

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2023

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23 (Longer Form) or
Matthew 4:12-17 (Shorter Form)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,
he withdrew to Galilee.

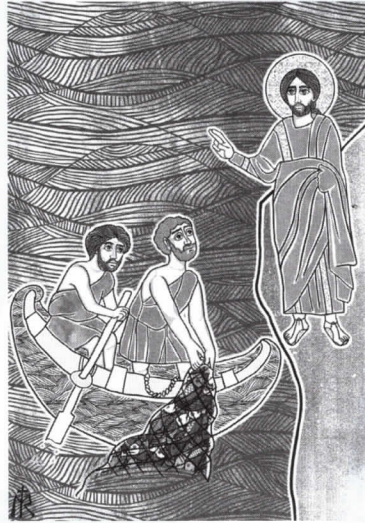
He left Nazareth and went to live in
Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
that what had been said through Isaiah the
prophet
might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who sit in darkness have seen
a great light,
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed
by death
light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and
say,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand.”

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he
saw two brothers,
Simon who is called Peter, and his brother
Andrew,
casting a net into the sea; they were
fishermen.

He said to them,
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men.”
At once they left their nets and followed him.



He walked along from there and saw two other
brothers,
James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother
John.

They were in a boat, with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets.
He called them, and immediately they left
their boat and their father
and followed him.

He went around all of Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming
the gospel of the kingdom,
and curing every disease and illness among
the people.

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 8:23-9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Matt 4:12-23 or
4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4, 5-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10
Ps 40:2 and 4ab,
7-8a, 10, 11
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or
Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10
Mark 4:21-25

Friday

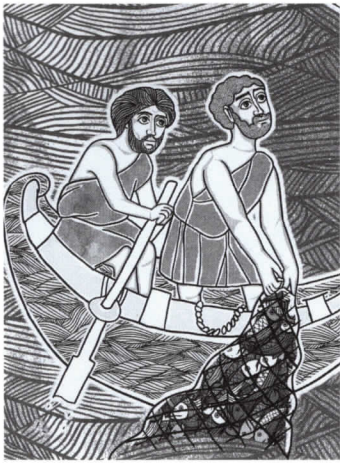
Heb 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-
24, 39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-70,
71-72, 73-75
Mark 4:35-41

4th Sunday in Ord. Time

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9,
9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31
Matt 5:1-12a



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

As he opens his public ministry, Jesus begins to call those who are willing to allow him to rule over their hearts and so spread the reigning presence of God and “make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19). His first call is to four fishermen at the Sea of Galilee, a place of a thriving fishing industry. He sees the brothers, Peter and Andrew, casting their nets into the lake. Casting nets is a labor-intensive job, demanding strength, long hours, unpredictable results, knowledge of what fish to keep and what to toss back (see Matt 4:18-22), and persistent dedication. To such men comes Jesus’s invitation to follow him and use all their skills in a different kind of fishing: fishing for people.

Jesus then calls two other brothers, James and John. They are intent on other activities that are necessary for maintaining a successful fishing business: mending nets that, along with their boats, need to be kept in good repair. Jesus calls, and these two also respond to him. None of these first disciples can stay put. Peter and Andrew leave what appears to be their own established business; James and John disrupt accepted social conventions by leaving their father’s business and family ties.

No matter what our own lifestyle or social situation, as disciples of Jesus we are all called at various times to leave something behind so that we can follow him. We, too, cannot stay put in an immature understanding of Jesus, cannot remain in enterprises that contradict our baptismal calling, or accept social structures that are contrary to the gospel ethic of love and respect for human dignity. Each of us has to name for ourselves, in our own time and place, how we radically turn our hearts to the following of Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You call each one of us by name, just as you did with your first followers. May we fish for people as we remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- This gospel is full of place names, reminding us that Jesus’s ministry happened in a real place. Reflect on the places of your life, those you have called home and those you have left behind. How have they formed you into the disciple you are today?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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Announcements
01/21/23 to 01/22/23

Financials: 01/02/23 – 01/08/23

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$5110.00 Over \$2710.00	
In Church	\$	3930.00
Mail In	\$	150.00
OnLine Giving	\$	1030.00

2nd Collection this weekend for Church in Latin America and Black Indian Missions. Your support will go to help fund programs such as evangelization and catechesis for these missions.

Starting up again is Mass @ Hale Makua Wailuku on Wednesday, January 25th @ 9:30 a.m. Those joining must be vaccinated and wear masks.

Open House @ St. Anthony for all grades, Saturday, January 28th; 9 a.m. to Noon.

9 Days for LIFE – 9 Days Novena started January 19 thru January 27th; Pray to Protect Human Life. If anyone would like to continue to follow the Novena through the nine days the Novena is also available at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2023-9days-print-1.pdf> for downloading. Thank you for your prayers.

Second Collection next weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

Report from Kathy Texeira ~

With the help of 23 volunteers we baked a total of 380 loaves of bread. A BIG MAHALO to all who showed up, some new faces, and some for a few hours. Your time and talent were very much appreciated!

Our Net Profit including miscellaneous donations: \$1,786.66.

Our next bread day is Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Hope to see you there!

Mark your Calendar for Maui Stewardship Day – “IT IS RIGHT AND JUST”, March 4, 2023 @ St. Anthony Church; 8 a.m. to Noon. More information to follow.

Have a Blessed Week!