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**Gospel Meditation**

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

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**Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish**

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

**Jan 26 – Feb 1, 2020  
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, January 26 9:00am-Mass**  
 Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*  
**Monday, January 27 4:30pm-Communion Service**  
 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday, January 28 10:00am-Mass**  
 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35  
*Mass Intention for John Dumesnil*  
**Wednesday, January 29 4:30pm-Communion Service**  
 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday, January 30 4:30pm-Communion Service**  
 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14[Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday, January 31 9:30am-Communion Service**  
 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday, February 1 4:30pm-Mass**  
 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41  
*Mass Intention for Cezila Zinnante*  
**Sunday, February 2 9:00am-Mass**  
 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)**



**February 22, 2020 11:00am-5:00pm**

*All who have attended an ACTS Retreat are invited to join us for A Day Celebration in preparation for Lent, building on fellowship and community.*

*Music by the ACTS Community  
 Lunch will be provided.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for: Bill Young, Tricia Young, Rosalind Bonbat, Rebecca Duckworth, Lucy Martin, Irene Johnson, Evelyn Schima, Merle Kuycera, James Parson, John LeJune, Martin Nash, Claudia Nash, Jennifer Bowlin, Norton Leger, Cameron Watson, Steve Tompkins, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

*Repose of the soul: Bill Lawrence, Jr.; Joe Boykin*

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.*

Sun. Jan 26 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am - Mass Adult Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Jan 27 4:30pm-Communion Service	Tues. Jan 28 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Jan 29 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	Thurs. Jan 30 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Jan 31 9:30am-Communion Service	Sat. Feb 1 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
Sun. Feb 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 9:00am - Mass Adult Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Feb 3 4:30pm-Communion Service	Tues. Feb 4 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Feb 5 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	Thurs. Feb 6 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Feb 7 9:30am-Communion Service	Sat. Feb 8 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass

**A VISION for CHRIST**  
 20-20  
**6th-8th Grade Retreat**

**Where: catholic student center  
 Lamar University**

**When: Saturday, February 1, 2020  
 9:30 am-2:30 pm  
 cost: \$10.00**

**Lunch is provided**

Hosted by: The Catholic Student Center  
 College Retreat Team

Contact: Angie Hawkins, 409-719-8389

**Weekly Stewardship**

Jan 18 & Jan 19 Weekly Offering \$ 4,252.30  
 Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00  
 Excess/Deficit \$ 1,100.30

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**Exploring the Catholic Faith**

**Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 pm  
 Family Center**

**The Sacrament of Penance  
 The Act of Contrition**

*Sponsored by the RCIA Team*

**ECUMENICAL DINNER  
 & FAITH SHARING**

**Thursday, February 13th  
 6 pm in the Family Center**

Speaker: Hon. Jacques Blanchette  
 of the First Baptist Church

Complimentary BBQ Dinner

RSVP with your name and the number attending by Monday, February 10, to the church secretary at (409) 283-5367 or to [olopcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olopcc@sbcglobal.net)

**Upcoming Events**

Feb 13: Ecumenical Dinner & Faith Sharing, OLOP Family Center, 6pm  
 Feb 23: King Cake Breakfast, OLOP Family Center, 10am  
 Feb 26: Ash Wednesday