

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people

with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- ✦ *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. George is available through the week during this time. Please contact him by using his cell phone number if immediate assistance is needed. **Francine** - No formal office hours during this time. Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbrieuxparish.ca

COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE:

Dispensation continues for those who are not yet ready to attend Mass. Bulletins are available online only. You are expected to be respectful and follow the guidelines.

Masks are now mandatory.**St. Brieux Parish: Phone-in registrations****(306-275-2043) are being taken on Fridays from 11-2 for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.****Any space left will be on a first come first serve basis.****Our parish is following the 30 person limit.****EVENTS THIS WEEK & UPCOMING EVENTS****Jan. 26-29:** Weekday Masses at 10:00 a.m.**Jan. 29:** Mass Registration from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**Jan. 30:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux**Jan. 31:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Brieux.**Jan. 31:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino**Feb 2-5:** Weekday Masses at 10:00 a.m.**Feb. 6:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux**Feb. 7:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Brieux**Feb. 7:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. In Kinistino

Feb.13&14: 29th World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated during the weekend Masses. If you wish to receive anointing of oils, you are required to register on Friday, Feb. 12th by calling the parish office between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (for St. Brieux Parish). We are only allowed to have 30 people at Mass.

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino and 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux. St. Brieux Parish requires registration for this Mass. Call the parish office on Friday, Feb. 12th from 11-2 to register. 30 people limit

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	For Elizabeth Farthing, on her 1st birthday by Percy & Roseann King
Wed Jan. 27	10:00 a.m.	For the healing of Keith Siermachesky by David & Delores Rheume
Thurs Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.	+Michelle Grace Yeo & +Cecilia Desjardin by Cecile Dyok
Fri Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	+Justo V. Pataueg by Helene Pataueg
Sat. Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	+Faustino J. Miguel by Helene Pataueg
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 31	4:00 p.m.	+Bruce Stephen by the Mike Rybinski family
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Collections**St. Brieux: Jan. 17: \$825.00****Mary, Mother of God: Jan. 17: \$70.00****WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE -**

February 2nd, 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul declaring the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In order to learn more about Consecrated Life, and to pray for those individuals who have been called to this life, and for an increase in Vocations to the Consecrated Life.

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Our Prayer for the Week:

Migrant Mover, you pitched a tent in the desert, walked out to fishing boats, weathered storms, fed crowds without money -- and you ask us to follow you. Show us where our attachment to, and comfort with, our lives keeps us from serving you the way you desire. Draw us into your divine movement, going out to seek all who are searching for you. Amen.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Prayer of the Faithful: For the courage to let God make us uncomfortable as we follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

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Vocation Corner: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say: 'Come, follow Me.'

Prayer: For a prompt and determined response on the part of all men and women called by Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: IT IS NOT UNCOMMON to feel scared if you think God may be calling you to religious life. You may feel unworthy, not good enough, not holy enough, afraid of being rejected. Books like: 'To Save a Thousand Souls' and 'Tuning in to God's Call' can help with these questions.

Live Streamed Celebrations on the Diocese

Website. These celebrations will be live-streamed on Facebook and later that same day at www.padiocese.ca

- January 31, 2021 @ 10:00 am Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- February 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- February 14, 2021 @ 10:00 am Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day
www.clicktopray.org



A pre-Lenten virtual evening with Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ on Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. helping us consider our Lenten Journey... "What are We Hoping For?" (Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday)

For more information contact Christine Taylor at 922-4747 extension 227. To register,

Virtual Bible Study: A virtual Lenten bible study with Christine Taylor and other members of the Evangelization and Catechesis Commission will be offered Thursdays during Lent from February 18 - March 25 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. To register, email catechetics@padiocese.ca

PASSING OF FR. ZBIGNIEW GRABOWSKI

The Diocese of Prince Albert received news of the passing of Fr. Zbigniew Grabowski in Gdansk, Poland on January 19, 2021 at the age of 86 years. Fr. Grabowski was born on October 7, 1934 and was ordained to the priesthood in Poland on October 13, 1957. He was Incardinated to the Diocese of Prince Albert on October 16, 1989 and throughout his ministry faithfully served many parishes and First Nations as well as being the Chaplain at Victoria Hospital and the Herb Bassett home. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Gdansk, Poland on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Have a great week everyone!

Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to gospel—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.



SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BLOCH/WIKIPEDIA

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 25

*Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle*
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday

JANUARY 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops*
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

JANUARY 27

Weekday
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 29

Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 30

Weekday
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 31

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28