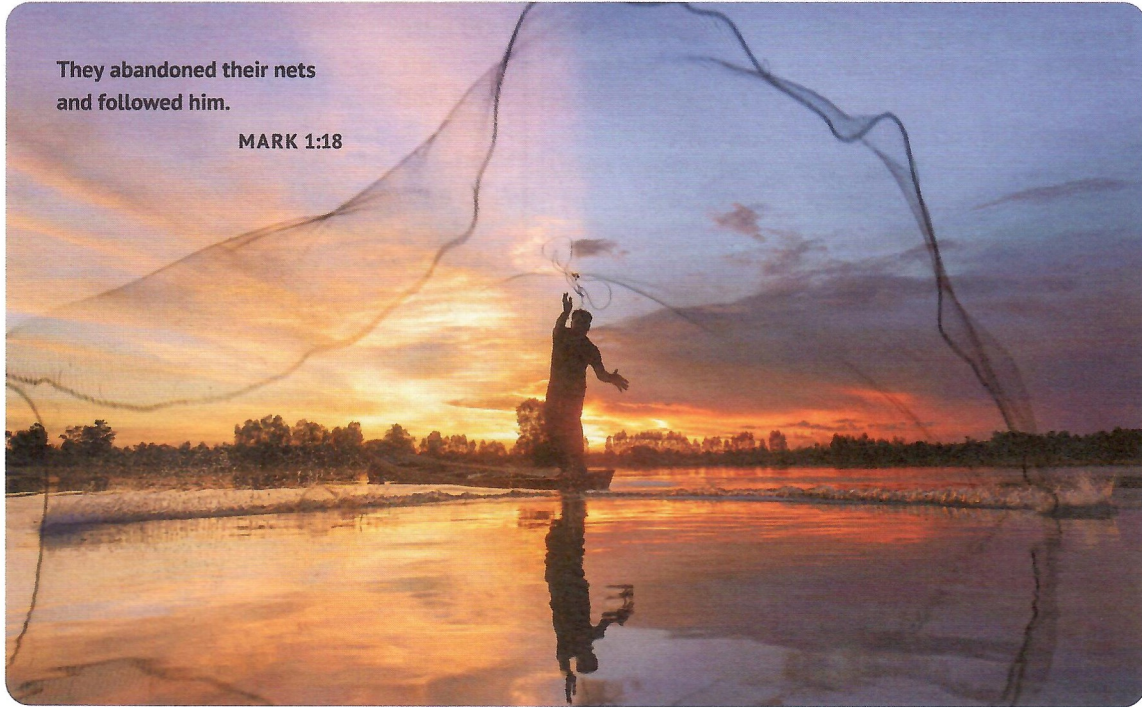




They abandoned their nets
and followed him.

MARK 1:18



A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be? ●

Reflect

To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 20 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Mike, †Christine Lopez-LCL
Sun Jan. 21 Mass/Word of God Sunday
8:00 a.m. Graces/Jordan Willeke - JW

Tues Jan 23 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Ken, †Sylvia Niebur - CS
Wed Jan 24 Mass
7:30 a.m. †Helen Zawada

Sat. Jan. 27 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces for Colleen McFadden
- WM & KM

Sun Jan. 28 Mass/4th Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Soccoro Herrera

In need of prayer support, call
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Please Pray For Our Sick:
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Killip, Ray & Marcella Hottinger, Deacon
Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson, Ed Basler,
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Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Christine Lopez

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

Did the Saints ever lose their Tempers?

"Would you have me lose in a quarter of an hour the small stock of gentleness which I have been painfully amassing for the last twenty years?"

Thus spoke St. Francis de Sales, the spiritual director of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, when she urged him to be more stern with some folk who were interfering with the construction of the convent.

St. Francis de Sales was so gentle in his disposition that no one would ever have known that he had a naturally quick temper. He had identified his proclivity to anger, worked on it, and gradually mastered it. He was not perfect, but he pursued perfection, and it showed.

St. Jerome, too, had a fiery temper—a natural result of an intense personality. He even got into some arguments with St. Augustine (they later patched things up). But Jerome knew his fault and strove to conquer it—and did severe penance for it. It is said he carried around a stone and beat his breast in reparation for his sins.

St. Thérèse is honest in her writings about the temptations against charity which she experienced at Carmel. In *The Story of a Soul*, she tells of the manifold irritations and contradictions she met in community life. She transformed them into stepping stones to holiness by viewing them as opportunities for grace.

Being a saint isn't about being flawless. It's about working on flaws—and using them as opportunities for perfection. If you're honest about your faults and take concrete steps to correct them, you've already taken a giant leap toward sanctity.

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

January 28, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Josh & Jamie Sauer

Pianist: volunteer

Cantor: volunteer

Lector: Jerry O'Halloran

Altar Servers: L Willeke/E Hart/K Hernandez

Head Usher: Roger Kuntz

Euch Ministers: Monte & Peggy Willeke

January 28, 2024

Breakfast

Jenny & Emily Williams

Saint Joseph's corner:

"Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may come to know the faithfulness of God, our Father. Amen"

Knights of Columbus have **homemade German Sausage. 2 pounds for \$16.00**

If interested, talk to the Knights after Mass.



Anointing of the Sick

January 27/28 after each Mass

1st Sunday Adoration

February 4

Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

Blessing of St. Blaise

We remember St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. He is the patron of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. February 3rd and 4th weekend Masses will end with the blessing of throats.



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* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Dear Padre,

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●



Fr. Victor Karls, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10	2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19	Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22	2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5	2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17	Mk 3:22–30	Dt 18:15–20
Mk 3:22–30	Mk 3:31–35	2 Sm 7:4–17 Mk 4:1–20	Mk 16:15–18	Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	1 Cor 7:32–35 Mk 1:21–28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

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Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. © L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO



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