

5TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
✧ YEAR C ✧

ANSWERING THE CALL



READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

- Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 -

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 -

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R:

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R:

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
"Great is the glory of the Lord."

R:

Your right hand saves me.
The Lord will complete what he has done for me; your kindness,
O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R:

SECOND READING

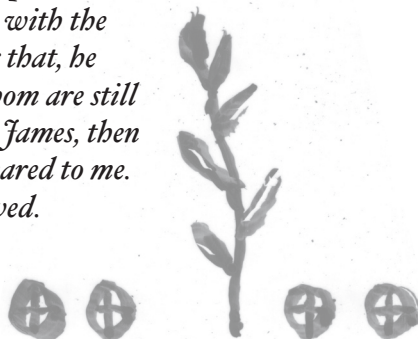
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 -

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

OPTIONAL SHORT FORM

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11 -

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GOSPEL

- Luke 5:1-11 -

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sunday Sunday

OPENING PRAYER

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair,
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how.
Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.
With our hearts you continue to love your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.



LECTIO DIVINA ☩ SACRED READING OF SCRIPTURE

Feel free to take notes on the video reflection in the space below.



LECTIO DIVINA ✠ MEDITATION

How does Simon Peter respond to the miraculous catch of fish?

How does Jesus handle Simon's response?

Simon Peter felt unworthy to answer Jesus' call to discipleship. In what ways have you resisted God's call in the past (or present) because of feeling unworthy or unequipped?

LECTIO DIVINA ✠ PRAYER & RESOLUTION

PRAYER: Prayerfully place yourself in today's Gospel reading. Imagine that you are with Simon Peter on his boat. You have just returned from an exhausting night of fishing without catching anything. But before you can go home and rest, Jesus gets into the boat and tells Peter to put out into the deep. You have heard Jesus' command, but you know that it is very unlikely you will catch any fish—what do you think about this command? Peter asks you to help cast the net. You do so and, against all odds, you pull in a miraculous catch of fish! How do you feel after you see this awesome miracle? What do you think of your previous disbelief? How might this make you approach your relationship with Jesus differently? What might you say to Peter? What might you say to Jesus?

RESOLUTION: Now imagine that after Jesus calls Simon Peter and tells him he will be catching men from now on, Jesus next turns to you. He tells you, "Follow me." In what particular way might Jesus be calling you to follow him more closely this week? Make a resolution that helps you to do that more this week, and ask Jesus for the grace to help you fulfill your resolution.

"He does not ask our worthiness; he asks our openness. I desire my life to be a source of hope for others, a sign that God wills to work out his unique designs in each one of us." —Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Monday

In last Sunday's first reading, the prophet Isaiah confesses that he is "a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips" when he is confronted with the vision of the thrice-holy God. What sins of the lips have you committed—unkind words, gossip, failing to speak up when you should have? Take some time in prayer to ask God for forgiveness, and ask him how you can better dedicate your lips to his service.

"A fountain of life is the mouth of the just,/ but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence."—Proverbs 10:11

Tuesday

Last Sunday's responsorial psalm includes the verses: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,/ for you have heard the words of my mouth;/ in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;/ I will worship at your holy temple/ and give thanks to your name" (Psalm 138:1-2). We worship in the presence of the angels in a particular way at Mass. How can you act on this awareness and live out this psalm?

"Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself."—Pope Benedict XVI

Wednesday

Reread last Sunday’s second reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. According to St. Paul, what are the key points of the Gospel he received and preached? How can you “hold fast” to these key points to keep from “believing in vain”?

“In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word—and he has no more to say... because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All who is his Son.”

—St. John of the Cross

Thursday

Reread the Gospel reading from last Sunday: Luke 5:1-11. Reflect on St. Peter’s response to Jesus, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” Peter is willing to obey Jesus’ command, even though it doesn’t make sense to him. How willing are you to obey God even when the reason or purpose of his command is not immediately obvious to you? What can you do to foster this spirit of obedience?

“The power of obedience! The lake of Gennesareth had denied its fishes to Peter’s nets. A whole night in vain. Then, obedient, he lowered his net again to the water and they caught ‘a huge number of fish.’ Believe me: The miracle is repeated each day.”—St. Josemaria Escriva

Friday

In last Sunday's second reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11), St. Paul emphasizes that the Gospel message he has received and passed on is not his own, but something he received from those in authority, namely the apostles and Jesus himself. Reflect on the importance of the authority of the Gospel message. What do you do when this authority is challenged (either from outside or perhaps by your own doubts or questions)?

“What Christ entrusted to the apostles, they in turn handed on by their preaching and writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to all generations, until Christ returns in glory.”

—CCC 96

Saturday

Last Sunday's first reading ends with Isaiah answering God's call. God has a mission specifically for you—to what is he calling you? Are you ready to say “Here I am, send me”? Why or why not? Take some time in your prayer today to pray for discernment and courage to answer God's call.

“I will attempt day by day to break my will into pieces. I want to do God's holy will, not my own!”—St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows