

Diocese of Arua



Catholic Mass Readings for January 22 2023, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Sunday Homily

1st Reading – Isaiah 8:23-9:3

²³ First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

¹ Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

² You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

³ For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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4 One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

13 I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

10 I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

11 For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you.

12 I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

13 Is Christ divided Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

Alleluia – Matthew 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

23 Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.

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Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

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15 *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,*

16 *the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.*

17 From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

19 He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

23 He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

OR Matthew 4:12-17

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Sunday Mass Readings Homily – January 22 2023, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Today's January 22 2023 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: [I Will Make You Fishers of Men – Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22](#)

I Will Make You Fishers of Men – Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22

Today is Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Bible Verse of the Day – Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22

Today's Bible Verse of the Day Reflections

Christmas season is now completed and we enter into the First Week of Ordinary Time. It's time to return to the "ordinary" of life. But is the Christian life ordinary? Is there anything truly "ordinary" about following Jesus?

Today's Gospel reveals the extraordinary and radical call from Jesus to follow Him. Simon and Andrew are the two who respond to the call in this passage, but their response is also an invitation to all of us to step out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary.

This passage especially reveals two things:

- the immediate response of these Apostles, and
- their complete response. They clearly did not hold back or hesitate in responding to the invitation from Jesus to follow Him.

What about you? Do you hear Jesus calling you? Do you hear Him speak to you, calling you to come after Him? Hopefully, as our Lord speaks to each one of us, we will respond immediately and in a complete way. Hopefully we will not hesitate to embrace the glorious calling we each have been given.

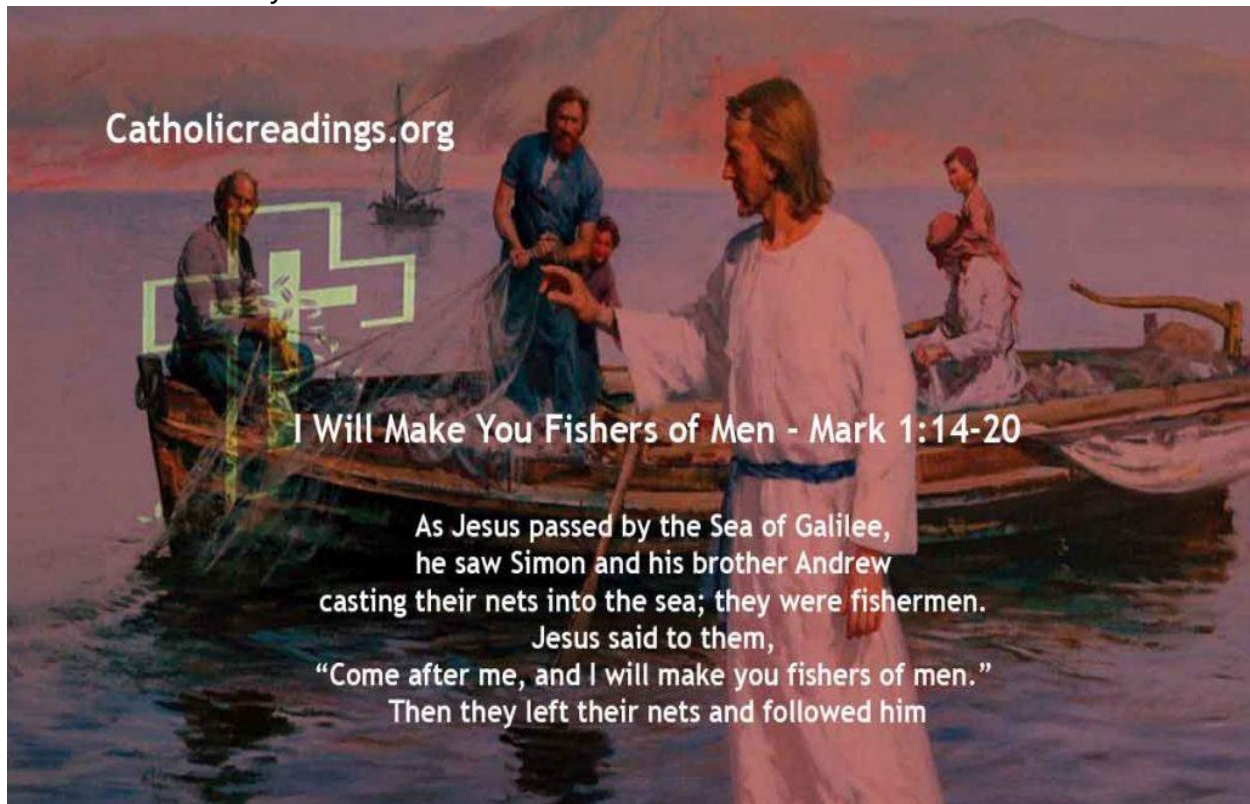
Reflect, today, upon the fact that you, too, have been called to an extraordinary life of grace which requires total abandonment and commitment. You have been called to respond immediately and

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freely to Jesus' invitation. As you begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, jump into the extraordinary life of grace and embrace it with your whole heart.

Prayer: Lord, I love You and thank You for the extraordinary life of grace You have called me to live. Help me to respond to Your invitation with complete submission of my mind and will. Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.**

Bible Verse of the Day in Pictures



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