

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Put out into the deep.



Gospel Exegesis: Epiphany on the sea: The story of the miraculous catch of fish described in today's Gospel is similar to the post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus recounted in John 21:4-14. In both accounts, the apostles at first fail to recognize who Jesus is, then receive a revelation of his true identity. This prompts a full confession of Faith from Simon Peter to which Jesus responds by commissioning him as the representative of the disciples. In this sense, both narratives are Epiphanies in which Jesus reveals himself to the world as the Messiah—for Jesus does what only God can do. The point of this story lies, not in the miraculous catch, but in the confession of Peter and his commissioning by Jesus.

The abundance miracle: The miraculous catch of fish is a miracle of abundance and resembles other "abundance" miracles – such as the sending of manna to Israel in the wilderness (Ex 16); the widow's never-empty meal jar and oil jug (1 Kgs 17:8-16); and Elisha's feeding of a hundred men with twenty loaves of bread (2 Kgs 4:42-44).

Later in this same Gospel, we will see Jesus feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish (9:12-17). The Gospel of John reports another abundance miracle, the wine (160-180 gallons!) Jesus supplied at the wedding in Cana (Jn 2:1-11). All these "abundance" miracles have two common characteristics: (1) they meet human needs and (2) they demonstrate God's power. The spiritual outcome of this particular miracle was that the disciples, "left everything and followed [Jesus]" (v. 11).

LIFE MESSAGE

Life Messages: 1) We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness. The Good News of today's Gospel is that our sinfulness – our pride and self-centeredness – does not repel God. Our God is a God Who gives sinners a new start. It is important that we acknowledge our sinfulness. Our response must be modeled on that of the tax collector in the parable: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Lk 18:13). The recognition of our inadequacy and sin is necessary for us, if we are to be willing and able to receive transformation through God's grace. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter teach us that even the greatest person among us stands in need of conversion.

**Say your daily
rosary for peace
in the world**



Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 08 Feb.	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 09 Feb.	Matthew Wilson Susanne	9;30 a 11:00pm
Monday 10 Feb. St. Scholastica, V	Departed Members & in-laws of Banareol Family	10:00am
Tuesday 11 Feb. Our Lady of Lourdes	Thanksgiving	10:00am
Wednesday 12 Feb.	Private intentions	Sacristy
Thursday 13 Feb.	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
Friday 14 Feb. Ss CYRIL AND METHODIUS	Richard Pettifor	6:00pm
Saturday 15 Feb	Souls in Purgatory	6;30pm
Sunday 16 Feb.	Parishioners	9;30am 11am

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.
 Amen

N/B : The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Helena Billis

Mass Offering for 02 Feb---£413.63

Standing orders-----£118.25

Confession is before and after mass or at any convenient time you want. Arrange with the Parish Priest

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke