



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Psalm 27*

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JAN. 14TH - 15TH, 2023)

Donation	\$4,408.00
Donation Online	\$1,495.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,923.00

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19



Jesús les dijo: "Sígueme y los haré pescadores de hombres". - Mt 4, 19

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - A

### Homily by Father Peter Doan

As Jesus was walking by the lakeside, he called Peter and Andrew, and James and John. It is interesting to note what kind of men they were. They were not men of great scholarship, or influence, or wealth, or social background. They were not poor; they were simple, working people with no great background, and certainly, anyone would have said, with no great future. It was these ordinary men whom Jesus chose. What Jesus needs is ordinary men and women who will give him themselves. He can do anything with people like that.

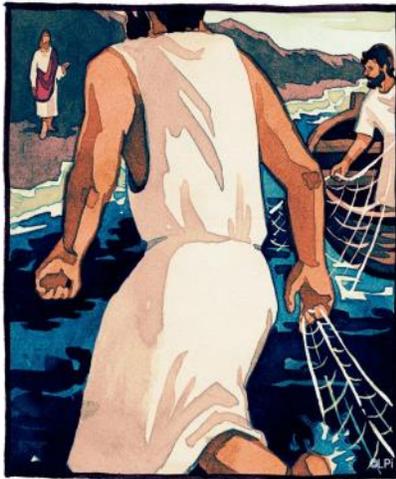
Further, these men were fishermen. It has been pointed out by many scholars that those who are good at fishing must possess these very qualities which will make them equally good at 'catching' people.

- 1.They must have patience. They must learn to wait patiently until the fish will take the bait. If they are restless and quick to move, they will never catch anything. To become good at bringing people in, we will have need of patience. It is but rarely in preaching or in teaching that we will see quick results. We must learn to wait.
- 2.They must have perseverance. They must learn never to be discouraged, but always to try again.
- 3.They must have courage. They must be ready to risk and to face the fury of the sea.
- 4.They must have an eye for the right moment. Through experience, they know that there are times when it is hopeless to fish. They know when to cast and when not to cast.
- 5.They must fit the bait to the fish. One fish will rise to one bait and another to another.

So what can we do to make Jesus' image of "fishing for people" work in a way that is positive for our spiritual life? We can start by noting that fishing in first century Palestine was different than fishing of today. Peter and Andrew did not fish with a hook and a pole. As the gospel clearly says that they used nets which they threw into the sea. Once we include the net as part of the fishing image, its significance changes. It is no longer hooking an individual. It is now gathering things together. This idea of gathering is the usual way fishing is used in the Bible. Jeremiah talks about God as a fisherman who gathers the exiles from Babylon and returns them to their own country. In another place in the gospels, Jesus describes a net thrown into the sea, and all who are gathered by it enter the kingdom of God. So, when we understand the image of fishing in terms of the net, it becomes an invitation towards unity, a call to gather a community, an opportunity to build a church that will witness to the gospel.

This is certainly what is in Paul's mind when he writes to the Corinthians in today's second reading. He says, "I urge you my brothers and sisters that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind, and in the same purpose." Paul wants the Corinthians to see that unity is essential for Christ's disciples. He insists that those who would follow Christ cannot be divided from one another. This is an important message for us because we live in a world that is so polarized that it is easy to become accepting and comfortable with divisions. "I'm not going to talk to him because he hurt my sister. I will not listen to her because she lied to me. I cannot socialize with that person because he does not accept climate change. I cannot interact with her because she is campaigning for this politician or that politician." We use one issue after the other to divide ourselves from each other. We end up living in small, partisan groups in which everyone thinks the same way.

Fishing for people calls us to unity. It asks us to cross over the walls that divide us and find common ground with those who think differently. Today's gospel warns us that we should never become comfortable with being divided. That is not the way that God sees us, and it is not the way that God saves us. God saves us not by hooking us as an individual and reeling us into eternal life, but by gathering us all together into the kingdom, caught up in the saving net of God's love.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

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NEVER MISS  
AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO DO GOOD.

*St. Francis de Sales*



PRAY WITH  
LIGHT  
IN DARKNESS

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali...**" This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left "at once" to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.

"AS MARINERS ARE  
GUIDED INTO PORT BY  
THE SHINING OF A STAR,  
SO CHRISTIANS ARE  
GUIDED TO HEAVEN  
BY MARY."

— SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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