



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

January 24, 2021

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 24

- 7:00 am Nancy Sullivan (Winko)
- 8:30 am Dorothy Linn (B. Smith)
- 10:00 am Michele Ruby (Granny Children)
- 11:30 am Gloria Takacs (Family)

Monday, January 25

- 7:45 am James Tempero (Daughter)

Tuesday, January 26

- 7:45 am Judi Skoretz (Family)
- 6:30 pm Mary Skallous (Faler)

Wednesday, January 27

- 7:45 am Mary Hudson (Daughter)

Thursday, January 28

- 7:45 am Coleman P. Keane Sr. & Jr. (Family)

Friday, January 29

- 7:45 am Anne Smiy (Comfort Blanket Ministry)

Saturday, January 30

- 8:00 am Sandy Kersting (Family & Friends)
- 4:30 pm Alex J. Cantini (Ginny)
- 6:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 31

- 7:00 am Jerold Gesmond (Nancy)
- 8:30 am Jim Lavelle (Jerry & Sharyn)
- 10:00 am Kay Mason (Egnot)
- 11:30 am Darrell Dole (Briscoe)





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Operation Safe Mode (OSM)

Sunday 8:00 am Mass
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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

How to Overcome Fear... and Replace it with Courage!!

“Trust Me!” I was standing on the edge of the teacher’s desk and a new girl, Caroline Callahan, was conducting an exercise in trust and overcoming fear of the uncontrollable situations. She was a tough cookie, if you will, but she was going to be my lab partner and new homework guru, so I was taking a step on the wild side and was a willing participant in the exercise. With only the balls of my feet on the desk, and my back to my classmates, I closed my eyes... made a good act of contrition and leaned back and free fell into the arms of my classmates! The fall seemed to take forever but the landing was soft and comforting when the “arms” of my peers lowered me to safety.

This exercise was popular in the 70’s and, in my estimation, paid off for me for now I knew I could trust them and Caroline who helped my science grade sky rocket that year!

Stepping out of our comfort zone and into the arms/trust of others allows you to evaluate how fear will or will not possess you on your journey through life. Fear is only real when there is no other alternative to choose. Fear of loss of a job is real when you are cleaning out your desk but fear should not seep into the hope of what comes next! Suicide is on the rise in our country because many people lack **Trust** in family, friends or their own fortitude to just free fall into the next stage of their lives, knowing that it will be life changing but not deadly in most cases. If it doesn’t kill you it will make you stronger!

Trusting friends to catch you in a moronic stunt, like free-falling off a three foot desk, is less dangerous than stepping out of the comfort zone of human nature into the loving arms of Christ who promises us that even if it kills you, you will live forever in His truth and love!! But preserving your human life by clinging onto passing things will never make you stronger only more fearful to the change that is evident.

Courage is not some desire that “brave” people conjure up from deep inside themselves to conquer all adversities but it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Courage is the fortitude to accept what you can not change and pursue what is attainable in God. Courage conquers fear because there is no place for fear in the presence of the Lord! Fear is a human substitute for Peace that paralyzes our progress on the journey of perfection.

The apostles had become comfortable with the safety of Jesus tending to their needs and the needs of everyone they met. Jesus spoke and preached about an eternal kingdom that would be won through His death and resurrection but sharing in such a campaign as a willing participant was still beyond their pay grade. One day, amidst the storm on the Sea of Galilee, they became very afraid only to find Jesus asleep in the boat and when they called out in fear of their demise He calmed the seas and their fears. They marveled at His power and wallowed in embarrassment that they did not courageously trust in Him.

“Where is your Faith” Jesus asked?

Faith is overshadowed by fear! Courage is the gift that bridges self-perseverance and abandonment in Christ!!

I can only imagine that Simon Peter made up his mind that the next time he would step out in courage, focused on the Lord, and leave his fears behind. I mean after all.... He was the “rock” and stability of Jesus’ mission depended on His leadership! He would get that chance to free fall into the love of Jesus and would be rewarded for his desire and challenge further in courage rather than fear.

