

ST. AGNES PARISH

Stewardship Moment

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Dried Palms

Soon it will be that time of year again, Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. There will be a box in the entryway at both parishes if you want to bring in your old palms. Otherwise burn them at home or mix them in your garden soil.

Last weeks trivia question:

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? Hint: (CUPWKFF)
Counsel, Understanding, Piety, Wisdom, Knowledge, Fortitude & Fear of the Lord

This weeks Trivia question: What are the Seven Deadly Sins:
Hint: (PLAGESC)

<u>St. Agnes Stewardship 1/17</u>	
Adult envelope	\$450.00
Plate	\$ 19.00
<u>Holy Father</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
Total	\$504.00

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OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

Prayer of the Faithful Petitions
That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to "Follow Him" and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

Peter's Pence
This week and next week at both parishes, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Please be generous. For more information, www.peterspence.va/en.html

Real Presence Radio invites you to the annual fundraising banquet in Fargo, ND Monday, February 8th—Delta Hotels by Marriott
Key note speaker-Tim Staples
For more information and to register online at realpresenceradio.com or call 877-795-0122

Mon 1/25 **OLP** **No Mass**
Tue 1/26 OLP 9:00am +Rev. Charles Leute, O.P
Wed. 1/27 OLP 9:00am +Rev. Charles Leute, O.P
Thur 1/28 OLP 9:00:am +Carl DiBrito
Fri 1/29 OLP 9:00am +Rev. Charles Leute, O.P
Sat 1/30 OLP 5:00pm +Carl DiBrito
Sun 1/31 OLP 10:30am for the people

St. Agnes 8:30AM Holy Souls

Holy Hour— Sunday's 3:00pm-4:00pm

OLP STEWARDSHIP 1/17

Adult envelopes	\$1077.00
Plate	\$ 65.00
Votive	\$ 32.00
St. Ann's	\$ 25.00
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Total	\$1199.00

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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

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.

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

