

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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January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Jan. 03	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Jan. 10	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Jan. 17	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Jan. 24	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Jan. 31	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed

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Creative Ideas for Building Up your Parish

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A pastor greets a dog and her owner, during the parish's blessing of the animals. The service was celebrated in observance of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. CDS PHOTO: GREGORY A. ...

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Weekly Revenue	
\$761.30	Collection
\$927.50	Canada Helps Website
\$1,688.80	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$142.20	

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.

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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.

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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

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