

St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Luke 5, 1-11

By human standards, the command Jesus made to Simon Peter: “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for catch,” was as foolish as Simon’s acceptance of the instruction. Fish only come to the surface for food at nighttime – during daylight they remain on the bottom of the sea, so a haul was highly unlikely. Yet something in Jesus must have struck a chord in Simon’s heart, which prompted him, against his better judgment, to obey. The outcome surpassed his wildest dreams. His faith and perseverance were rewarded with a bumper catch. Peter took a risk, and as a result realized he was in the presence of someone who was more than a man. His reaction was to get down on his knees and say, “Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.” Ignoring the remark about being a sinner, Jesus invited Peter and his friends to abandon their boats and nets and join him in his mission, his new venture to seek out and save the lost. Without a second thought, they set off on a vocation that would bring them to a way of life beyond their expectations and desires.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Rosa Loong
Tuesday	Soul of Isidra Dicuango Soul of Jonathan Rex Mejia Soul of Angelina Angeles Souls of Aloysius & Theresa Menezes Souls of Deceased members of the Menezes Family
Wednesday	Soul of Carmelita Sabala
Thursday	Soul of Mathai Augustine Mundamattam
Friday	Departed Soul

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Leo Ceolin, Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Magdalene Ki, Rosaria Lee and Denis Soares**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Living Deeply

As many of you know thanks to a wonderful birthday tribute paid to me at the church, I recently turned 50. Fifty is a milestone birthday and I was very grateful for all the well wishes and heartfelt congratulations I received from family, the parish and friends.

Turning 50 inspired me to reflect a little on the years gone by. Reflecting back, I was truly amazed at just how many beautiful people I have had the pleasure of knowing and interacting with and how each of them have enriched my life in a different way. The love that I have experienced and continue to experience reinforces and strengthens my belief that God is a full of love and compassion for me and the world. As I have been reflecting on this, I have been wondering why then do I have times that are filled with anxiety and fear when I am surrounded and anchored by so much love.

I think the answer to my question can be found in our Gospel passage this weekend. In the passage, we witness Simon being asked by Jesus to: “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon responds to Jesus: “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When Simon follows Jesus’ advice, he lets down the nets and catches so many fish that his nets begin to break. It is when Simon listens to Jesus’ voice over his own that the miracle happens and the ordinary becomes the extraordinary.

I think the same is true in my own life. Like Simon, I have the option of listening to my own voice or the voice of God. The voice of God leads me to peace and consolation whereas my voice leads me to anxiousness and desolation as I cling to the things of the world. We are commanded by God’s voice at the Transfiguration: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” and I think this can be taken literally as I think the Holy Trinity is always speaking to us. St. Francis de Sales says that; ‘Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befoul a soul except sin. God asks you to pray, but forbids you to worry.’ The key for me has been becoming aware that I have a choice in which dialogue plays in my head and whose voice I choose to listen to. When I start getting stuck in a negative or anxious dialogue, I now recognize it for what it is and let it go turning to a more Life-giving scripture passage, image or prayer instead. The less I listen to the dark voice the less power it holds.

With God’s grace, I am slowly lowering my mental nets beyond the superficial activity and anxiety near the surface and into the deeper waters where I find the eternal flame of God’s love patiently glowing and quietly inviting me into an ever-deepening relationship. John Humphries.

FRIAR'S STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt.2:2). The question for the writing contest is: **How can unity among Christians help overcome the forces of darkness in the world and bring the nations to the light of Christ? What is being done by the Christians journeying and acting together in the name of Jesus? What more needs to be done?** Discuss with examples from your personal experience and the life of the church. **Deadline for entries is February 14, 2022.** Entries are to be submitted online. Contest details and the submission form are at www.catholicregister.org/writingaward or contact 416 -934-3409 with any inquiries.



To the Knights of Columbus – Council 4393 for their donation of **\$500.00** to be shared by our Youth Ministries and for another donation of **\$5000.00** for roof repairs above our tabernacle area. During these challenging financial times, these generous donations are much appreciated by the parish.

MOSAIC INTERFAITH World Interfaith Harmony Week of Feb. 1- 7th

Topic: *LEARNING TO DIALOGUE and LEARNING FROM DIALOGUE*

Presenters: Rabbi Michael Stroh, Rev. John Hill, Dr. Liyakit Takim

Time: February 6 at 2:00 p.m. on **ZOOM**

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