2021
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A MORE PERFECT VISION

Fear to Courage

Remember fear is a human emotion of self-preservation. Courage is an act of leaving behind our mortal concerns and desiring the immortal promise of Christ. This progression in Faith begins with a vision that sees more perfectly the two natures of Jesus. When we have eyes for Jesus as the beloved son of the Father who came to live like us we imagine Him always interacting within our broken nature making it more perfect. However, when we desire to encounter the Divine nature of Jesus, that gives us a glimpse into the perfection of heaven we hesitate to follow! In the Transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James and John were overwhelmed with His glory and wanted to “stay” there forever. Jesus’ transfiguration was a glimpse of perfection that could only come with personal transformation. The denying of oneself... to pick up the cross of courage and follow Him into the deep.

The Walking on the Water



Then He made the disciples get into the boat and precede Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When it was evening He was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, He came toward them, walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I;— do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand

and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

Peter decided not to see Jesus as a ghost and unattainable but the Lord and Christ that calmed the sea and his fears. Peter no longer wanted to stay in the safety of the boat that kept his “real fears” at bay but wanted to step out in courageous trust to become a “fisher of men.” Weak in the flesh his fears could no longer hold him back from becoming strong in the promise of perfection beyond this world and its clingy desire for complacency.

Peter asked to be commanded to come out onto the water knowing that Jesus speaks all command with love and truth.

He was the first to take the insidious step into the trust of a friend, not from a desk, into the raging waters of the sea!

He could walk on the water as long as his vision was on Christ. He only sank when he allow those old fears to consume him. He was rescued when he remembered that Christ could save him from fear and death and in turn give him courage and Trust.

There is No Such Thing as Instant Conversion over Fear!

Fear is the greatest temptation of Satan, to paralyze us into desiring our mortal lives rather than immortal lives in heaven. Just like Peter we must take that first step over our fear by trusting in Christ. The peace that comes will be the reason we will continue to take the next step until we desire only one thing Christ! Our fear is a reminder that bravery lends to courage through prayer: “Jesus save me!” He will and you will step out again and again in the face of your fear and ultimately the prayer will be “Jesus I Trust in you” for you know He has saved you over and over again.

What are we afraid of is death and life-eternal only comes through death as a passage of Hope through Courage.

Death of life as we know it; Death to our comfort and freedom; Death to our importance in the work-place; death to our role in the lives of children; death to friendships and health.... These are all real fears and real deaths but they are just a practice for the death of our mortal life and which is evident and can only be conquered in the promise that if we step out into Christ we will step into His perfection forever!!



Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Thomas McGill

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Helen Smith

Divine Mercy Candle:

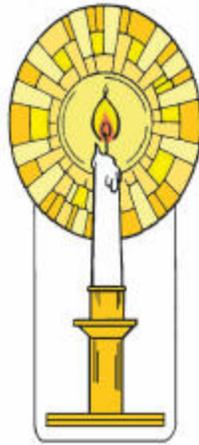
Intentions of Driscoll Family

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Dorothy Johnston

Altar Candles for the Month of January:

In memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy



PARISH NEWS

IN OUR AREA

2020 Offertory Statements. If you wish to receive a 2020 Offertory Statement, please call the Parish Office. We will be happy to send you one . Thank you!

AARP Tax Assistance -St. Agnes Resurrection Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 724-420-3961.

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - will have their monthly meeting on Monday January 25, 2021, at St Agnes, and Resurrection Hall. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, St Elizabeth Ann Seton and St Edwards. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email:



a.borgony@comcast.net or you can check out our website at www.koc.org and join online.

Knights of Columbus would like to Thank you for your generosity for donations this past weekend at Immaculate Conception.

Ash Wednesday - Providing for the safety and welfare of the faithful has necessitated many modifications to our ritual practices. To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, it is not permitted this year to “sign” the faithful with ashes in the customary fashion. Rather, on Ash Wednesday the tradition of being marked with ashes will take place in a different fashion, through a Sprinkling with Ashes.

Sprinkling with Ashes is a custom observed in many countries throughout the world. The minister, using their thumb and index finger, secures a pinch of ashes from the vessel containing the ashes. Without using words, the minister then sprinkles these ashes on the heads of the recipients.

