

# 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

**3RD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES  
JANUARY 24, 2021**



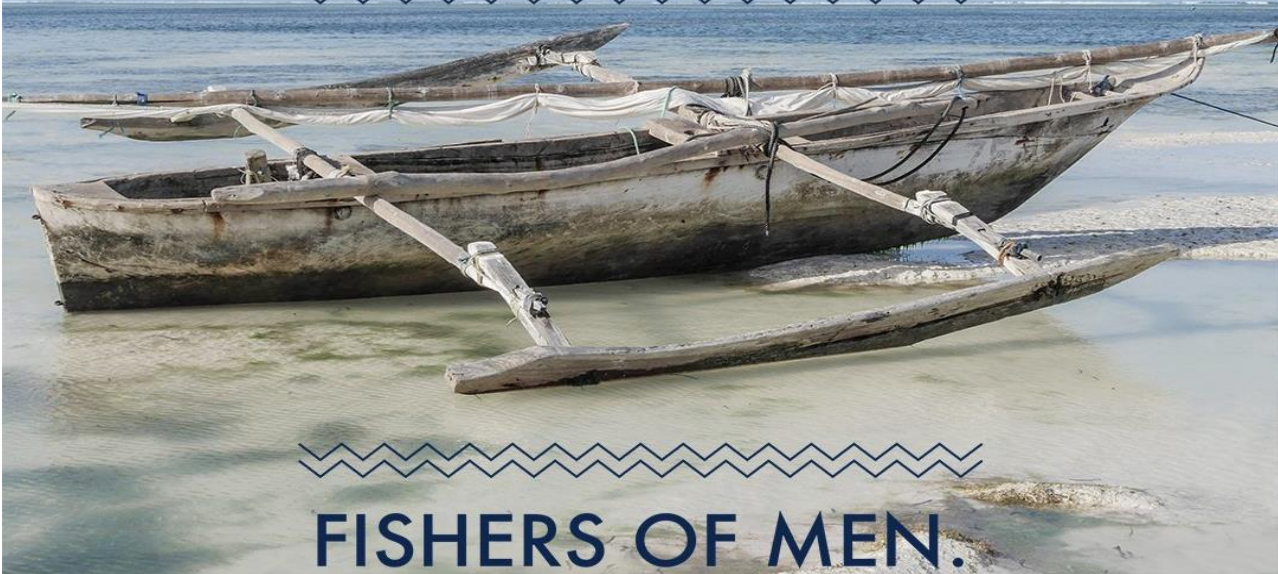
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**FOLLOW ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE YOU**



**FISHERS OF MEN.**

**St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 am Parish

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Int Donor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Int Donor

Wed 6pm Ben

Thurs 8am Mary

Fri 8 am Int Donor

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9 am Parish

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm Int Donor

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Parish family

*From Father David's Desk...*

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## **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.

### ***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.*

**With prayers and blessings  
Fr. David**

### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 43,**

Identifiable: 2,265.00; Loose: \$192.00

Total: \$2,457.00; children: \$16.60.00; A  
CH: \$590.00.

### **OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable**

\$130.00 Loose: \$50.00 Total: \$182.00.

**RCIA:** Thursday at 6pm. Any Question Please contact Sherrie Demello.

**Updating Envelops:** I am updating the weekly envelope numbers and address. Anyone who wants envelopes for 2021, please meet Fr. David to get them. Thanks

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thanks

**Year-end summary:** If you'd like to have a summary of your contributions, please call the office. Thanks for your generous heart.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	John Davis	Page and Samantha	William and Demelo
Sun Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Richard Dunlap		
Sat Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 9 am	Kim Wood		
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

**2021 The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish:** from February on we will have adoration on first Friday from 8:30am to 12pm and 5pm to 9pm. Come and spend an hour with Jesus. There should be one or more in each hour. Please sign up on the sheet.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**K OF C MEETINGS:** There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting after the 9am mass on Sunday. Thanks

**CONFIRMATION IN ST. ANN:** will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am, followed by lunch. There will not be 9am and 6pm mass on that day. Thanks.

**Online learning:** I am trying to do on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
  - Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.
- Thanks.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**  
Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) Mcgill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran , Robin Shampo.