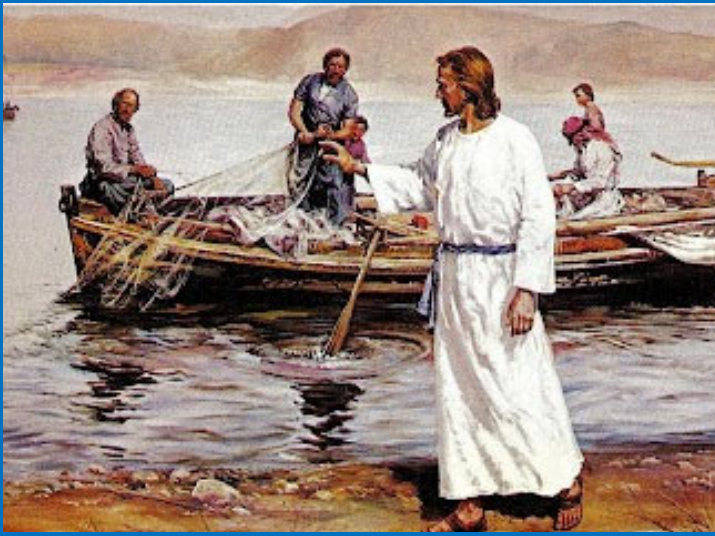


The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024



Fishing with Jesus

In the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we see Jesus initiating His mission by calling fishermen to be His first disciples. Why fishermen? This choice is significant and symbolic. Fishermen, in their profession, embody qualities essential not only for their trade but also for the spiritual journey Jesus invites them to undertake.

Firstly, fishermen are accustomed to hard work. Their trade is physically demanding, requiring strength and endurance. This physical resilience parallels the spiritual resilience needed in the mission of evangelization. Just as fishermen labor tirelessly for their catch, so too must disciples labor in spreading the Gospel, often in the face of challenges and setbacks.

Moreover, fishermen possess a practical intelligence. They are adept at navigating the seas, reading weather patterns, and managing their business affairs. This combination of skills indicates a capacity for critical thinking and adaptability - qualities essential in understanding and responding to the varied contexts in which the Gospel message must be shared.

In choosing fishermen as His first disciples, Jesus was not just gathering helpers; He was selecting individuals who embodied the virtues necessary for the daunting task of spreading the Gospel. Their profession was a metaphor for the mission they were to undertake. As modern-day disciples, reflecting on these qualities can inspire us in our own journey of faith and evangelization. In our efforts to 'fish for people,' let us learn from the first disciples, embracing patience, adaptability, intelligence, and courage in our mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Pastor's Column

Prayer for Christian Unity – Each year, beginning on January 18 until the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, Christian Churches throughout the world are encouraged to pray for Christian Unity. This began in the Episcopal Church in 1908, by Episcopal Fr. Paul James Wattson. He was a vigorous advocate of Anglican and Roman Catholic reunion. At the time, he had few supporters in his church. A year later, he and the community he helped establish, the Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, were received into the Roman Catholic Church. By 1935, Abbe Paul Couturier, a Catholic priest in France, advocated a *Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. After the Second Vatican Council, an increasing number of Roman Catholics joined other Christians each year in January for common prayer for unity. The Council's Decree on Ecumenism, promulgated in 1964, called prayer the soul of the ecumenical movement and encouraged the observance of this Week of Prayer. The theme for this year's prayer is *"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself.* (Luke 10:27). Fr. Tom Orians, Associate Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute noted, *"Every year, Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity. We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We are called together to form a united witness for justice and for Christian Unity that becomes a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world. Only by heeding Jesus's prayer "that they all may be one" can we witness to living unity in diversity."* As there are divisions in our world, in our own country along party lines and even in our own families, this prayer for Unity among Christians can become the yeast by which we can bring healing and unity to our world, our nation, and our families. If we do not know how to bring unity to our families and in our lives, we won't know how to bring unity and healing to our Church and our world. May I invite you to pray with me and with Christians throughout the world for healing, unity, and justice. In the Archdiocese, our **Archbishop Salvatore and the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Gerasimos will be leading Solemn Vespers together on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Pius X Church at 1100 Woodside Road, in Redwood City.** All are invited to attend, or you may participate via livestream at: www.pius.org/stream.

St Anne School Open House – Save the date. Beginning next Sunday, January 28, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. A highlight of this special week is the student-led liturgy at the 10am mass, followed by an open house at the School. All are welcome to attend.

—Fr. Dan



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
 WEEK of January 21, 2024

Sunday, January 21

8:00am Mary Ellen and George Kositzin (D)

10:00am Charles Cunningham (D)

Noon Charlotte Vincent (D)

Monday, January 22

8:45am Mary Jean Dominguez (D)

Tuesday, January 23

8:45am Mary Jean Dominguez (D)

Wednesday, January 24

8:45am Vincent Vago (D)

Thursday, January 25

8:45am Teodora Sarmiento (D)

Friday, January 26

8:45am Priscilla Austria (D)

Saturday, January 27

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm Charles Cunningham (D)

Please Note that following the dictates of Canon Law, we are again offering only **one intention per Mass**.

Visit the rectory or call 415 665-1660 x22 to offer a Mass on behalf of a loved one or yourself.

Archdiocesan

Annual Thank you!

Appeal We made it!

In 2022, we fell short of our Triple-A goal by 6K. The shortfall had to be paid to the Archdiocese out of our parish's general fund.

But in 2023, thanks to your tremendous generosity, we surpassed our Triple A Goal by over \$9K. The excess is being returned to us by the Archdiocese to be deposited into our general fund!

THANKS TO THE MANY WHO CONTRIBUTED!

Previous Week's Collections

1st Collection, January 14, 2024— \$3,404.00

Building and Maintenance Fund— \$805.00

This Week's Second Collection
Property and Insurance Fund

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

St. Anne of the Sunset's
36th Annual
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER DANCE



Join Us:

Saturday, March 9,
2024

5:30 to 9:30 pm
Moriarty Hall



Enjoy:

Guerra's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!
No host Bar (Beer and Wine)
Irish Coffee and Dessert
Irish Dancers and Pipers!
DJ Dance Party



Get Your Tickets!

Adults \$45

Children under 12 \$10

RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED

Ticket Sales end February 26th. Tickets
will not be available at the door.

ACCESS THE LINK TO REGISTER

<https://bit.ly/3S1yS3Q>