Through this ancient practice we witness to our intention to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days. We join with the whole Church throughout the world in acknowledging our need for continuing conversion. We express our hope and firm conviction that through Christ’s victory over sin and death our tears shall one day be turned to rejoicing.



The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah	3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians	7:29-31
Mark	1:14-20

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy	18:15-20
1 Corinthians	7:32-35
Mark	1:21-28

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for Donald Graham, Jr., whose father Donald Graham, Sr died recently. May he rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share: Sunday Offertory

The Week of December 27, 2020	\$13,581.31
The Week of January 1, 2021	\$18,660.72
The Week of January 10, 2021	\$18,862.80
OSV Online Giving Month of December.....	\$19,834.23

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a specific person call 724-600-5007 or email kstynchula@msn.com

Sunday Mass is aired @ 8:00 am on the “Operation Safe Mode with Father John” YouTube channel.

Reminder that the church is open for private prayer Daily. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Queen of Angels
Catholic School

Angel's Corner

Do you have a school age child? Have you considered our parish school, Queen of Angels Catholic School? From PK 3 to the 8th grade, our school offers a wonderfully warm, faith-based environment staffed with dedicated and highly qualified faculty who educate the whole child. High expectations and high support help to develop each child's unique gifts. Parents like the extended family created by the school community and the personal attention each child receives. The school invites parents to be an active part of the home/school team. Tours will be available virtual in the weeks to come. Also, be sure to check our website at www.queenofangelsch.org for more information. **Please call the school office at 724 978-0144 with any questions**



Around the Diocese

Bishop-elect Kulick Installation and Ordination Mass to be celebrated Feb. 11 The Ordination and Installation Mass for Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be celebrated Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only. However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration, which will be available for viewing on the diocesan website, DioceseofGreensburg.org, our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube Channel. The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) live at 2 p.m. EST. Diocesan coverage of this much-anticipated event will begin at 1 p.m. with special coverage by The Catholic Accent.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offer mass invitation The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all who are unable to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. to pray with them Jan. 29 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Rosary for priests. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick at noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled at the conclusion of Mass until closing prayer and Benediction at 4 p.m. No reservations are needed and you may attend at any time during the day. For more information, call Millie at 724-537-2064.

ST. AGNES MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT PRAYER GATHERING - held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings occur either through Zoom video conferencing or if permitted, in Resurrection Hall. Contact the parish office at 724-863-2626 or Sandy Monier for a zoom conference link or further information, smonier@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Come and encounter the Lord through the scripture and find healing through the Word of God. *One-on-One Grief Support is available upon request. **DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP** - Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Feel like you are living 30 hour days? Come to an informal, faith-based gathering of individuals dealing with the care of their loved one with Dementia. Pray together, share mutual challenges, learn new ways to cope and know that you are not alone! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings occur either through zoom video conferencing or if permitted, in Resurrection Hall. Contact the parish office at 724-863-2626 for more information.

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Diocese of Greensburg schools seek substitute teachers - The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are currently accepting applications for the position of substitute teacher. Qualified candidates will possess a bachelor's degree and obtain all necessary clearances. Submit a current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org, phone: 724-552-2594.

Visitation of the Blessed Mary plans take-out doughnut sale Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mt. Pleasant, will have a take-out doughnut sale from 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 8 in the community center. Doughnuts will be made on those days. Pre-orders must be placed by Jan. 26 for either prune, apricot or raspberry-filled doughnuts by calling 724-547-1911. The doughnuts will be pre-packaged for quick pick up in the community center. Cost of the doughnuts is \$1.50 each. All CDC guidelines in regard to COVID-19 will be followed, including the safe preparation of the doughnuts.

Catholic Charities offers virtual counseling Social distancing can take a toll. So can waiting in line to get into a grocery or hardware store. It's not unusual to feel angry, or frustrated, or confused. For some people, the pandemic restrictions can magnify feelings of anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief and a wide variety of other issues. Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address those issues and more. Taking care of your own emotional well-being is very important to you and the people you love. You don't need to face these feelings alone. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2021 - Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

Antiphon
Alexandre Guilmant

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you;

1. and his right - eous - ness,
2. seek and ye shall find;

1. and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
2. knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.

