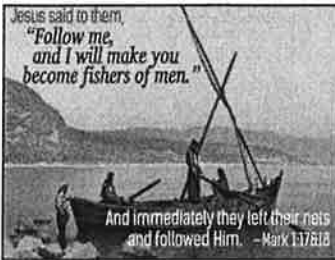


January 26th 2020 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 25

9:00am *YMI Brothers & families*
4:30pm † *Bob Higgins*

Sunday, January 26

8:00am † *Ruth Bustos*
10:00am *Diane Taylor (bdy)*
12:00pm *St. John Volunteers*

Monday, January 27

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

Tuesday, January 28

9:00am *Stephanie Tomas (bdy)*

Wednesday, January 29

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

Thursday, January 30

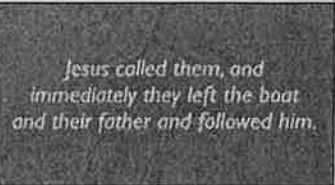
9:00am † *Rupert Palacios*

Friday, January 31

9:00am † *Carol Meyer*

Saturday, February 1

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*
4:30pm *Philomen Primacio (bdy)*



SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Church of Latin America.**

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

Thank you for your continued generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

January 13th 2020 - January 19th, 2020

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 100.00
Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,454.75
Weekend On-line giving...\$ 380.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

With this Sunday we begin the Church's long meditation on the Gospel according to Matthew, which unfolds for the thirty-three Sundays in Ordinary Time. This Gospel seeks to connect Jesus to the Old Testament.

Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of the Isaiah's prophecy of a great light flooding the land of Galilee. In that region on the seashore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus gathers his disciples. The four fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, along with the Zebedee brothers, James and John, abandoned their business and follow Jesus immediately. The Scripture scholars tell us that the original language connotes a sense of inevitability and urgency in Jesus' call to these four men and in their spontaneous, unquestioned response. There was no fence sitting, and no hesitation. The time had come and the four fishermen knew deeply that this was their **once-in-a-lifetime chance**. They immediately abandoned everything to follow him.

The people of Israel were raised or schooled to expect a messiah who would act in specific, recognizable ways, such as restoring health, sight and wholeness, healing and freedom from the oppression and anguish of sin. People are cured of every disease and affliction of body and soul. The messianic expectations are fulfilled.

A new song is heard. Someone was new and he intended to make all things new.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

The Parish office issues "Individual Contribution acknowledgement letters" for the calendar year 2019 **upon request only**. You must be a registered parishioner using Parish envelopes in order to receive this letter. The Parish envelope number identifies your contribution records.

Please call the Parish office (415-334-4646) a week ahead before dropping by to collect this letter. Thank you.

Archdiocesan Survey For Parishioners

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is conducting a survey for all mass-goers in the Archdiocese. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese better understand the experiences and needs of parishioners. Survey cards are made available on tables at the back of the church. Please fill them out and place them in the boxes provided. Alternatively, if you prefer you can also do the survey online at: sfarch.org/parish-survey-english.

"Coat Drive"

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our Parish requests your help to sponsor a coat drive the weekend of February 2nd. For homeless people, mid-winter nights are especially brutal and those nights become worse when it starts to rain.

Please bring new or lightly-used coats for adult men and women and place them in containers found in the vestibule of the church.

All items will be given to the needy at Multi-service centers in San Francisco. Your charity always makes a difference to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Jesus is beginning his public ministry and so he starts to call people to follow him. Jesus always made a point of meeting and calling people wherever he found them. He met and called Matthew the tax collector when he was counting his money. He met and called the woman when she came to the well for water.

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, I have called you by your name, you are mine and that I have written your name on the palms of my hands. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, 'Come follow me.' Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

After Jesus called these men and women to follow he sent them out in his name to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in **his** name, not their own. Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what do.

This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, what is **your** response?

Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation.