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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

February 6, 2022

Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

### And more were added to their number (ACTS 2:47)

At the 11.30am Mass this morning, another five young men and women will go through their Rite of Acceptance as part of their journey to the Catholic Faith. Three are baptized and will proceed to confirmation. They will be called candidates. Two are not baptized and they will receive all three sacraments at Easter next year. They will be called Catechumens. These five will join eleven others already in the Catechumenate.

Providentially, the readings at Mass today are about God's call of different individuals – Isaiah in the first reading, Paul in the second, and the apostles in the Gospel reading, that He called to become “fishers of men” instead of the fishermen they were. In the same way, He is calling these sixteen candidates and catechumens today.

So many Catholics do not experience their faith as a personal call by God. Instead, they see being Catholic is as an obligation to make sure they attend Sunday Mass, follow the rules of the Church and generally be a nice person. Or some happened to be born Catholic and that is what the family did, just a habit or a custom. Our candidates or catechumens are no different. They often see joining the Church almost like joining a club or something to get done because they are marrying a Catholic. That may be where they start but through the RCIA process they come to understand their call as much larger than becoming a member of the Catholic Church. First, it is an invitation to be a child of God. They can call God “Abba” (Daddy) as Paul puts it or as Isaiah puts it, become “God's delight”. How many of us experience our faith as being God's delight? Second, it is a call to discipleship, to carry His cross and follow Him, loving and healing and spreading the Good News like He did.

What is common in the call of Isaiah, Paul and the apostles is that all of them felt unworthy and inadequate. That is how most of us and the candidates and catechumens feel, but there is power in God's call. It is not just an invitation, but the call itself, carries with it the power of God, to transform us and makes us adequate so that with Paul we can say, “Not I but the grace of God that is with me.”

The five inquirers you will meet today are Abdulaziz Al-Said, Marisol Contreras, Roxanne Castillo and Melissa and Fernando Chavez. Give them the Newman welcome.

- Charles Arokiasamy, RCIA Director

### Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.





## Campus Ministry News!

Week of February 6-13

### Young Adults' Bible Study

Join other young adults for a bible study discussion to discover the word of God and grow in your faith together. We meet every Monday at 6:00pm.

### Wednesday Student Night

Join us starting at 6:00pm for our student dinner in Cardinal Newman Hall. Afterwards visit our food pantry and school supplies corner in the Student Lounge.

### Second Collection for Campus Ministry

Thank you all for your generosity in the second collection for our Campus Ministry last weekend. Your gift will help cover important expenses and maintain many of our services we provide for college students. We will continue to have this special collection on the months with a 5th Sunday. We thank you for your generosity and support.

#### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

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We need your help! **Due to the amount of donations that we are receiving, we cannot continue to have the truck unless we have more volunteers.** Volunteers help out once a month (usually the third weekend of the month unless there is a Monday holiday) before and after the Mass of their choice. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer. Have your Sunday contribution, second collection, and / or your special gift donation automatically made weekly or monthly with a credit card. **One can also schedule recurring online donations.** For more information call Carol at 436-3434.

### **Faith, Family & Friends**

All FF&F groups and class sessions will resume on Tuesday, February 8 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Session will meet in the Chapel.

### **Family Life Ministries**

**Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group** meets on Mondays after morning Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

### **Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation**

John Prandini invites you to join in on a series of classes to explore the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present*. During each session, we will view a short educational video on each Sacrament, followed by a discussion and Q&A session. It is open to all parishioners! **Members of the Adult Confirmation program and RCIA are especially invited and welcomed.** Classes are on Tuesday evenings beginning February 8 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. Class dates: February 8, February 15, February 22, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29. No registration or fee is required.

### **Prayer Ministries**

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford.

For information email contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

### **RCIA**

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and eight catechumens in the catechumenate and another five in Inquiry. In two weeks these five inquirers will go through their Rite of Acceptance but have run out of sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you.

It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.



# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, February 6**                      **Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11**

7:30am Mass for Lai Pham                      Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn                      Chapel  
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class (via Zoom)  
 11:30am Mass for Rick Sanchez and RCIA Rite of Acceptance                      Chapel  
 6:30pm Prayer Activity                      Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass                      Chapel

**Monday, February 7**                      **1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56**

8:00am Mass for Kathy Frye                      Chapel  
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study                      Library  
 5:00pm Liturgy Committee Mtg. (via Zoom)  
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study                      St. John XXIII  
 7:00pm Creation Care Team Mtg. (via Zoom)

**Tuesday, February 8**                      **1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13**

8:00am Communion Service                      Chapel  
 12:00pm Christian Meditation                      Community Room  
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends                      CNH & Chapel

**Wednesday, February 9**                      **1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23**

8:00am Mass for Bill and Jeanette Frye                      Chapel  
 6:00pm College Night                      CNH 101  
 6:00pm Scriptural Rosary                      Community Room  
 6:30pm PAIN                      Cafeteria

**Thursday, February 10**                      **1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30**

8:00am Communion Service                      Chapel  
 4:00pm Confessions                      Chapel  
 5:30pm The Hero Within                      CNH 101  
 6:00pm Mass for Maria Elana Ramirez                      Chapel  
 6:30pm Women's Guild                      Cafeteria  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus                      Community Room

**Friday, February 11**                      **1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37**

8:00am Mass for Delfin Nuqui Jr. & Delfin Nuqui Sr.                      Chapel

**Saturday, February 12**                      **1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10**

**Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Sunday**  
 2:00pm Ramirez– Russell Wedding                      Chapel  
 5:00pm Mass for Cara Zamanianpour                      Chapel

**Sunday, February 13**                      **Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26**

**Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Sunday**  
 7:30am Mass for Muriel Wolf                      Chapel  
 9:30am Mass                      Chapel  
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class  
 11:30am Mass for Larry Yost                      Chapel  
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)  
 6:30pm Prayer Activity                      Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass                      Chapel


# January Contributions


2021		2022	
Jan. 3	\$28,062.05	Jan. 2	\$23,472.00
Jan. 10 <b>ACH</b>	\$19,438.31	Jan. 9 <b>ACH</b>	\$25,019.38
Jan. 17 <b>ACH</b>	\$12,113.06	Jan. 16 <b>ACH</b>	\$13,713.42
Jan. 24	\$8,549.00	Jan. 23	\$10,606.27
Jan. 31	\$9,140.55	Jan. 30	\$10,997.75
<b>Jan. Total</b>	<b>\$77,302.97</b>	<b>Jan. Total</b>	<b>\$83,808.82</b>

## Prayers:


- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Elias "Harold" Baptista, Carol Jean Ojeda
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Frances Garcia, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Olivia King, Olivia Arriaga, Abigail Love, Ron Dodds, Donna Lang, Mark Lang, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Piper Linden, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Jennifer Payne, John Schutt, Bobbie Sweeden, Jeff Janzen, Kitty Culleton, Catherine Simone, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas family, Tom & Summer Quiroz Family, Joe Calandri, Rob Hyatt, Danny Hyatt, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon John Supino, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Brittany Baeza, Alma Alba, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, Deacon John Monsma, Michael Ford


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# Creation Care Team Meeting February 7, 2022 7:00PM : Community Garden Planning

Below is the link for the zoom meeting in which Chris De Leon (Manager of Fresno Metro Ministry's Community Gardens) will share with us his ideas for the Community Gardens which he knows the entire parish is committed to. Even if for the first time, please join us for a great chance to get involved with our parish's commitment to Creation Care in 2022!

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Meeting ID: 836 1513 0261 Passcode: nccareteam



Catholic Climate Covenant



St. Paul Catholic Newman Center has been keeping Creation Care as a consistent ministry priority since September 2021. Here are just some of the things we have been promoting, supporting or taking part in since then:

September 1- October 4:	Season of Creation Prayers and Projects throughout the month
September 9	Looking at Social Justice: Fr. Byron Macias on "Creation Care"
September 20	Newman Staff Meeting on "Creation Care/Community Gardens"
September 22	Looking at Social Justice: Chris De Leon on "Community Gardens"
September 22	Zoom Meeting with Creation Care Team
September 24-26	Creek Fire Recovery
September 28	Looking at Social Justice: Mayor Dyer on "Beautify Fresno"
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals three times during the day
November 14	Laudato Si Action Platform launching at all the Masses
November 20	Fall Clean Up Project
December 1	In person and Zoom presentation of our Laudato Si Action Platform Brochure with our Goal for the Year: "Enabling a Sustainable Lifestyle" (Pope Video September 2021) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnQxcFLH7Y8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnQxcFLH7Y8</a>
January 12	Chris De Leon meets with Fr. Byron, Fr. Paul and Jim Grant about his Zoom meeting on Community Gardens (February 7 at 7:00pm)
January 26	Ecumenical Creation Care Teams Meeting at Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno

For more information about our Creation Care Team and how to become involved with Pope Francis' Laudato Si Action Platform, please contact Jim Grant at [jimgrantbc@gmail.com](mailto:jimgrantbc@gmail.com).

Hope to see you on February 7! - Jim

## From Fr. Byron

There's a saying that goes, "The Devil knows your name but he calls you by your sin; but God knows your sin but calls you by your name." The dangerous power of sin is its aftershock: that's when we feel bad, a failure and unworthy of God's love. Yet, Jesus in the Gospel today says it isn't so (Luke 5:1-11). When Peter, after seeing the great miracle of Jesus says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Jesus counters him with four beautiful words. "Do not be afraid." After that, the disciples left everything and followed him. Peter had to leave his scrupulosity behind and embrace the new life Jesus was offering him. God will never call you by your sin; God will always call you by your beautiful name!

### Thank You

Thanks for holding Fr. Paul and myself in prayer this past week as we went on Claretian Retreat. It was good to be reunited with our brothers and to be taken into new dimensions of our vocation and faith.

### World Day Against Human Trafficking

February 8th is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who suffered trafficking and slavery as a child. Hence this day is observed as a day of prayer and awareness against Human Trafficking since 2015. I have heard horrible stories about the many shapes in which the evil of human traffic is shaped I would like to ask you to join me in the following prayer to end human trafficking:

"O God, you created us for yourself.

You entrusted to us all creatures

And you do not admit any misuse of persons and things.

The economy today, driven by the motive of maximum profit, abuses the vulnerable people, especially women and children. People are trafficked and sold.

We pray that with the intercession of Saint Josephine Bakhita,

The world may be set free from such evils;

that everyone may, once again,

experience the love and freedom as your sons and daughters.

Amen"

-Prayer by Fr. Vincent Anesthasiar, CMF

### Preaching Mission

Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to preach a Mission Novena to the League of Saint Jude. The theme is "Women in the Bible and What They Teach Us About Hope". The Claretians brought the devotion to St. Jude to the US in the late 1800's. We are the custodians of the National Shrine of St. Jude and the League of St. Jude. I can tell you one thing: St. Jude's intercession is powerful; during my time there I witnessed many healings and miracles. Pray through his intercession.

If you are interested on being part of the League of St. Jude and have thousands of missionaries praying for you, you can visit <https://shrineofstjude.org>. The mission will be livestreamed on Facebook: @nationalshrineofstjude I will leave on February 11 and will be back on February 20. If you want me to take any intentions or prayers, please write them down and leave them in the office by Thursday, February 10 (or email me), and I will place them by the first class relic of St Jude when I go to the Shrine. Please pray for me and I will hold you all in prayer.

### Saintly Quote

"It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures." – St. André Bessette

## Wheelchair Sunday

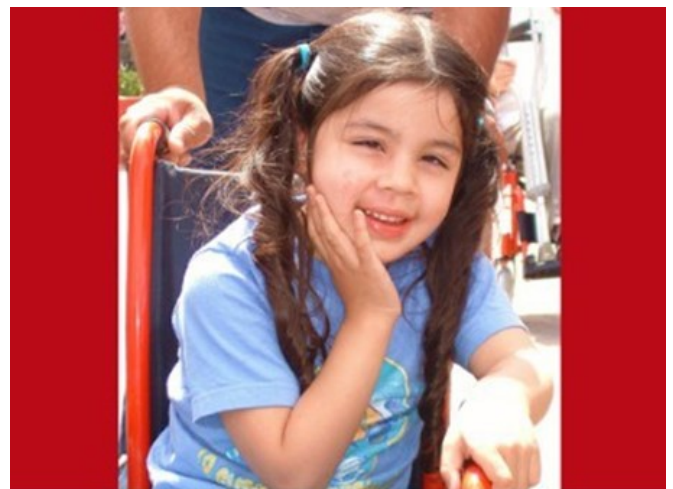
Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them. Pope Francis has continued this tradition, and Friday, February 11 is again World Day of the Sick. Our Knights of Columbus Council 9445 would like to do our part in this much needed charitable work.