1.-2. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Karen Lafferty
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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

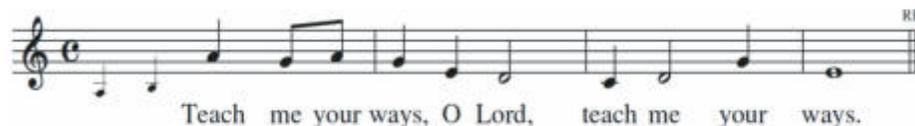
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:
"Set out for the great city of Nineveh,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the LORD'S bidding.
Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;
it took three days to go through it.
Jonah began his journey through the city,
and had gone but a single day's walk announcing,
"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, "
when the people of Nineveh believed God;
they proclaimed a fast
and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.
When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25
Proulx/Gelineau



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,
those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,
those buying as not owning,
those using the world as not using it fully.
For the world in its present form is passing away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

After John had been arrested,
 Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
 "This is the time of fulfillment.
 The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent, and believe in the gospel."
 As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
 he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;
 they were fishermen.
 Jesus said to them,
 "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
 Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
 He walked along a little farther
 and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
 They too were in a boat mending their nets.
 Then he called them.
 So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
 along with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Heritage Mass

Owen Alstott

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come, un-til you come a-gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Make of Our Hands a Throne

Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heav-en,
 make of our hearts a home to hold the ver - y wine of
 life, in this mys - t'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

