart and make following him their first priority in life.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL:** What does Jesus call his first disciples and us to do? Are there things that might prevent us from hearing Jesus' urgent call? What are they? Who or what can help us to put following Jesus first in our lives? What do you think Jesus means by the term "fishers of men"? Who do you know in your family, school, parish, or community that seems to be a fisher of men, women, or children? Explain what this person does and tell how you might try to follow this person's example.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** When have you experienced the Kingdom of God?

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:** As a result of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has defined a new pastoral plan for your care whenever you struggle with illness. There are rites for children, a communal rite for celebration in the parish, forms of care for the sick at each stage and transition, and for the desperately ill. There is a much broader interpretation of who may be anointed, including not only the visibly ill, but those battling addiction, or the elderly coping with the frustrating aches and pains of aging. Children under seven are normally not anointed, since the oil is associated with reconciliation. (For the same reason, they do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.) However, children close to that age who have a serious illness often gain a deep level of spiritual insight and maturity, and may benefit from catechesis for the Eucharist. Once admitted to confirmation and/or Eucharist, a sick child should be anointed. It is a great strength of our present rite that a section is included with prayers tailored to the experience and understanding of a child. Considering our recent history of being fairly sparing with this sacrament, the generosity of celebration today is helping us to retrieve an essential part of our tradition of reverence for the sick.

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**Daily Prayer For Priests**

O Jesus,  
I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
For your priests laboring at home or  
abroad in distant mission fields.  
For your tempted priests;  
For your lonely and desolate priests;  
For your young priests;  
For your dying priests;  
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.  
But above all, I recommend to you  
the priests dearest to me:  
The priest who baptized me;  
The priests who absolved me from my sins;  
The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me  
Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;  
The priests who taught and instructed me;  
All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way  
(especially \_\_\_\_\_).  
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,  
And bless them abundantly in time and in  
Eternity. Amen By St. Therese of Lisieu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Rev. John Bosco	Rev. Peter Musinguzi	Rev. Harry Neely, OSA	Rev. John Nesbitt	Rev. Duong Nguyen, SVD	Rev. Augustine Obasi	Rev. Emmanuel Ochigbo

**Announcements**

- OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from **Jan 18, 2015** was **\$3,539.63**. Thank you for your love and support.
- HISPANIC COMMUNITY BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** Gather in Keenan Hall for food and fellowship as the Hispanic Community known for their delicious meals, is serving food after all Masses today, **Jan 25**.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus will be meeting this Tuesday, **Feb 2** at 7:00PM in Keenan Hall.
- ADORATION:** Wednesday **Jan 28**, 8:30AM-6:00PM. Come spend an hour with Him.
- GRUPO DE MATRIMONIOS:** Meets this Fri, **Jan 30 @ 7:00PM**.

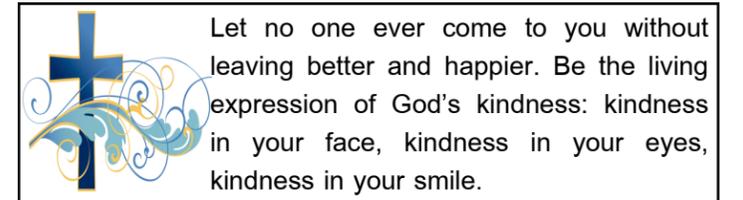
**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Sat	Jan 24	St. Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	5:00PM	(SI) Walt Jellison
Sun	Jan 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30AM	(SI) William Spencer Walters
Sun	Jan 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00AM	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon	Jan 26	Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops		NO MASS
Tues	Jan 27	Weekday	7:30AM	+Abundio Gonzales
Wed	Jan 28	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Jan 29	Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Fri	Jan 30	Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners

**Pope Francis: Maturing in faith means not just asking God for favors.**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The journey of faith always begins a little selfishly, seeking from God healing or help with a problem, but Christian maturity is allowing oneself to be purified and to arrive at the point of recognizing Jesus as savior, Pope Francis said. Celebrating Mass Jan. 22 in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae where he lives, Pope Francis commented on Gospel stories that recount how the crowds flocked to Jesus hoping for healing. "We can never follow God with a purity of intentions from the beginning," the pope said. "It's always a little for ourselves and a little because of God. To journey is to purify these intentions. "Pope Francis, according to Vatican Radio, told the small congregation that the crowds originally followed Jesus because they were "a bit bored" by the way the Jewish elders of their day were teaching the faith and they felt oppressed by "the many commandments and precepts that were laid on their shoulders, but never reached their hearts. "But when they saw and heard Jesus, "they felt something move inside them," he said. "It was the Holy Spirit who awakened this and they went out to find Jesus. "The way Jesus spoke and the physical healings he performed, the pope said, were simply signs of "another healing," the definitive healing that led the people to a deeper relationship with God and to recognition that Jesus is the savior. "He is the savior and we are saved by him. This is the most important thing," the pope said. "This is the strength of our faith." "When we, for one reason or another, are

feeling down, we should remember that Jesus prays for us and intercedes for us continually," Pope Francis said. "So often we forget this."



**WALK FOR LIFE.** The Third Annual San Diego Walk for Life, to be held on Saturday, **Jan 31**, in Balboa Park from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The Walk will feature Singer and Songwriter, Mary James, a short walk, 50 exhibitors, face painting and games for children, and keynote speakers: Jennifer Roback-Morse, Reverend Walter Hoye, and Astrid Bennet-Gutierrez of Hispanics for Life. This year's theme is "Loving God's Most Magnificent Creations." Visit [sandiegowalkforlife.org](http://sandiegowalkforlife.org) for more information.

**REVIVAL** The 2015 Diocesan Revival will be held on **Feb 2, 3 and 4** at St. Rita's Catholic Church at 7:00PM each evening. Rev. Anthony Bozeman will be the preacher. The Revival is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics. There is no charge and all are welcome to attend.

