

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all doing well. It was so uplifting to see that beautiful scenery with the snow storm on the weekend. I can imagine some of your children enjoyed making snowmen! I know I have re-discovered the joy of outdoor skating and tobogganing this winter, something that I probably would have passed on in 'normal' times.

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, continuing to remind us to follow God's wishes in all we do
- For world leaders that they act and make decisions keeping in mind the good of all people
- For people who are feeling nervous or anxious, may they be granted peace
- For our parish community that we open our ears and hearts to bring God's love to others

The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang and cover the chapter in their work book. If you have been keeping up with the weekly lessons, that is great. If you have fallen behind, don't worry... it is never too late to put in a bit more time to catch up. I will be collecting the duo tangs in the Spring.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 11
- Level Two – Chapter 21
- Level Three – Chapter 16
- Level Four – Chapter 19
- Level Five – Chapter 18
- Level Six – Chapter 18

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-01-24>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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PETER *Walks on Water*

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21 ♦

RHYTHM STORY

Simon was a fisherman,
a loud, outspoken guy.
But he left his net, his boat, his fish
when Jesus happened by.

“Come follow me,” said Jesus.
“I’ll even change your name.”
“You’ll be my rock of faith,” he said.
Peter never was the same.

He learned to fish for people.
He stayed close by Jesus’ side.
“My faith in you,” said Peter
“can never be denied.”

“I can even walk on water.
Watch and tell me what you think!”
But he took his eyes off Jesus.
“Master help me or I’ll sink!”

No Peter wasn’t perfect.
He was just like you and me.
But Jesus looked past Peter’s faults
and saw who he could be.

So when we follow Jesus
though we might not change our name,
we will learn to fish for people,
and we’ll never be the same.

"Leave Our Jobs? For What?"

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - Conversion of Ninevah
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 - Encouragement within a hostile world
- ▶ Mark 1:14-20 - Call of the first disciples

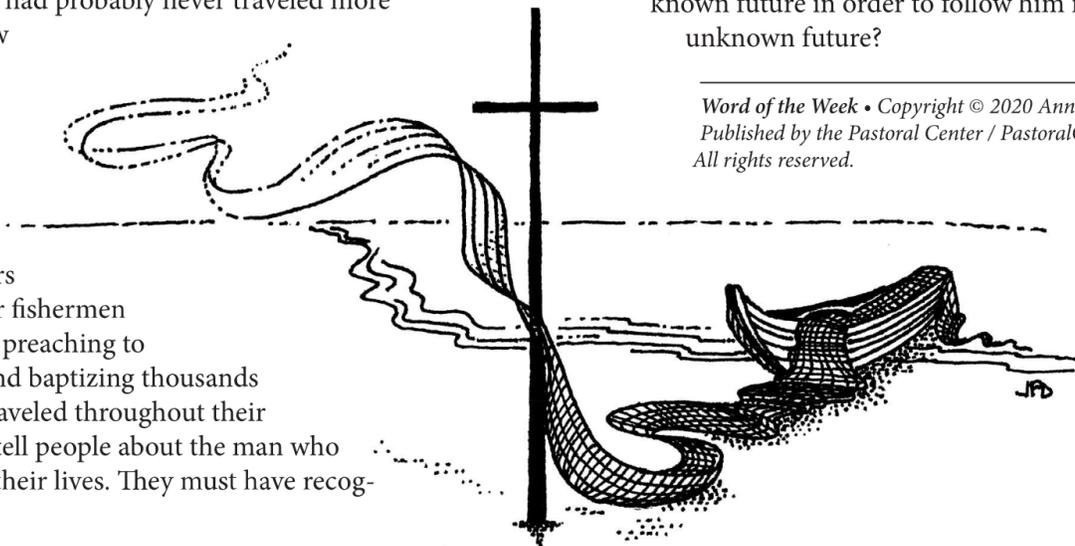
The fishermen who are called by Jesus in this reading knew a life of hardship. They probably could not read or write. They did hard physical labor over long hours to just get by, probably following in the footsteps of their fathers and grandfathers who had always done the same work. When the fishing was good, they could sell the extra fish to provide for their families' needs. When the fish weren't biting, they needed every last one to feed their families. There weren't ways to get ahead in life. They lived under the brutal Roman Empire that occupied their country and ate up extra income with unfair taxes.

Then Jesus came along and invited Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. What is it that made them willing to go without hesitation? They were living a hard life, but at least it was a known life. Joining Jesus to become "fishers of people" would have made no sense at all to most people.

We'll never know the thoughts racing around their minds that day—the day their lives changed in ways they never could have imagined. Up until then they had probably never traveled more than a few

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from
their
homes.

Yet
within
a few years
these four fishermen
would be preaching to
crowds and baptizing thousands
as they traveled throughout their
world to tell people about the man who
changed their lives. They must have recog-



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"The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe the gospel."

Sheepish Question:

When do I need courage to fully believe and live by God's way?

nized something very special about Jesus to agree to follow him.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you know anyone who made a life-changing decision so radical that no one saw it coming? Why do you think that person had the courage to change?
- 2 What words would you need to hear from Jesus to convince you to give up a known future in order to follow him into an unknown future?

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