



Small Groups

Parish Community of Saint Helen

Sunday, January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet Week 2

Opening Song: [Follow Me ~ Danielle Rose](#)

Opening Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,

That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me, and be so in me

That every soul I come in contact with

May feel Your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,

So to shine as to be a light to others;

The light, O Jesus will be all from You; none of it will be mine;

It will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise You the way You love best, by shining on those around me.

Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by my example,

By the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,

The evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.

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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.

Reflection Video: [Msgr. Tom's Weekend Message](#)

Discussion Questions

1. What does the Gospel from Sunday tell you about call and response?
2. Different types of fishermen need different skills: sailing, casting, maintaining nets, reading charts, etc. If Jesus asked you to be "fisher of men," what skills could you bring?
3. There are four parts to Jesus' proclamation in verse 15. Carefully think through and explain each part.
 - a. The time is fulfilled
 - b. The kingdom of God is at hand
 - c. Repent
 - d. Believe in the Gospel
4. Take a moment and reflect on your everyday life.
 - a. Where is the kingdom of God throughout your average day?
 - b. How can you work to be more consistently aware of God's kingdom all around you and within you?

Closing Prayer

Ask for the group intentions ~ *Lord hear our prayer* after each

Leader: Lord Jesus,
You call us to come and follow you.

All: **We often respond with enthusiasm,
Only to get discouraged through
The demands and crises of daily life.**

Leader We praise you, God,
For giving us second and third and fourth chances,
For allowing us to begin again. **Amen.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Closing Reflection Song [The Summons ~ Bell](#)