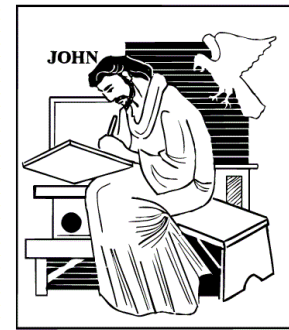
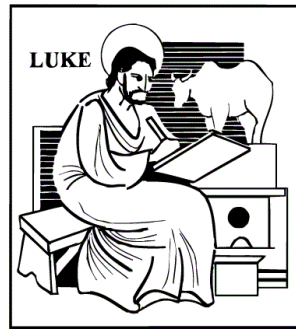
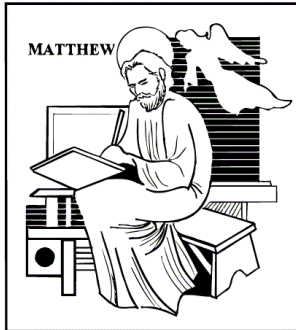


Breaking Open the Word



January 25, 2015 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 68 Gospel [Mk 1:14-20](#)

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Spiritual Reflection: Mark goes out of his way to show us that Simon, Andrew, James and John were not professional religious people like the Pharisees, Scribes, and priests. Rather we see God calling them to do His will at work. How might God be calling you to serve Him at your job?

Spiritual Questions:

1. How might God be calling you to serve Him at your job?
 2. How can you show God to you co-workers?
 3. Why did Jesus choose "common" people and not the religious people of His day?
 4. Do you think Jesus was the first rabbi to surround Himself with ordinary people?
 5. What are the responsibilities of the laity to bring Christ to the world according to the Church?
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