The Knights of Columbus have been partners with the American Wheelchair Mission since 2003 under the umbrella of the Global Wheelchair Mission. Through this program, the Knights of Columbus have delivered wheelchairs to destinations worldwide or right here at home to veterans, retired Priests or Religious, and other local needs. Through your generous donations, you can answer the prayers of the poorest of the poor, and our veterans in need, to help them gain mobility, hope and freedom. Each \$150 gift will sponsor and deliver a brand new wheelchair that would retail for over \$500. Your donation will help the Knights change lives in an immediate and tangible way.

The Knights of Columbus Cardinal Newman Council 9445 and Deacon John declare next weekend to be "Wheelchair Sunday" after Masses for Saturday / Sunday, February 12/13, brothers from our Council will be available to accept donations for the wheelchair program in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Veteran receiving a wheelchair at the Long Beach VA Hospital



Martina, 4, Tijuana

## Creation Care Tips

“Jesus said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’”—Luke 5:4

Fish and marine life represent the main protein source for over one billion human beings. However, modern-day fishing techniques are qualified as “over-fishing” which takes a toll on many species, some of which have become endangered. If you have plentiful sources of other protein, consider reducing your consumption of fish and seafood so that those who must rely on it can. When you do purchase fish or seafood, look for the blue MSC certification label (Marine Stewardship Council) or check for the best options by printing out a card from [SeafoodWatch.org](http://SeafoodWatch.org).

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This Sunday’s Gospel has Jesus inviting Peter, James, and John to become fishers of people. God’s Word tells us that they left everything to follow Jesus. Your challenge this week is to reflect on something which you haven’t been able to leave, something which might stand between you and Jesus. It might be a possession; it might be an activity that consumes a lot of your time. Give it up and replace it with giving time or money to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need. Have a conversation with Jesus about why and how you want to be closer to him. And listen for his response.

## Foundations Course for RNs

The Diocese of Fresno is once again offering the Foundations course for RN’s wishing to become certified as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). This course is being offered March 3-6, 2022. Completing the FCN Foundations course will enable an RN to begin and manage a Health Ministry program within their respective parish as well as provide 34 CEU’s. If interested and would like additional information please contact: Roxanna Stevens RN, FCN at [Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org) or 488-7474, ext.108 JoAnn LoForti, RN, FCN at [jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org); or 488-7474, ext. 108.

## Job Opportunity: Parish Administrator (Parish Life Coordinator)

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (SPCNC) seeks a Parish Life Coordinator to manage the operations of our Parish. Our mission is to reach out to and serve college students as well as to serve the faithful who have chosen to be a part of our vibrant parish community. Requires five years’ experience in management including supervising others, and a bachelor’s degree, preferably in management or a related area. For more information visit website [csufnewman.com](http://csufnewman.com) or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

## Secular Franciscans

St. John the Baptist Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites all to Online Contemplative Morning Prayer: Daily from 6:00am to 7:00am.

Liturgy of the Hours is shared on the screen.

Short pauses are observed throughout. 20 minutes of silent prayer after the Liturgy of the Hours.

For Details and to request the Zoom Link, please email or call Everardo Pedraza, OFS at [fct.ofs@gmail.com](mailto:fct.ofs@gmail.com) or 559-230-9736. All are welcome!

