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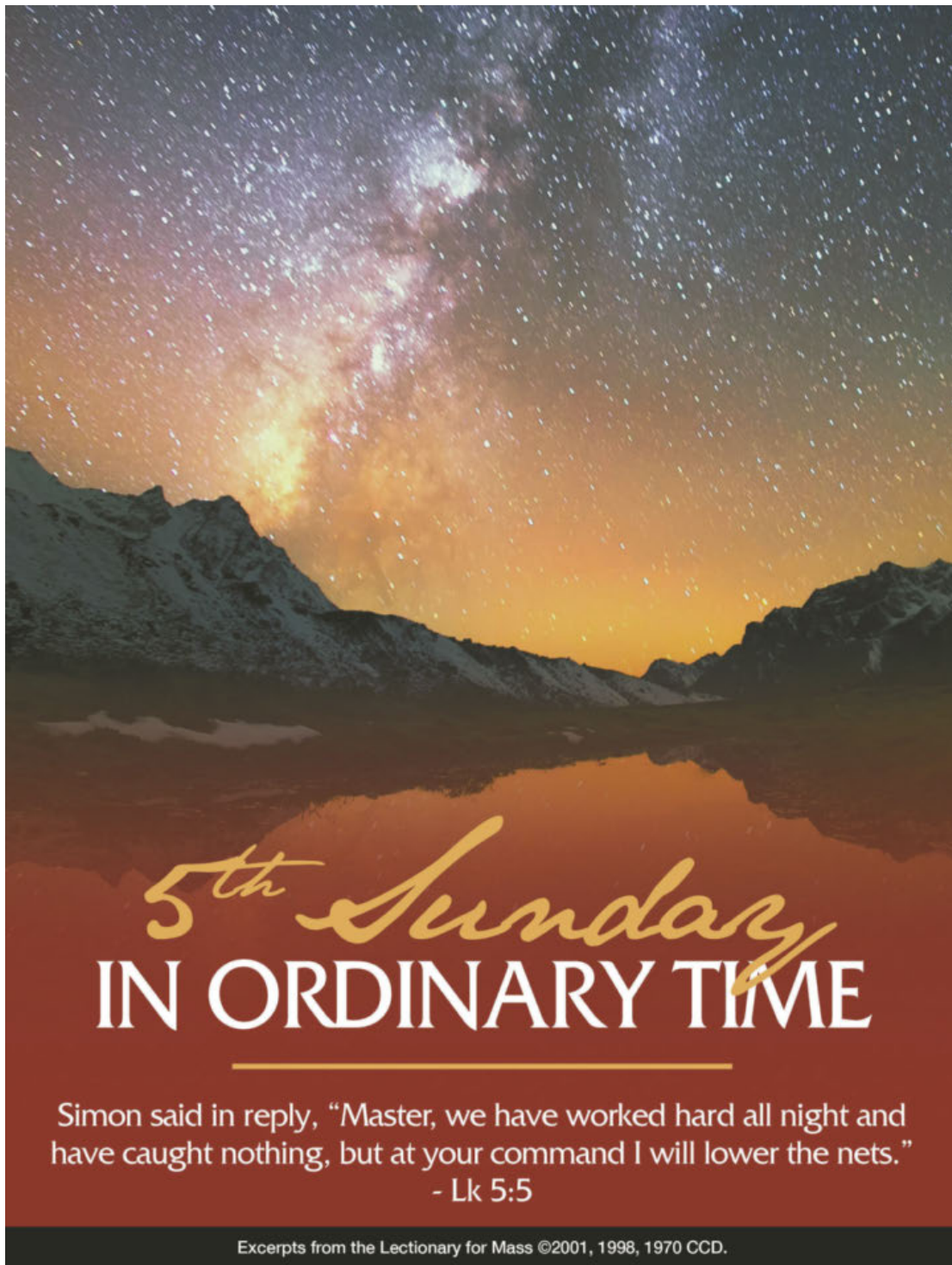


