


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mark 1:14-20
“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”



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A dark, atmospheric landscape with a winding road and two lakes under a greenish sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a prominent greenish tint to the sky and the water in the lakes. The road curves through the landscape, leading the eye from the foreground towards the background. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

TO YOU I KNOW I'M CALLED

Jesus Calls Four Fishermen

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him.

He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.

Jesus asks us to surrender everything we have to grow in friendship with him.

Let us joyfully respond to God's call and grow in communion with him.

As we follow him, we are asked to love our neighbour, to treat others as we would wish to be treated and to stand up for justice in our work.

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Prayers for the Faithful

In today's gospel we read how Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John, heard Jesus' call and followed him without hesitation. Through our baptism, we too are called to follow Jesus. We pray that we hear that call and live His Word in our daily lives.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools' week, we pray for our schools, for their pupils and for the parents who support them. We pray particularly that the Spirit bless our children and bestow on them a true knowledge and love of God, our Father.

We pray for our teachers that they be encouraged in their mission to help pupils grow into mature adults who can view the world with the love of Jesus and who can understand life as a call to serve God.

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, we ask that you hear our prayers and grant us new life and hope through faith in your infinite love and generosity. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Our Mission

How do you serve God?