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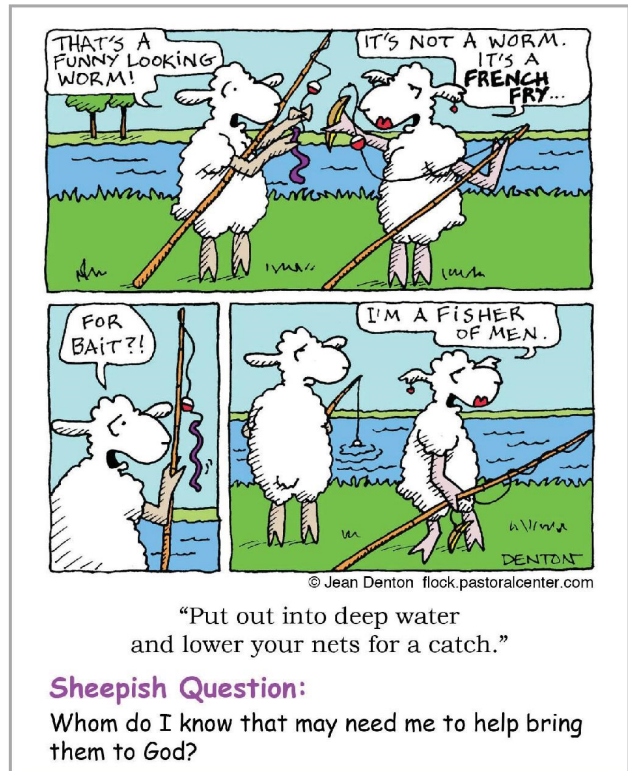
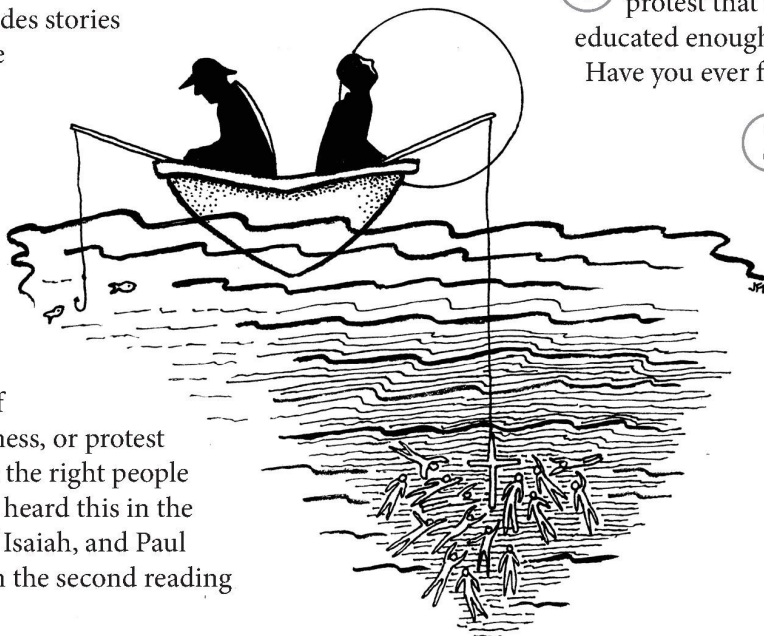
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 - Call of Isaiah
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - Christ's resurrection
- ▶ Luke 5:1-11 - Call of the first disciples

It is still early in Jesus' public life when he stands preaching at the shore of the Lake of Gennesaret (a.k.a. Sea of Galilee). He draws such a big crowd that he climbs into Simon Peter's boat so the people can better see and hear him. We don't know what he was teaching them about, but they seemed transfixed by his words.

We don't know what Peter and his companions were thinking when Jesus invited himself into their boat. But Peter is taken aback when Jesus tells him to go fishing again after he already fished all night with no luck. Maybe there's something about the way that Jesus looks at him that makes Peter decide "Ok, if you say so..." The amazing catch of fish follows, and the realization hits Peter that Jesus is more than just a good speaker. Like Isaiah and Paul in the other readings today, Peter suddenly realizes he is in the presence of God, and he feels "unworthy."

Peter's reaction isn't unusual. The Bible includes stories of many people who were called by God to do a specific task or live a particular way. Usually, these people's first reactions are of fear, unworthiness, or protest that they aren't the right people for the job. We heard this in the first reading of Isaiah, and Paul mentioned it in the second reading today too.



Luckily for us, we get yet another example of God's response to fear with the encouragement "Do not be afraid." That is followed by the assurance that God can use *anyone* to do his good work in the world, no matter how unworthy we might think we are.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 The Bible is full of examples of people who protest that they are too young, too old, not educated enough, etc. to be "called" by God. Have you ever felt this way?
- 2 When have you experienced an "amazing catch of fish" that led you to greater trust in God's care for you?

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