Steven C. Warner
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

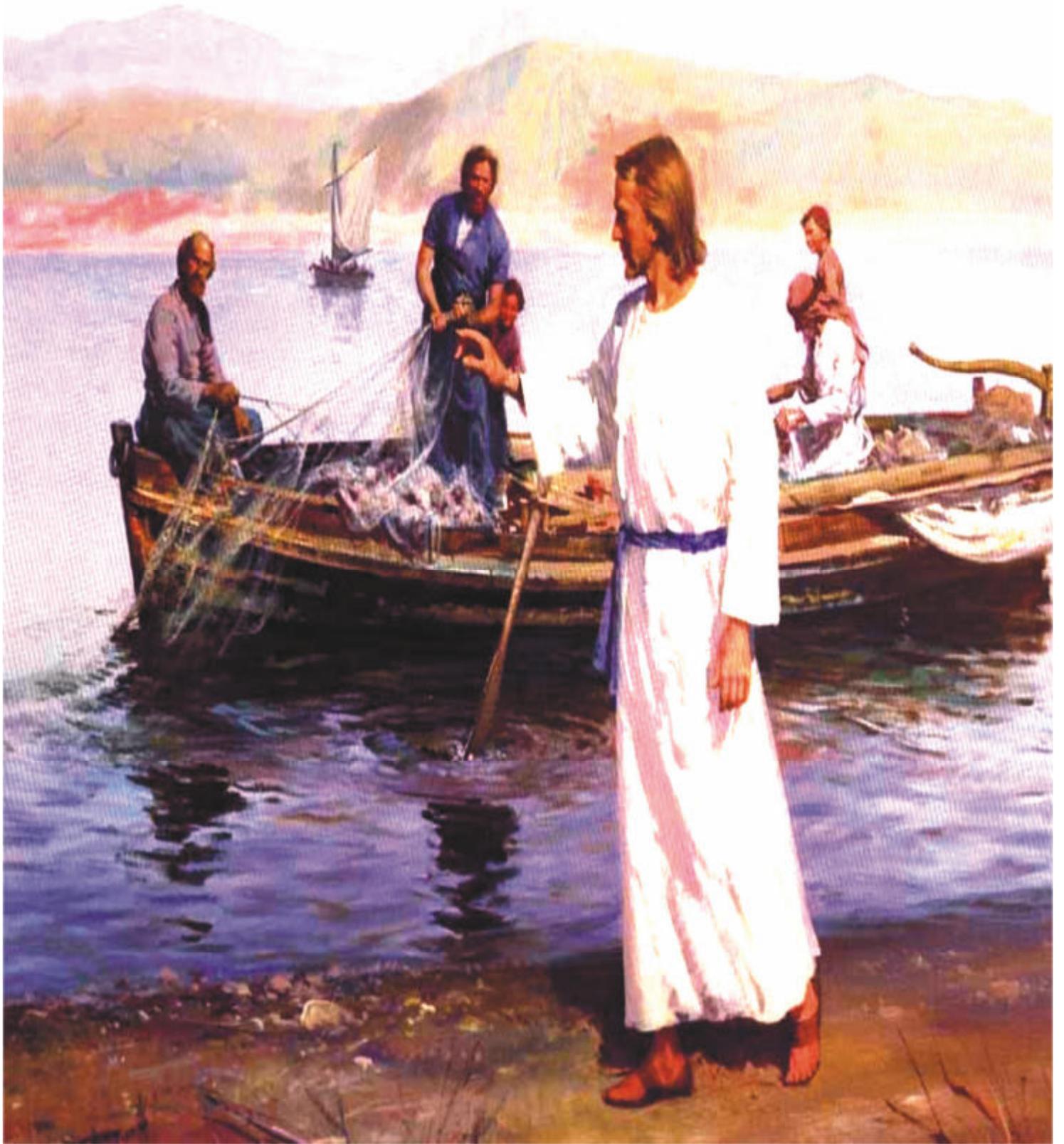
You Walk Along Our Shoreline

1. You walk a - long our shore-line, Where land meets un - known sea.
 2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.
 We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.
 And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,
 Then I will make you fish - ers, But of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by your grace.

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POSTLUDE

Postlude in G
 Charles Villiers Stanford



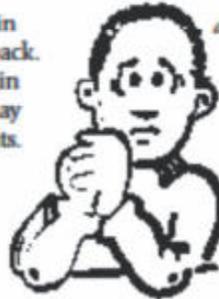
COME
Follow
ME

“What do you want from me, Lord?”

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

Know Him. God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

Love Him. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,



and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

Serve Him. “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he wants from us.

from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God’s authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, “Thus says the Lord...” Instead Jesus said, “I say to you...” He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus’ listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate



man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God’s power and authority isn’t just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, “Jesus is Lord,” then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an “imprimatur” printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an



imprimatur generally means that a bishop’s office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral errors.

It may be accompanied by a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing stands in the way”) which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.

It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God’s infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation in many dioceses this year, Mass attendance or streaming is encouraged.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul’s and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul’s, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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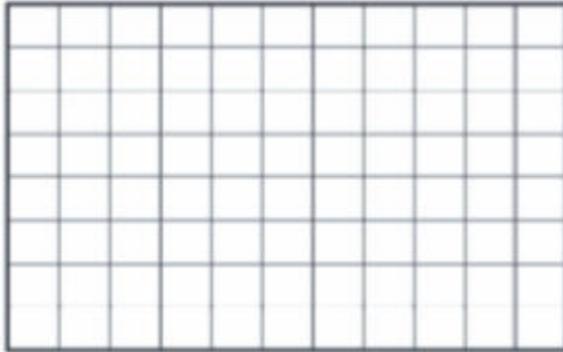
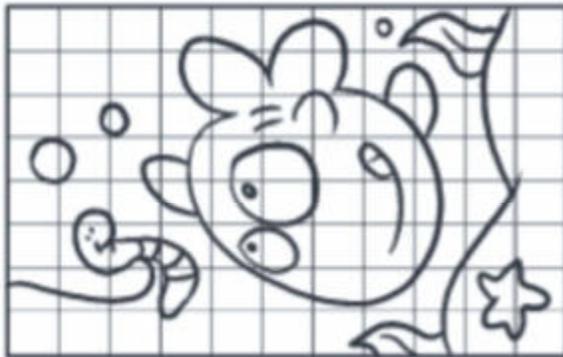
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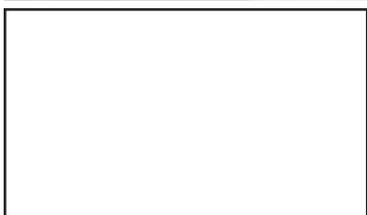
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