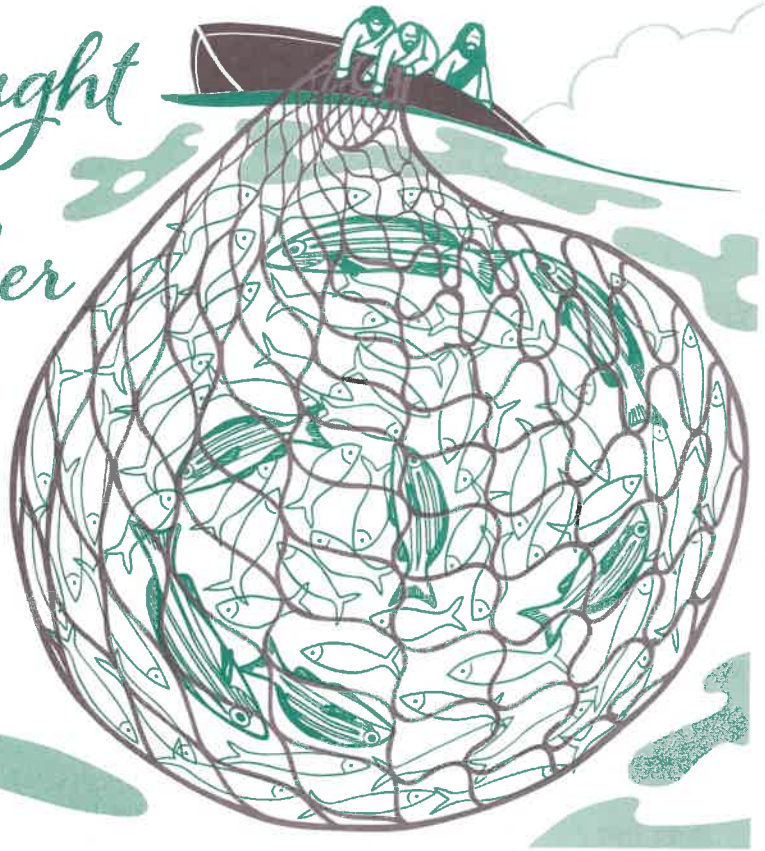


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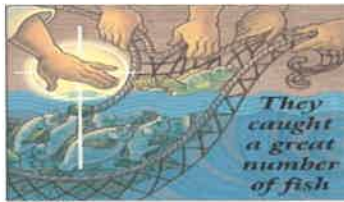
February 10, 2019 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his

own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9, 2019
5:45 pm †Joyce Orr req. by Pat Latham

Sunday, February 10, 2019
9:00 am †Loretta Long req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, February 11, 2019
9:00 am Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert req. by Paul Pruchnicki

Tuesday, February 12, 2019—NO MASS
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

Wednesday, February 13, 2019—NO MASS

Thursday, February 14, 2019
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, February 15, 2019—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am

Saturday, February 16, 2019
5:45 pm †Peg Hansen req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Sunday, February 17, 2019
9:00 am †Loretta Long req. by Rick Gallagher & Dee /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 16 - 5:45 pm
Nick, Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, February 17 - 9:00 am
Anne Marie & Kenny Smith

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 16 - 5:45 pm
Sunday, February 17 - 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Music: Cathy Engler

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, February 16 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Sue Nugent
Sunday, February 17 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Usher:

Saturday, February 16 - 5:45 pm
Eddie Horath, Brad Phelps
Sunday, February 17 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle,

Collection Counters : Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, February 3\$2,146.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish



Our Two Week
Candle is burning for
Joyce Heffern &
Michelle Schneider
Req. by
Tracy & Pat Quigley

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 476-2037.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2018.

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YOUTH (GRADES 6TH—12TH)

Are you available Wednesday, March 6th for 1 hour, 7 - 8 p.m. Come join us for pizza, fun and a discussion on future youth events targeted for grades 6-8th and high school. We need your help and want your opinion. The meeting will be at St. Rose School in the cafeteria. Sign-up at the back of the church or text Katrina Plese at 815/693-0605

Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are *Signs of Hope* to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$10,400. Please remember that 70 % of any amount we raise over the goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Feeling a bit uneasy ?