ST. MICHAEL



SACRED HEART

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5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."
- Lk 5:5

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Sunday Readings:

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"
(Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
(Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.
(1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

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.
(Lk 5:10-11)



*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

FEBRUARY 11

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Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday, February 6th: 8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 7:00-7:50 A.M. (C) & 4:00-4:50 P.M. (G)

Monday, February 7th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, February 8th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Wednesday, February 9th: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, February 10th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, February 11th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Reconciliation before 7:00 A.M. Mass Monday; Tuesday; Thursday & Friday

Saturday, February 12th: 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 3:00-3:50 P.M. (P)

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

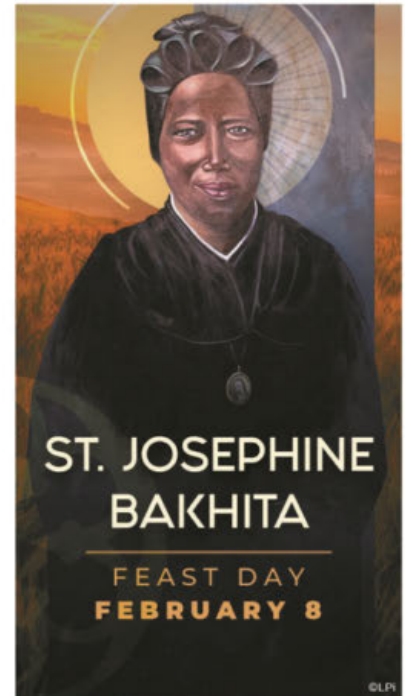
Thursday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust.



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 8

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

For: True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Sunday: For Francis, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, Vincent, our Pastor, Alfred & Sam, our deacons, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Monday: Spirit of meekness and humility.

Tuesday: Spirit of Faith.

Wednesday: Spirit of Charity.

Thursday: Love of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday: For peace within our country.

Saturday: Love of chastity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

- Michaela M. Sisson
- Kristin Sweeney
- Ashley Montz
- Emily Duebler
- Elisabeth Laurent
- Hailey P. Waguespack
- Victoria N. Roussel
- Joyce Gravois
- Raven Brack

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.



Travelling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Host family: Timmy & Harriet Melancon - Feb. 9th-16th

Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family Jan. Feb.6th-12th Geraldine Hoover (St. Michael);

Regina Falcon (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

Those In Need of Our Prayers:

Robert "Bear" Montelius

Braylee Lambert

Damien Powers

Betty Brignac

Cathy Nosacka

Diane Rome

John Lowman

Elsie Batiste

Margaret Pearce

Brenda Richard

Jonathan Zeringue

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

Milton & Elsie Martin - Nelson & Carol Marse (SJ)

Randolph & Elaine Roussel (SH)

Myrrh Poche AC)

Jerry & Arthur Grob (LC)



Flower Memorial-Jerry, Arthur, Charles & Jeanne Grob-(SJ)

"O My Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage."

SAINT BERNADETTE



Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at

562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. **No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.

Throughout The Diocese

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Saturday, February 12, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Magnificat Breakfast

Musician Kitty Cleveland will speak at the prayer breakfast of Magnificat, a ministry for Catholic women, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. – noon, at the Oak Lodge Reception Center, 2834 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge. Tickets are \$22 and can be obtained online at [bit.ly/ MagBRFeb2022](http://bit.ly/MagBRFeb2022) before Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Church in Eastern Europe Special Appeal

The Diocese of Baton Rouge will once again support a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection!

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

Scout Sunday-Mass

Bishop Duca celebrates Scout Sunday with Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.



Sunday, February 13, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

Confirmation

St. Michael & Sacred Heart (G)

**Monday, February 14, 2022,
6:30 P.M.**

Confirmation-St. Joseph (P)

Bishop Duca joins the communities of faith of St. Michael, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Joseph to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferring the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those wishing to deepen their baptismal call!

