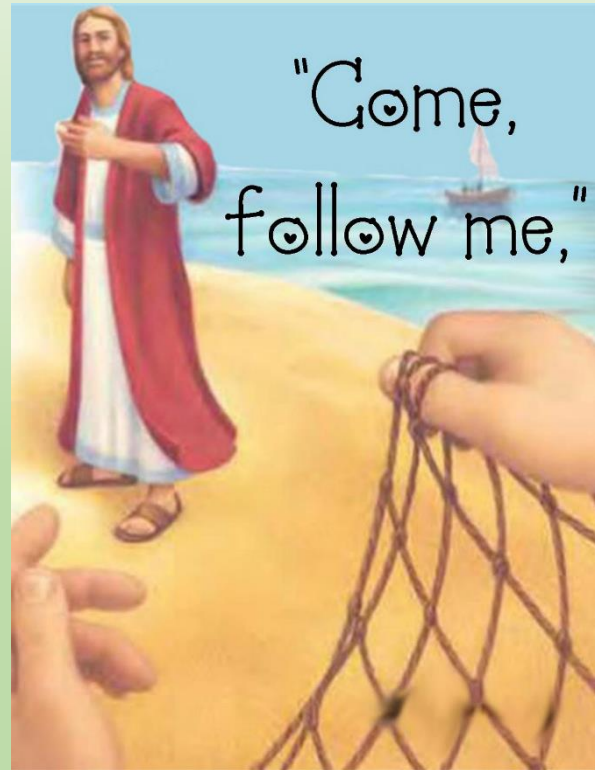


Getting Ready for Sunday!



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:12-23



Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

We celebrated Jesus baptism at the end of the Christmas season.

Once Jesus was baptised He set about His mission to-

- **share the Good News of God's love for every one**
- **heal those who were hurt**
- **share with those who were hungry**
- **stand up for what was right**
- **call people to follow Him so that they could share in His mission**
- **built community**
- **Encouraged people to REPENT (to change so that they could become their best selves!)**

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is near at hand.

God is closer to us that we realise!

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



He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

Jesus was telling the people that He is HERE- God is among us! The promise that God would come among us has come about. Are YOU listening?
Jesus is HERE NOW!



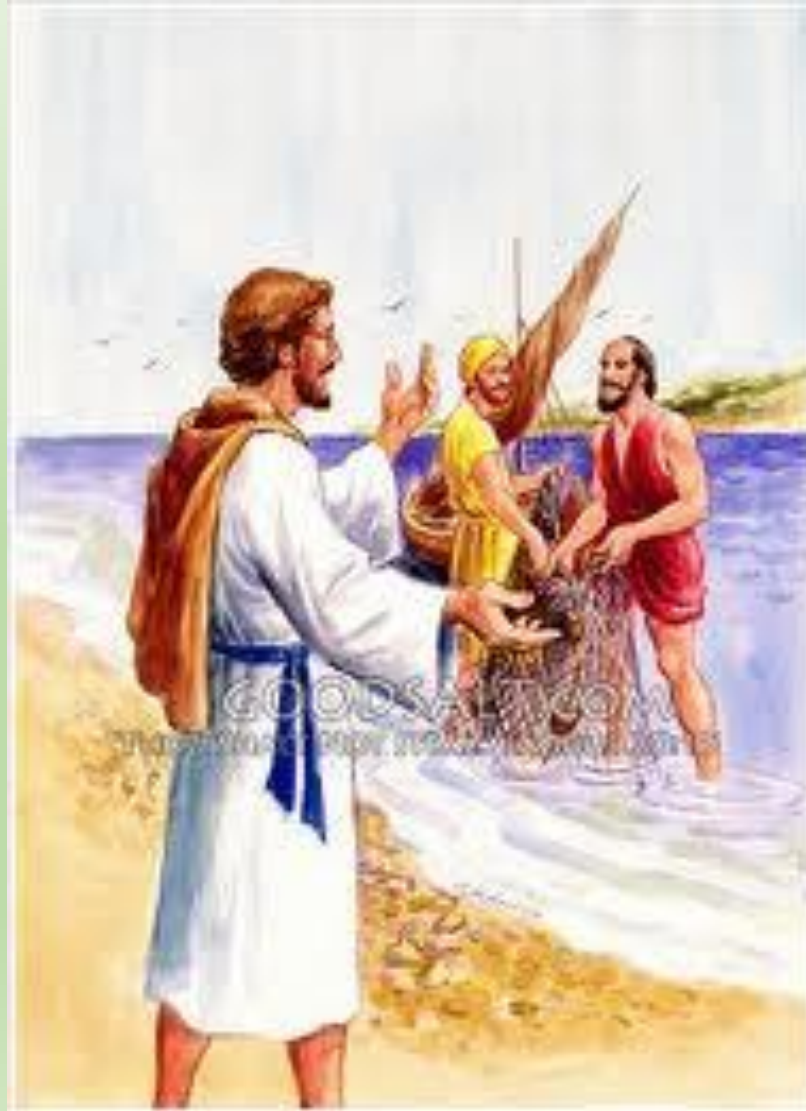
From that time Jesus began to proclaim:

***Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near.***

**Jesus is calling us
to change our ways
so that we can
become more
loving and follow
God more closely!**



As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

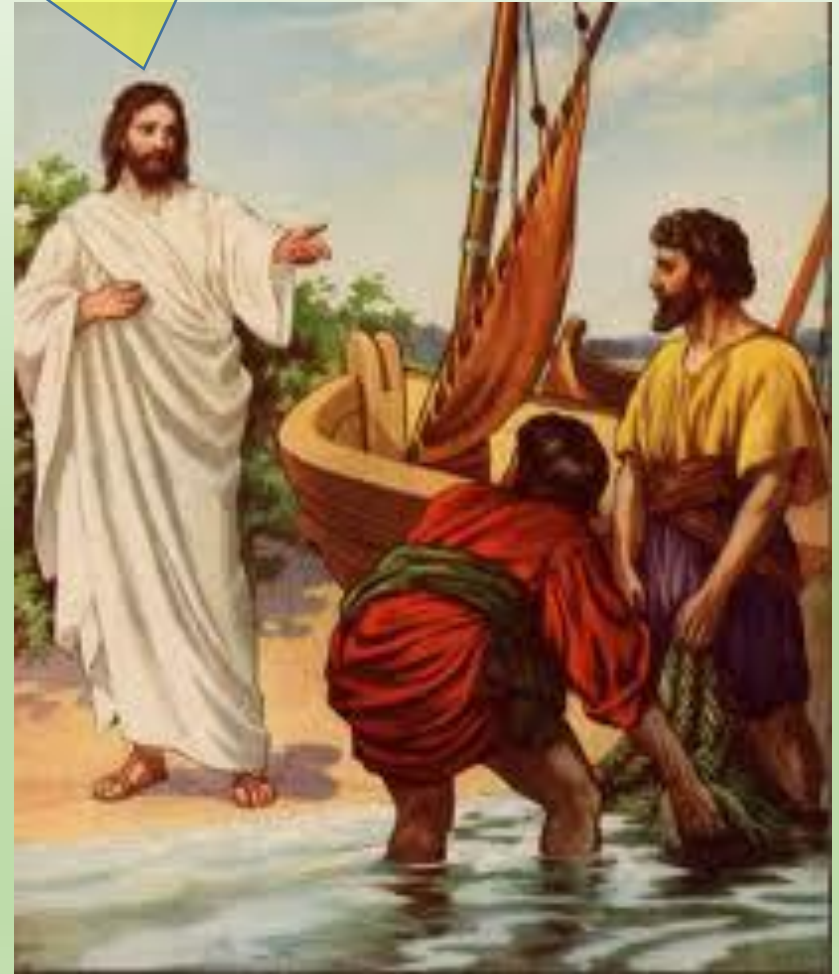


And he said to them:

***Follow me, and I will make you fish
for people.***

**When Jesus called Peter and
Andrew, they followed Him
IMMEDIATELY!
They didn't say to Him that
they would follow later,
tomorrow or when they felt
like it!**

