

## The Fish That Didn't Get Away

**W**e 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

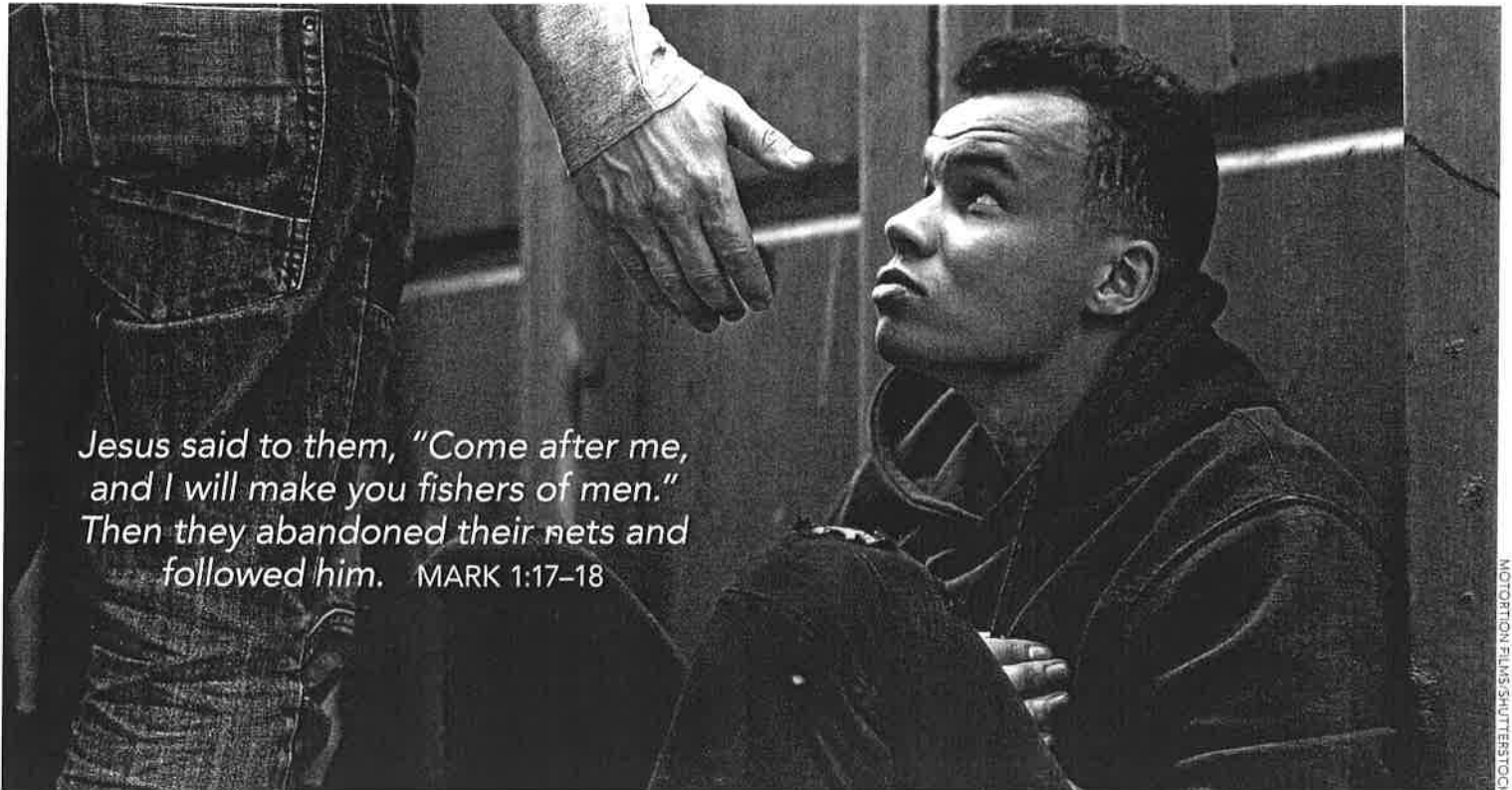
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

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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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

#### Through the Year with St. Joseph:

"Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins' (Mt 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. Lk 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, 'No prophet is to rise' (cf. Jn 7:52) and indeed, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' (cf. Jn 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law (cf. Lk 2:41-50)."

Pope Francis: PATRIS CORDE – With a Father's Heart

We, as Catholic Christians, do not worship the saints. Our worship is only due God. But we honor the saints, imitate their virtues and seek their intercession. St. Alphonsus Liguori said of St. Joseph: "We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can." We pray that we may grow in devotion and greater holiness during this year of St. Joseph!