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILGRIMAGE TO GERMAN AND ALSACE, COMMEMORATING THE TRICENTENNIAL OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GERMAN COAST IN LOUISIANA.

In 2022 we will be celebrating the Tricentennial of the Settlement of the German Coast in 1722. The German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society is sponsoring a trip to Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium & Luxembourg in May of this year to visit the sites, towns, churches, etc. where many of these early settlers of St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes had their roots, where they were baptized and married before coming to Louisiana. It will be an interesting and well-planned trip and Fr. Frank Uter who formerly served on the River road and is descended from many of these early settlers has been invited to participate and celebrate Mass when permitted. Persons wishing more information, details, etc. are invited to contact Seitz Travel at their website www.seitztravel.com by telephoning Cynthia Breaux Seitz at 985-991-6178, or contacting Jay Schexnaydre at jayschex@gmail.com.

Cluster News!

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Adorers Needed

The Adoration Chapel is in need of several Committed Adorers. If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful ministry please contact Jason Amato @ 225-268-6902.

... *So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?*

Matthew 26:40

Al-Anon Weekly Meeting Tuesday @ 4:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart Rectory - use side entrance.

Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. It's meetings are an opportunity for family members to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9th; 6:30 P.M. at the K.C. Home. The evening begins with the recitation of the rosary at 6:30, meal served at 7:00 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Court St. Joseph Catholic Daughters

The next monthly meeting of Court St. Joseph CDA will be on Wednesday, February 9th beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the Chanel Cafeteria. Members are reminded to bring a pantry item for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and to wear your mask in an effort to protect each other.

St. Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 9th @ 6:30 P.M. St. Michael Church Hall

First Reconciliation

For all second grade students attending either St. Peter Chanel, St. Michael; St. Joseph and Most Sacred Heart of Jesus PSR is Thursday, February 10th at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The Reconciliation Service will begin at 6:30 P.M. Parents are asked to have their children there by 6:20. You are invited to attend as a family and offer your prayerful support to the children as they experience God's forgiveness for the first time. The service will begin with prayer and song leading into the Sacrament. Following each child's confession they will have an opportunity to lite a candle which will burn all week as a symbol of God's light in their lives. After the candle is lit they should return to the pew to offer the penance given to them, after which they are free to leave.

A Call To Reflect & Respond

First Reading:

Isaiah eagerly volunteered himself to serve the Lord after seeing God's holy presence. *How open are you to responding to God's call in your life?*

Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel ("good news") tradition he received and taught about Jesus' resurrection appearances. *What do you tell others about your faith in Christ?*

Gospel:

In Luke's account of the call of the first disciples, he focuses almost exclusively on Peter and his interactions with Jesus. *What lessons are we to learn from Luke emphasizing Peter's humility and obedience to Jesus' call?*



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 6, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C)
For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish
10:00 a.m. (P)
For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
5:00 p.m. (G)
For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, February 7, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
M/M John Oubre, Karl Oubre, Blake Lassere,
LJ Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory.
Murna L. Triglione

Tuesday, February 8, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
Blake Lassere

Wednesday, February 9, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)
Pat, Eldess & Daryl Broussard, Raymond Sr. &
William Ledet, Sally Rodriguez, Lawrence &
Delia Lambert, Andy & Rita Deslattes &
Family, Malcolm Fauchoux, Irwin Montz,
Bradley & Jason Bourgeois,
Dennis Paul Matherne, John T. & Elsie Levet,
Myrrh H. Poche, Joan Whitney Gonzales,
Jonathan P. Bourgeois, Joe & Ethel Martin,
Ferrel Bourgeois, Sam & Kathleen Andermann,
Bernice Bourgeois

Thursday, February 10, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
John, Ruth & Joseph (JT) Minvielle,
Myrtis & Ernest Lambert

