

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Overview:

Trusting God's plan, surrendering control to Jesus, and actively sharing the Gospel. Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter all encountered God's power, felt unworthy, but responded with faith. We are called to do the same—letting Jesus guide our lives and sharing His message with others.

Main Points:

1. God Calls Us Despite Our Weaknesses:

- Isaiah felt unworthy but responded, "Here I am! Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).
- Paul, once a persecutor, was transformed by grace (1 Corinthians 15:10).
- Peter doubted, but Jesus led him to an abundant catch and a greater mission (Luke 5:10).

2. Trusting God's Plan Over Ours:

- We like having control, but Jesus asks us to follow Him, even when we don't have all the answers.
- When we let Jesus "take the wheel," He leads us to something greater than we imagined.

3. Reading and Sharing the Gospel:

- St. Paul says the Gospel is of "first importance" (1 Corinthians 15:3).
- We can't share what we don't first know—reading Scripture daily helps us grow in faith.
- Sharing the Gospel blesses both us and those we share it with.

4. Mary's Example:

- Mary fully trusted God: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).
- Like her, we are called to bring Christ to others and trust in His guidance.

Action Items:

- **Trust** that God is leading you, even when you don't see the full picture.
- **Read** the Gospel daily to deepen your faith.
- **Share** the message of Jesus with those around you.
- **Pray** for the grace to surrender control and follow God's plan.

Rhyme Summary:

Jesus calls—will we say yes?

He leads us on when we feel the stress.

The Gospel guides us, so read each day,

Then share God's love in what you say.

Like Peter, trust and cast your net,

God's plans are greater—don't forget!

So let Him lead, we don't have full control,

But with Christ in charge, He makes us whole.

Reasons to come to Mass each weekend

Hebrews 10:24-25 - "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Exodus 20:8 - "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Luke 22:19 - "Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

Acts 2:42 - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

John 6:53-54 - "So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.'"

Psalms 122:1 - "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

Additional resources to learn more about God and the Catholic faith

- Check out the resource list available on www.frmerkley.com
- Catholic Answers: <https://www.catholic.com/>
- Word on Fire: <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
- Formed: <https://formed.org/>
- The Coming Home Network: <https://chnetwork.org/>
- Catholic Exchange: <https://catholicexchange.com/>
- Dynamic Catholic: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>
- The Augustine Institute: <https://augustineinstitute.org/>
- Ascension Press: <https://ascensionpress.com/>
- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/>
- The Catholic Company: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/>
- Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/>
- CatholicCulture.org: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>
- The Thomistic Institute: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/>
- Ignatius Press: <https://www.ignatius.com/>
- Catholic Education Resource Center (CERC): <https://www.catholiceducation.org/>