Fr. Daniel T. Melaba

### Tercer Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

24 de enero, 2021

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

#### A lo largo del año con San José:

"José tuvo el valor de convertirse en el padre legal de Jesús, a quien le dio el nombre revelado por el ángel: 'lamarás su nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados,' (Mt 1:21). Como sabemos, para los pueblos antiguos, dar un nombre a una persona o una cosa, como hizo Adán en el relato del libro del Génesis (cf. 2: 19-20), era establecer una relación.

En el templo, cuarenta días después del nacimiento de Jesús, José y María ofrecieron su hijo al Señor y escucharon con asombro la profecía de Simeón sobre Jesús y su Madre (cf. Lc 2, 22-35). Para proteger a Jesús de Herodes, José habitó como extranjero en Egipto (cf. Mt 2, 13-18). Después de regresar a su propio país, llevó una vida oculta en el pequeño y oscuro pueblo de Nazaret en Galilea, lejos de Belén, su ciudad ancestral, y de Jerusalén y el Templo. De Nazaret se dijo: 'Ningún profeta se levantará' (cf. Jn 7, 52) y, en efecto, '¿Puede salir algo bueno de Nazaret?' (cf. Jn 1, 46). Cuando, durante una peregrinación a Jerusalén, José y María perdieron el rastro del Jesús de doce años, lo buscaron ansiosos y lo encontraron en el Templo, en conversación con los doctores de la Ley (cf. Lc 2, 41)."

Papa Francisco: PATRIS CORDE - Con Corazón de Padre  
Nosotros, como cristianos católicos, no adoramos a los santos. Nuestra adoración solo se debe a Dios. Pero honramos a los santos, imitamos sus virtudes y buscamos su intercesión. San Alfonso de Liguori dijo de San José: "Deberíamos, de hecho, honrar a San José, ya que el Hijo de Dios mismo se complació en honrarlo llamándolo padre ... Si, entonces, el Rey de Reyes se complació en criar Joseph a tan alta dignidad, es justo y obligatorio de nuestra parte esforzarnos por honrarlo tanto como podamos ". ¡Oremos para que podamos crecer en devoción y mayor santidad durante este año de San José!

Fr. Daniel T. Melaba



Word from Pope Francis

"Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others. To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to be a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!"

**Palabra del Papa Francisco**

*"También hoy, en medio de tanta oscuridad, necesitamos ver la luz de la esperanza y ser hombres y mujeres que traigan esperanza a los demás. Proteger la creación, proteger a cada hombre y a toda mujer, mirarlos con ternura y amor, es abrir un horizonte de esperanza; debe ser un eje de luz romper a través de las nubes pesadas; es traer la calidez de la esperanza!"*



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church at 10 am on Wednesday mornings. Come pray with us!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:**

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, and Trisha Pape.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:**

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.

**Hospice is in need of hand wipes. Please call Lillie Morris at 912-281-0310 if you are able to help locate this item. Thanks!**



Council of Catholic Women  
 St. Joseph Catholic Church  
**Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

Ladies, please remember that we are having a Mass said for deceased member Kay Kovach on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. We are asking that all CCW members attend if possible.

We are not having a meeting in January; however, we will be meeting in February on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the social hall. We are having a guest speaker, Sarah Perry Tatum from Campground Ministries, Inc. which originates here in Waycross. Come listen to Sarah give an inspirational talk about raising awareness about children with cancer and the nightmare parents face with having a child with cancer.

Please come say the Rosary with your CCW sisters on Wednesday mornings. Remember prayers for those members of St. Joseph and CCW who are sick and also our Spiritual babies who need our prayers.



## LENT IS COMING! LENT IS COMING! LENT IS COMING!

**BRING IN your PALMS! So that Fr. Dan can “cook them” down to ashes for Ash Wednesday!**

There will be baskets by the door this Sunday and next to collect your used palms ... to prepare for LENT!

**¡VIENE LA CUARESMA! ¡VIENE LA CUARESMA! ¡VIENE LA CUARESMA!**

**¡TRAIGAN sus PALMAS! ¡Para que el P. Dan pueda “cocinarlas” y volverlas cenizas para el Miércoles de Ceniza! ¡Habrá canastas en las puertas el domingo y el próximo para recoger sus palmas usadas...para prepararnos para CUARESMA!**

### Altar Server Meeting

Saturday, February 20, 2021

10:00 am until Noon in the church

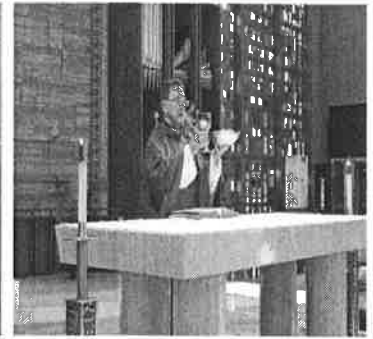
Please plan to attend if you are an Altar Server or would like become an Altar Server. If you have made your First Communion, you are eligible to become an Altar Server.