Friday, February 11, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)
LJ Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory,
Rowena R. Laroze, Lawrence & Delia Lambert,
Richard & Charmaine Zeringue; Jerry, Arthur,
Charles & Jeanne Grob; Alice & LJ Bourgeois, ,
James & Elsie Melancon, LJ Hymel Sr. & Souls
in Purgatory, Darren "Pete" Laroze,
Marcel & Adele Roussel, Genevieve,
Norman & Richard Leonard;
Aaron, Pedro, Rose & Dalton Berthelot

Saturday, February 12, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)
Milton & Elda Keller, Hamilton Roussel Family,
Rita & John Ory Sr. & William Ledet,
Randolph & Elaine Roussel, Doris & George
LeBlanc & Family, Myrrh H. Poche,
Kenny Pham, Lloyd & Joey Poirrier Sr. & Patti
Amato, Ferrell & Derik Millet,
Milton & Elsie Martin, Nolan & Carol Marse,
Hilda & Eusebe Lambert, Verlin Simon

6:00 p.m. (G)
Matthew P. Daigle, Souls in Purgatory,
Clarence Becnel, Allie M. Bourgeois

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night.

With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?

PRAYER

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

MISSION

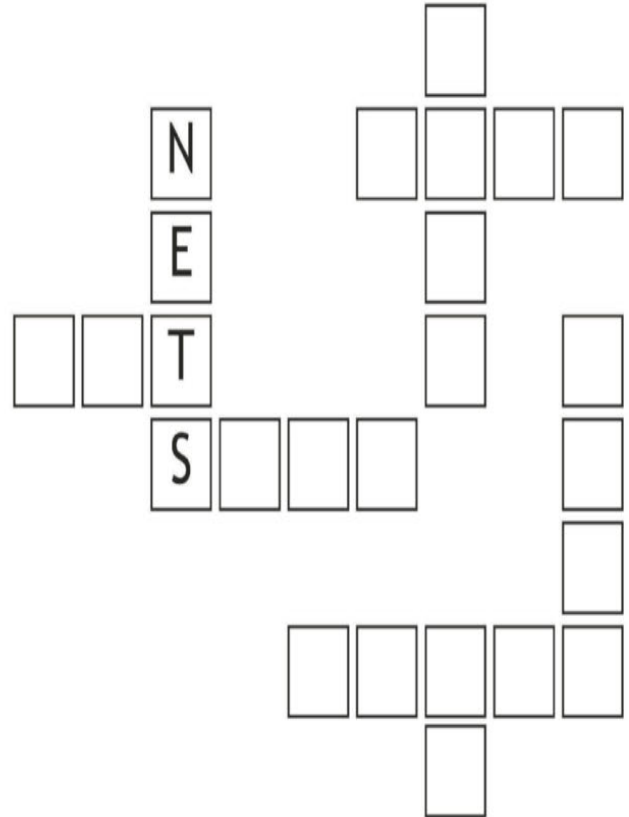
FOR THE WEEK

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.

KIDS CORNER

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares

Let your nets down to catch some fish.



WHY DON'T CATHOLICS ADD THE "FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM ..." PRAYER AT THE END OF THE OUR FATHER LIKE PROTESTANTS DO? WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to



the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it. Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce,


"Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?



Peter's faith and trust is rewarded with the miraculous catch of fishes.

If you want to be fisher of men as a priest or religious, please call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



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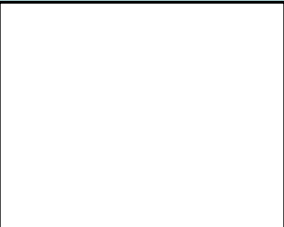


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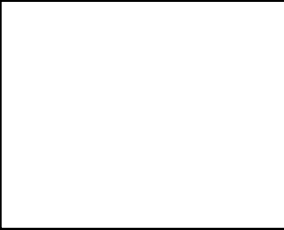




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