Jesus is calling **YOU today!
What is Jesus calling you to
do or be today?**



Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

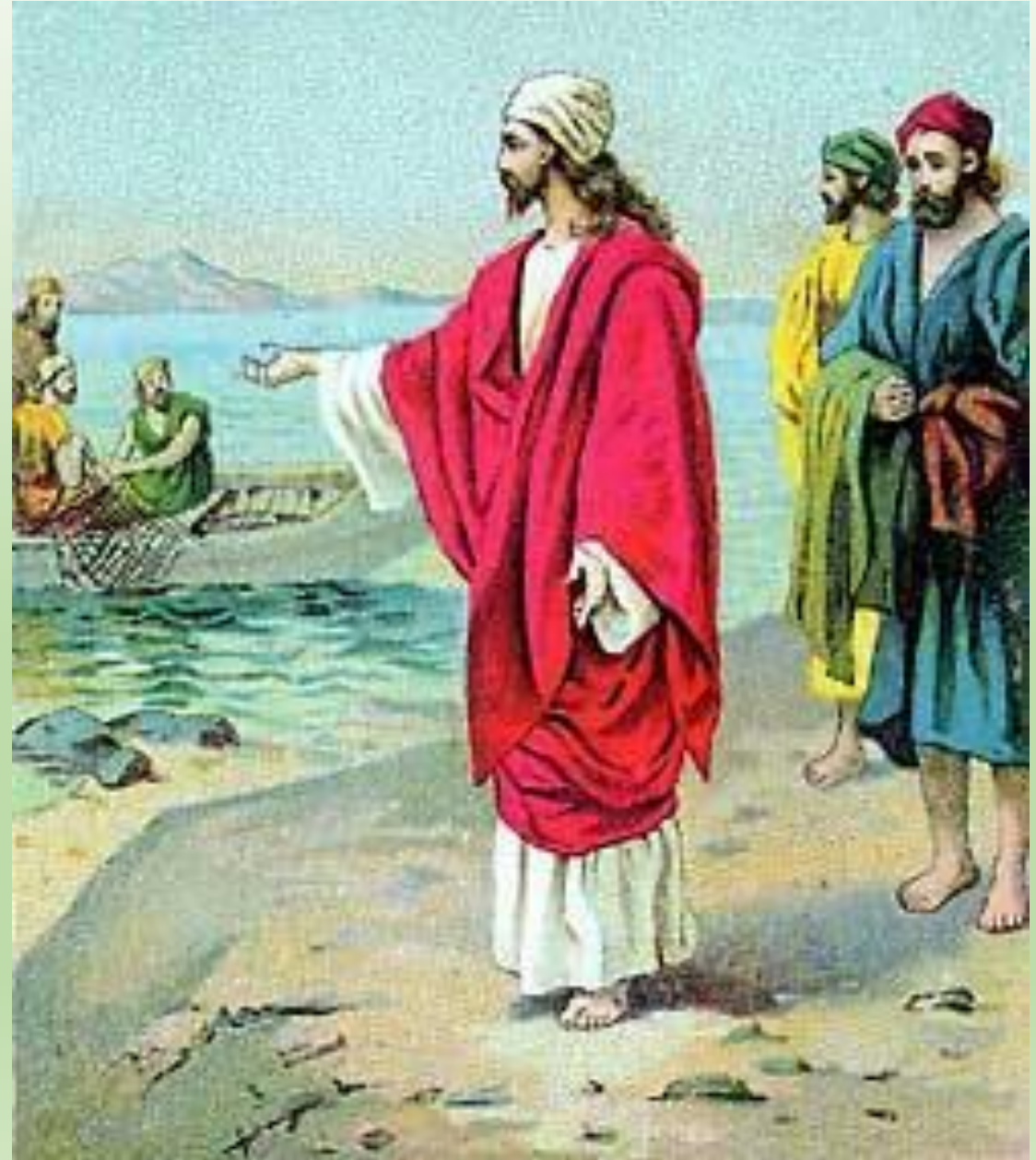
As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.



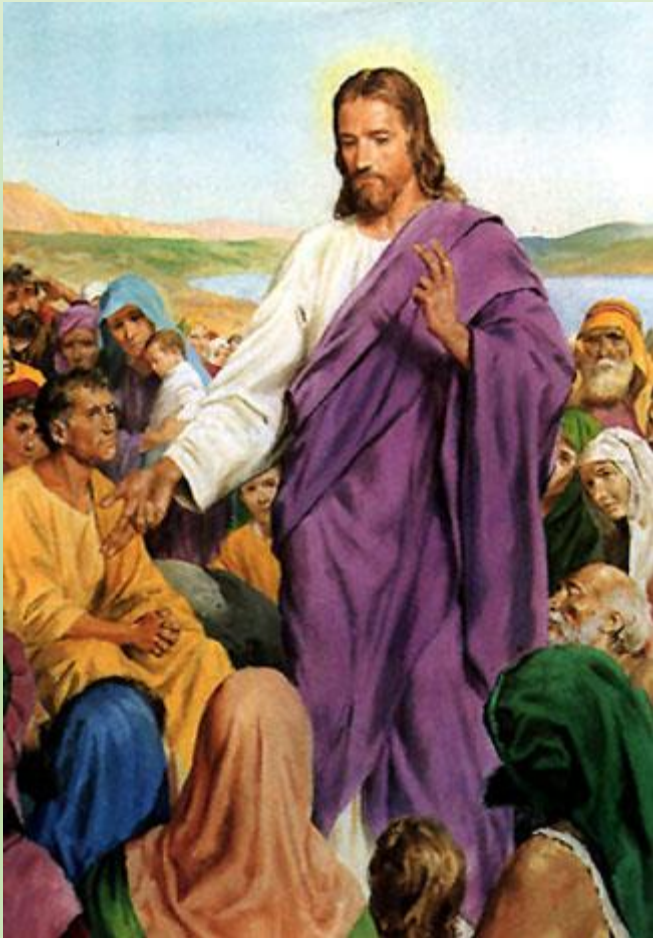
Immediately they left the boat and their father,
and followed him.

The fishermen changed their ways so that they were free to follow Jesus! They had to let go of the way they were living as fishermen and trust God!

What is holding you back from following Jesus and living a more selfless and loving life nourished by the Eucharist?



Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Jesus talked about God, healed those who were hurt, helped people in need once He was baptised!

What does this tell us that we need to do because we are baptised and have chosen to follow Jesus?

Activity in preparation for Mass on Sunday

Draw a picture of the Gospel story about Jesus calling the fishermen to follow Him.

Draw yourself into the picture as one of the people whom He is calling today.

You might prefer to colour one of the pictures on the website instead.

Bring that picture with you to Mass and leave in front of the altar during Mass.

Bring it home afterwards and put it up where you can see it for the week.



Bible Search

Read **Matthew 4:12-23** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



What is God calling you to let go of today?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to hear God calling you.