Please contact Lee Tipps 912-614-8210 if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.



**Votive Candles**

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



**Mass Intention Requests**

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.



**Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530**

### Reunión del servidor Altar

Sábado, 20 de febrero de 2021

10:00 am hasta el mediodía en la iglesia

**Por favor, planee asistir si usted es un servidor Altar o le gustaría convertirse en un servidor Altar.**

**Si ha hecho su Primera Comunión, usted es elegible para convertirse en un Servidor Altar.**

**Comuníquese con Lee Tipps 912-614-8210 si planea asistir o si tiene alguna pregunta.**

## Join us in Reading the Bible in One Year Successfully

**ASCENSION** : The Official 365 Day Reading Plan for *The Bible in a Year*

In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Find out more about *The Bible in a Year* and how to listen at [ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).

### How to Use the Reading Plan:

This reading plan covers the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days. Each day in the podcast, Father Mike Schmitz will read 2 – 3 Scripture passages that coincide with the 12 periods of *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*. The Psalms and Proverbs are spread out throughout the year to provide additional opportunity for prayer, reflection, and practical wisdom.

**Recommendation:** This plan is FREE and the Podcast actually **reads the Bible to you!** Father Mike Schmitz reads the entire Bible in 365 days AND gives a daily brief summary/lesson after each reading. If you set aside 20 – 25 minutes a day to listen to a Podcast, **you will finally reach your goal of reading the entire Bible in a Year!!** If you have any questions or need assistance to sign up, please let me know. Text me at 282-0338 or email me at [tammytheologus@gmail.com](mailto:tammytheologus@gmail.com) and I will be more than happy to assist you. Happy Reading/Listening..... Tammy Theologus

## St. Joseph Offertory

January 17, 2021

Offertory Total	\$2,855.00
Capital Expenditure Fund	\$171.00
Black and Indian Mission Collection	\$384.00

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 136<sup>th</sup> annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support.

*Gracias a todos los que participaron en la 136<sup>a</sup> Colecta anual para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas, el fin de semana pasado. Su apoyo en oración ayuda a muchas personas a conocer a Jesucristo en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska en todos los Estados Unidos. ¡Sin su apoyo no sería posible difundir el Evangelio!*

**The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal will begin this weekend January 23 and 24.** This year the theme is "Steadfast in Faith". Our parish goal is **\$20,050.00**. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



**La Apelación Católica Anual 2021 comenzará este fin de semana el 23 y 24 de enero.** Este año el tema es "Steadfast in Faith". Nuestra meta parroquial es de **\$20,050.00**. Con su ayuda, podemos asegurar el apoyo continuo de muchos programas importantes que ayudan a miles de personas en nuestra diócesis cada año; educación de nuestros hijos y estudiantes de seminario, evangelización e iniciación cristiana, formación continua para nuestro clero y más. Somos bendecidos con mucho; seamos una bendición para los demás.

## Lector Schedule

### January 23, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector- Dave Callaway 5:00 pm Saturday  
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

### January 24, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Barbara Miller 9:00 am Sunday

### January 24, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector-Maribel Rios 12 Noon Sunday

### January 30, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday  
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

### January 31, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Frank Hoffman 9:00 am Sunday

### January 31, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Maria Cruz 12 Noon Sunday

### Mass Intentions for Week of January 23 2021-January 31, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, January 23, 2021-5:00 pm Mass+Ronald Dean Patten & Virginia Dale Odam  
Sunday, January 24, 2021-9:00 am Mass Pro Populo  
Sunday, January 24, 2021-12 Noon Mass H-Jesus Santana  
Monday, January 25, 2021-No Mass  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021-6:00 pm Mass Faith & Discernment Alex Di Luca  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021-5:00 pm Mass H & Special Intention Tom & Julie Acker  
Thursday, January 28, 2021-9:00 am Mass Faith & Special Intention Nicholas & Noah Snider Brothers  
Friday, January 29, 2021-9:00 am Mass Faith & Special Intention Larry Snider & Family  
Saturday, January 30, 2021-5:00 pm Mass+Kay Kovoach  
Sunday, January 31, 2021-9:00 am Mass Pro Populo  
Sunday, January 31 2021-12 Noon Mass No Intention



The Bereavement Committee provided a meal for the family of Glenda Brewington. The Brewington Family was most appreciative of our thoughtfulness in their time of loss.

Beverly De Loach  
Waveleen Wehling  
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# 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?**

**T**hese 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  
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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

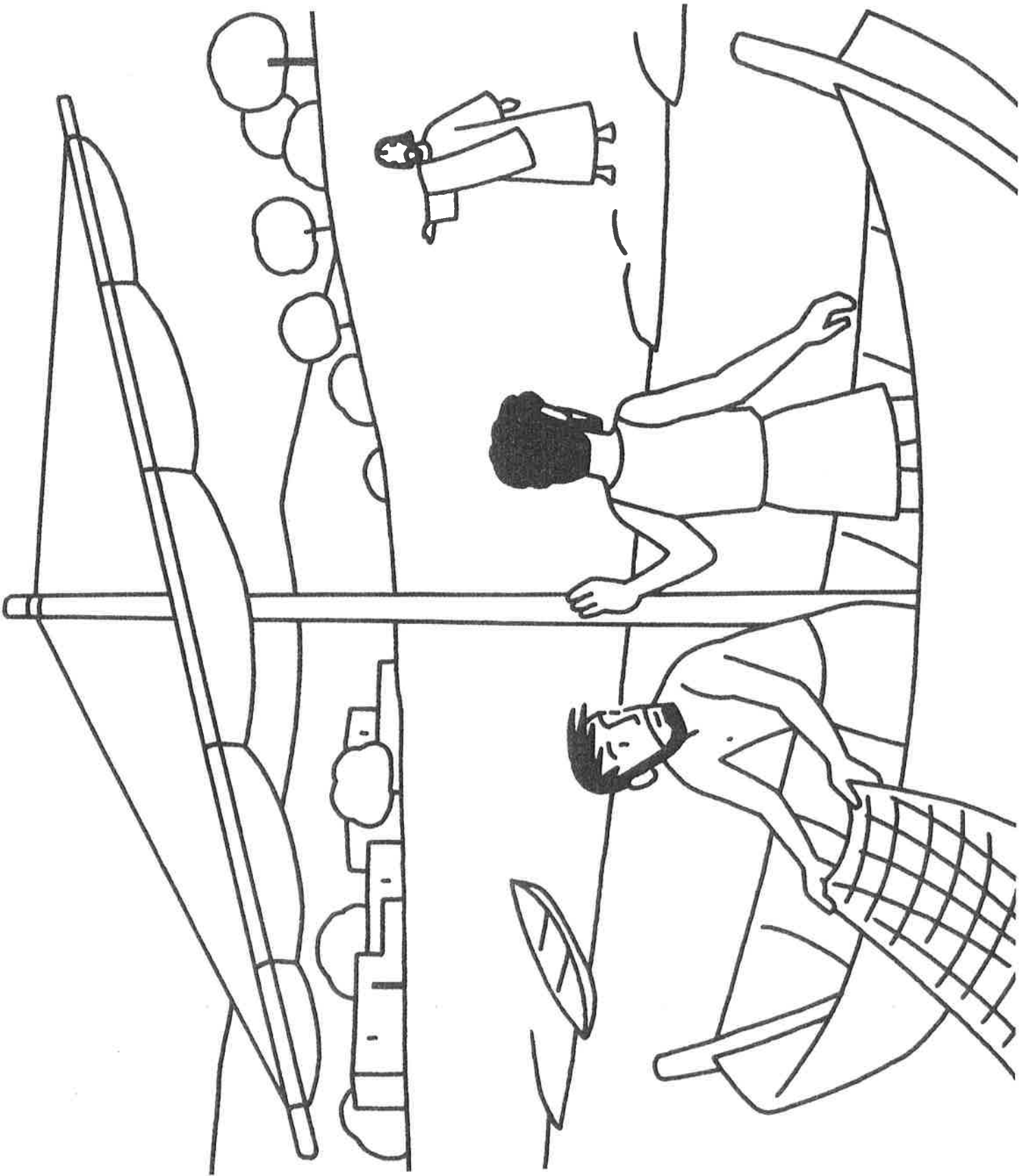
JANUARY 29  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### 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





Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 24, 2021

Jesus saw two fishermen, Andrew and Simon. They were working with their nets on the beach. Jesus called to them: "Andrew, Simon, leave your nets. Come and follow me!"

Based on Mark 1:14-20



My  
Promise  
to Jesus

**This week, I will share my toys with my siblings  
or with a friend who might feel lonely.**



# Love Fast

## Family Lenten Mission Series featuring Gina Bauer, Catholic Speaker

Includes an all-family activity!

3 DATES AND LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

### MACON

Sunday, February 28  
6:15-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic  
Church Parish Hall  
830 Poplar Street

### AUGUSTA

Monday, March 1  
6:30-7:45 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic  
Church  
2607 Lumpkin Road

### SAVANNAH

Tuesday, March 2  
6:15-7:30 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church  
8412 Whitefield Avenue

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