

7th February 2010 – Fifth Sunday in ordinary time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

"Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men"

Meditation: Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for his word of command: *At your word I will let down the nets.* When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Herese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood." When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Christ (2 Coiansinth. 5:17). God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

"Lord Jesus, fill my heart with love and compassion for those who do not know you or follow you. May I be a good witness of your truth and salvation to my family, friends, and co-workers."

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:30am, 5:00pm (Novena); 6:00pm (Sunset Mass)
Sunday: 6:45am; 8am(Mandarin); 9:30; 11:15am & 6pm
Weekdays: 6:30am & 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am only
2nd Saturday: 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog) (There is no Tagalog Mass in February)

Readings for the Week

Mon 7 th Feb	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13	Ps 132:6-7, 8-10	Mk 6:53-56
Tue 8 th Feb	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30	Ps 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11	Mk 7:1-13
Wed 9 th Feb	1 Kgs 10:1-10	Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40	Mk 7:14-23
Thu 10 th Feb	1 Kgs 11:4-13	Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40	Mk 7:24-30
Fri 11 th Feb	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19	Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15	Mk 7:31-37
Sat 12 th Feb	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22	Mk 8:1-10

INFANT BAPTISMS are celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the chapel, except during the season of Lent. Please register at the parish office. (For February Baptism please note that it will be on the 21st Feb 2010.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements for a Church wedding should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend either a Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or an Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms and booking of wedding date at the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jumble Sales group is seeking volunteers to sort and pack donated items i.e. clothes, books, shoes, bags etc. every Monday between 12noon & 3pm.

CHURCH CLEANING (Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed - Every Wednesday & Saturday 9.00am

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Ms Jackie (Appointment coordinator). Please call after office hours: 9797 8319

FREE LEGAL COUNSELLING CLINIC. Please contact the parish office.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP For cancer patients / caregivers call:
Patrick 9728 7425 or Theresa 9681 9205

Neighbourhood

Tampines –There is no gathering this week. Enquiries: David Tan 96474563.

SIMEI – There is no gathering this week. Enquiries: Daniel Tan 97522402

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE will be at Terence & Jocelyn Ang, Blk 134 Pasir Ris St 11 #03-257 from 22nd Feb to 28th Feb. Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 9746-5678/ 9437-2526

Monday 8th Feb - Praying for our youth by the Youth Intercessory Group at 8pm in the Youth Room, All youth are welcome especially YPC members!

RCIA CHINESE 7:45pm in the hall

TUESDAY, 9th Feb

CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY - 8pm in the Chapel. All are invited.

Prayer for Priests – 5pm in the Chapel. All are invited

Christian Meditation – Room 16 at 8pm

RCIA ENGLISH 7:45pm in the parish hall.

WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY - "First Corinthians" 7:30–10pm in room 12

FRIDAY 12th Feb – Divine Mercy devotion in the Chapel at 8pm. All are welcome

SATURDAY 13th Feb IGNITE (Lenten Reflection for young adults (Ages 18-30))

Time:1-4pm, Sessions: 6 Feb: Introduction to prayer and fasting , 20 Feb: Prayer, 6 Mar: Fasting & Sacrifice, 13 Mar: Alms Giving: Volunteering in Church. All are invited

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS – Please note that the time for Sunset Mass and Novena will be changed. Novena will be held at 4.30pm and Mass at 5.15pm. Masses for the Sunday will be the same. Oranges will be distributed on Sunday, which is Chinese New Year Day. Traditionally you have been giving 'Ang Pow' to the church during the distribution of oranges, for this year please put the "Ang Pows" in the collection so that there will be smoother and faster flow during the distribution.

ASH WEDNESDAY – (17th Feb) Masses for Ash Wednesday are at 6.30am, 1.00pm and 8pm. Please note that it is a day of **fasting and abstinence**.

Lenten Booklet – "**Walking with Christ**" will be distributed to parishioners this weekend. Please get a copy. We encourage you and your family or your neighborhood to use it and prepare ourselves for Easter.

TAGALOG MASS – Please note that there is **NO Tagalog Mass in February**, Mass will resume in March.

INFANT BAPTISM FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY – Will be changed to the 3rd week, which is on the 21st Feb at 4pm in the Chapel.

Warden's Youth Mission: Our Youth Wardens are planning a trip to Vietnam for Mission in March. They are having fund raising this weekend for their trip. Please give them your generous support.

ORGANIST NEEDED –We are look for volunteer to play for the 6.45am Sunday Mass.

CATECHISM CLASS – Please note that Catechism classes will resume on the 19th of February 2010

LECTORS RECRUITMENT – We are encouraging more young adults to join the Lectors and especially men to join the ministry. If you are interested please get a form from the secretariat

DIOCESAN VOCATION RECOLLECTION – Theme: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect". Do you need to be perfect to answer God's Call? 26th Feb (7.30pm) to 27th Feb (2pm). Eligibility: Single Male Catholic with at least "A" level qualification or equivalent. Registration: seminariansonline@gmail.com

Catholic Singles CNY MeetzUp 28th Feb 2010- Calling all Catholic Singles to gather together for CNY Mass together @ OLPS 11.45am Mass followed by Potluck Lunch at the OLPS church Foyer Email CatholicSingle@gmail.com to register for this CNY MeetzUp

LENT - Dying & Rising with Christ

Learn to leave self behind in the discipline of Christian Meditation.

Sat 27 Feb 9.00 to 4.30pm & Sun 28 Feb 1.00 - 4.30 pm (Weekend Programme)

Church of the Holy Spirit. Registration by 18 Feb. \$15 donation. Pleas contact Daulet 6469 7671 daulet@pacific.net.sg or Cecilie 9661 0362 cecilie.dee@gmail.com

Knowing our religion**Baptism**

In the rite of **Renunciation of Sin**, parents and godparents of the child pledge to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith. They affirm this pledge in the renewal of their baptismal promises. The adult catechumen renounces his/her sins; profess his/her faith in Jesus in the **I Believe**.

There are two anointing in the baptism. The first is before the pouring of the water; the person is anointed with the **Oil of Salvation** or **Oil of Baptism**. Oil is a symbol of strength. We ask God to give us strength to help us to be able to live a good Christian life.

Water is then used to baptize the person. It must be poured on the head of a person with the words "**I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.**" Water is life giving and is used for cleansing oneself. In Baptism the pouring of water symbolizes that all ours sins are washed away. We become clean again; we are "born again" by water and in that sense "**we receive NEW LIFE**", in Jesus.

Once we are baptized Jesus comes and live in us. Jesus is King, Prophet and Priest. Hence we have the second anointing with the oil of Chrism.

The **Anointing with Chrism** is the second anointing. Chrism oil is Holy oil used to anoint Priests, Prophets and Kings and was used when Jesus was anointed. In this rite we assume the three characteristics of Jesus who was anointed Priest, Prophet and King...to remind us that Jesus is living in us.

White Garment. The moment we are baptized we are free from sins, we are pure, hence we **wear white** which is a symbol of cleanliness and purity, and it reminds us to remain in that state.

Lighted candle. Just as Christ is "the Light" of the world, the lighted candle is a symbol that light is given to the newly baptised. Parents and godparents received the lighted candle as a symbol that light is entrusted to them and they must remember to keep it burning brightly. It also symbolises that the newly baptised is "**enlightened**."

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