Do you have an uneasy feeling to do something but don't know what it is? Do you hear a faint voice nudging you to do something you can't put your finger on? If that uneasy feeling or persistent voice keeps coming back, it could be the Holy Spirit trying to tell you something. If so, pray and be open to God's direction. For some of you, it may lead to a job God wants you to do. And for others, it may be a call to become a volunteer phone counselor for The Upper Room Crisis Hotline.

We are a Catholic hotline providing counseling and referral assistance to anyone struggling to find his or her way back to God or a more rational life. We help everyone regardless of their faith or background.

For that reason, all phone counselors have gone through extensive professional training to prepare them to handle every situation.

Does this sound like you ? If so, contact us now for information.

We provide all the training.

Call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at [815-341-9124](tel:815-341-9124), or email turch@sbcglobal.net with questions or to reserve your place in our next training session. Our next training session begins February 19th at 10 am—12 pm. You can also check us out at catholic hotline.org. Thank you and God bless!



Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Isaiah answered, Here I am, send me.

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of marriages at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too! For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming Retrouvaille program weekend on March 1 -3, 2019 call 815-246-2080, visit our web site at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>, or email us at retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com.

A vertical advertisement for a men's weekend retreat. At the top is the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House logo, which is a cross with the letters 'JES' inside. Below the logo is a photograph of a large wooden cross in a snowy forest. The text on the advertisement includes the retreat title, dates, retreat master's name, and contact information. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the advertisement.

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February 22-24, 2019
Retreat Master: Fr. Ron Bieganski, SJ
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www.JesuitRetreat.org

For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God's grace, not Paul's strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today's Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren't there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he'd show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that "you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that's all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God's call to serve?

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The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant for the Development Office. The Administrative Assistant provides administrative services and performs work necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the department. This position also plays an important role by providing support and participation in special event activities. A Minimum of high school degree; an associate degree preferred. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and a minimum of three to five years' experience in an administrative position. Knowledge of basic office management and organization with ability to organize, prioritize work and meet deadlines. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and other databases and office equipment. Excellent verbal and written communications skills, bilingual in Spanish and English a plus. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Jim McGrath; Brett Burkhalter; Norma Boyle; Michelle Schneider

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

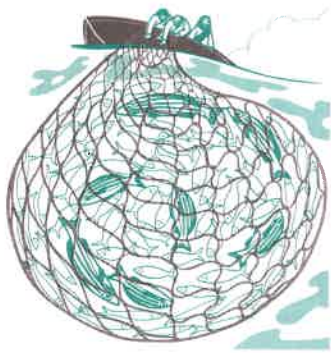


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- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Monday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
- Tuesday:** Lincoln's Birthday
- Thursday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary



WHEN GOD APPEARS . . .

Scripture recounts several instances of God calling persons to be leaders, prophets, apostles, or for other tasks. In most of them, a divine messenger appears to someone and directs them to do X. However, in today's readings, there is no explicit directive for Isaiah to deliver God's message, or for the fishermen to follow Jesus. Instead, the accounts focus on the way that God appears. The respective calls result from the recognition of God's presence in the experience. That recognition creates an openness to whatever God might want.

. . . OUR RESPONSE IS WHAT MATTERS

Isaiah's immediate reaction to the marvelous events he has seen was an acute awareness of his own sinfulness: "Woe is me . . . For I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). In the ancient world, contact between holy objects or environments and profane things or persons was a contamination—human beings were thought to "contaminate" any place where God's presence was known to dwell, and hence were unclean. Only after he volunteers ("Here I am . . . send me!" [Isaiah 6:8]) does Isaiah learn what he is being asked to do.

The catch of fish in Luke lacks the color of Isaiah's theophany, but it evoked a response from Simon similar to that of Isaiah: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). He was not alone; "all those with him" were "seized" with astonishment (5:9). The overwhelming catch of fish was just as much an overwhelming experience of God for Simon as were the seraphim for the prophet Isaiah.

This is very good news for the rest of us, since our own theophanies are almost never as colorful as Isaiah's, or as dramatic as an unusually large catch of fish. But they are there, moments in our lives when we become acutely aware of God's presence and understand more clearly our own humanity and our need for God's mercy. That understanding, in turn, can make us open to how God is calling us and what we are being called to do.

Today's Readings: Is 6:1–2a, 3–8; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8; 1 Cor 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]; Lk 5:1–11

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