

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

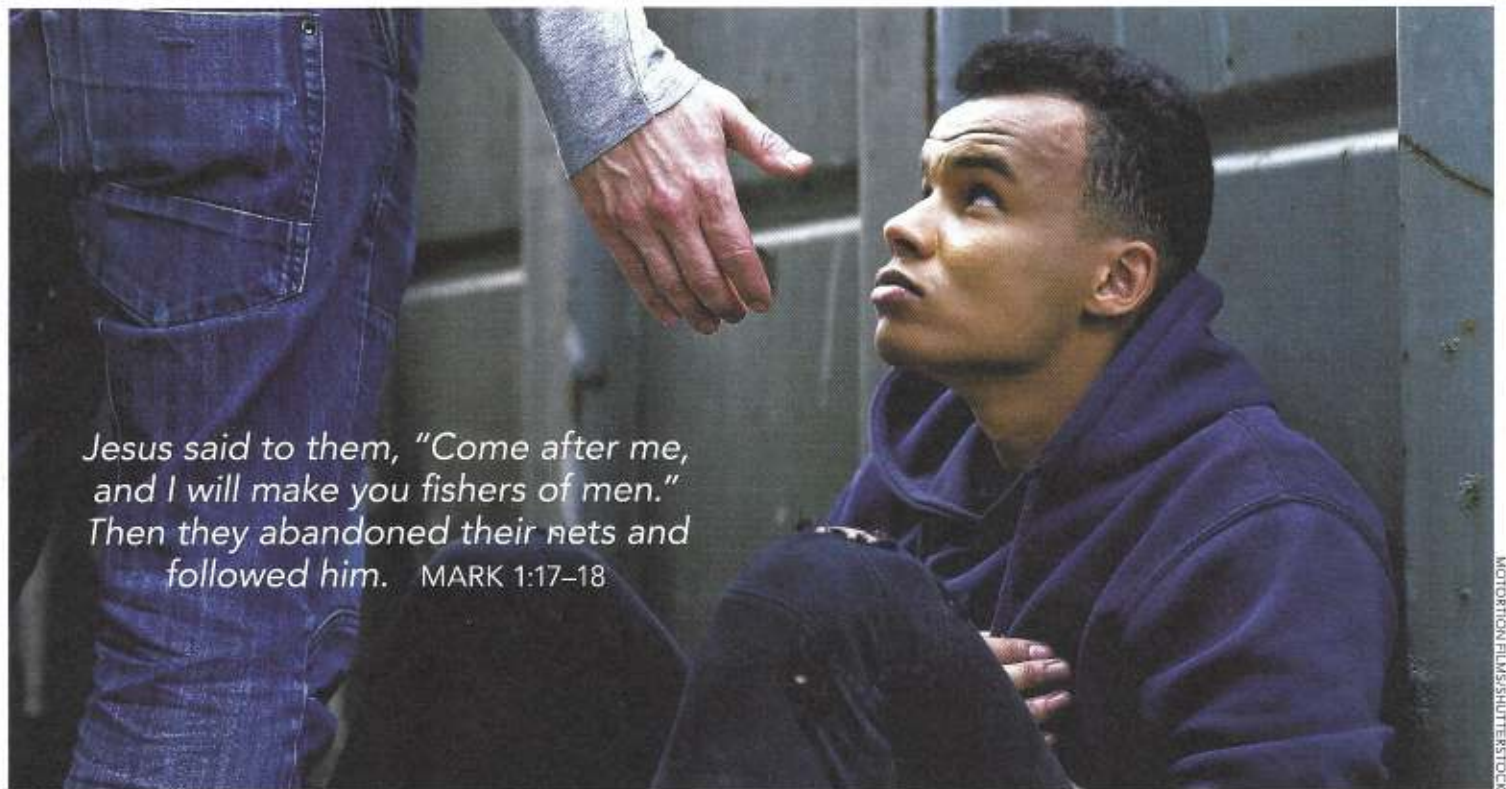
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

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*

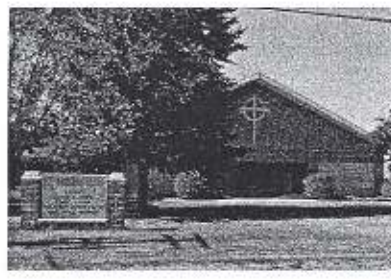
- ✦ *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- ✦ *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



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



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

****Main Office****

Holy Trinity Church & Rectory

212 S. Main St.
PO Box 159

Cherry, IL 61317-0159
Phone: (815) 894-2006

Office Email: HolyTSP@gmail.com

Website: www.bureaucatholic.org

And on Facebook at

"Bureau Catholic Churches".

Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and
Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

Email: frpat.fixsen@gmail.com

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.
Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -
5:30 PM**

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

**St. Patrick Church
(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.
Arlington, IL 61312
Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

Email: JulieHTC@outlook.com

****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of January 25, 2020**

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For
† No Mass

† Father Rookey

Special Intention

† Kathy Slover

† Purgatorial Society

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of January 30-31, 2020**

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

Offered For

† Robert Bellettini

† For The Parishioners

† Dec Memb Tom Hewitt Fam

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$2820.00
St. Patrick - \$3810.00
St. Thomas More - \$2809.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

As We Begin

This New Year

First, I want to thank everyone for their generosity to the churches over the past year! Again I know many are struggling financially. And if you can't give what you would you like, I (we) are still very grateful for your prayers for the churches! And we should pray that things will be better for you this new year!

As we begin this New Year, we need to pray for a better one than the one we just completed. So here is a prayer to pray:

"O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen."

If everybody would pray more this year, we will, with God's help, make our lives easier this new year than it was in the last!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Sat - Feb. 6 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Thomas More Church Hall in the northeast corner of hall.

This Week's Update

As we hear the first reading of Jonah this weekend, it is a great reminder that God listens to those who repent for the evil in the world. Jonah shows what can be done if we truly want to seek God's help. This because we should know that won't He do anything to help us unless we seek His help. For those curious, Nineveh is the modern city Mosul, Iraq and the name Jonah means dove. And a dove is the symbol of peace. And Jonah brought peace from the evil present in Nineveh by getting the people to wear sackcloth and getting the people to fast. So God relented on His destroying the city.

For those who may have missed this last week, I'm leaving it in this week. In the first half of this year, we will have a visit to each of our three churches by our new Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka. The schedule is as follows with the following dates but times are to be determined:

February 23 (Tues) - St. Patrick

May 30 (Sun) - Holy Trinity

June 22 (Tues) - St. Thomas More

This is part of his tour to get to know our parishes and meet the people he will soon shepherd once Bishop Jenky retires.

The Gospel shares Jesus' calling of Simon, Andrew, James and John to be His disciples. Jesus couldn't bring the message of peace to the world by Himself. He needed the Apostles to do that. And He needs us today to do the same through our baptism and love of Jesus Christ. Remember our time with the Lord can greatly help all of us! May God give all of you abundant blessings in this New Year!
Fr. Pat Fixsen

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.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BLOCH/AMSTERDAM

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