

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 6, 2022

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

The central characters in today's Scriptures could not be accused of procrastination. The Word is a springboard to action!

Isaiah's call takes place in 739 B.C. The tiny kingdom of Judah was threatened by the Assyrians, the people are in no mood to hear the Lord's message. Nevertheless Isaiah jumps into the fray, saying, "Here am I; send me!" (verse 8).

The impulsive Peter steps forward in the gospel. At first Peter calls Jesus "master." After the miraculous catch of fish, he changes the title to "Lord." Jesus invites Peter to become a different kind of fisherman. Matthew and Mark write that the disciples must leave their nets; Luke says they must leave everything to become Jesus' followers.

The Lord calls us today. Perhaps we must leave behind a grudge, let go of a destructive habit, give more of self to spouse and family, find more time for prayer. The challenge is to join Isaiah and Peter in saying, "Here I am, Lord, send me!"

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 30, 2022

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Believing Christ's Rising. Isaiah and Luke relate stories of being called to do God's work. Paul, in the second reading, recounts the Good News in which we stand and in which we are saved. Namely: Jesus died, was buried, was raised on the third day, and then appeared to many. He is with us still.

- How do I experience the risen Christ in daily life? My life? Other's lives?
- How will I "press in on Jesus" (Luke) to hear his saving words?
- From what does this Christ save me this day? Then tomorrow? Then the next day?

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time –February 13, 2022

Jeremiah 17:5-8. Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6. 1 Corinthians 5:12, 16-20. Luke 6:7, 20-26.



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Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm

Life After Death

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: “... in the year that King Uzziah died.”

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: “in the year my wife died”; “in the year we lost our mom”; “in the year the hurricane devastated the town.” An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into before and after: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the center doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord too, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying “Woe is me! I am doomed!”

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal.

And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, “whom shall I send?” Isaiah said, “Here I am. Send me.” All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you. –Eleonore Stump from SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Feb 6 8:00 am Mass Ralph & Marie Koester
Frank & Louise Vonderheide

Fri Feb 11 6:00 pm Mass

Sun Feb 13 8:00 am Mass Victoria Koval

Liturgical Ministers

Feb 6	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	L Miller	P Widowski	B Palmer	M & C Bergmann	*J Slife, R Weeks

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	Jaime Starratt

Feb 13	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Feb 6 8:00 am Mass

9:00 am PSR

1st Sunday Social

Fri Feb 4 6:00 pm Mass

Sun Feb 13 8:00 am Mass

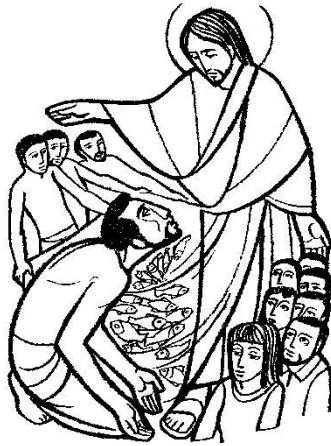
9:00 am PSR

Birthdays

Feb 7 Kevin Retz

Feb 9 Madonna Slife

Feb 11 Leslie Miller



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WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER will be hosting a weekend of March 18-20 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL. For more information about this weekend go to wwme.org. Terry & Eric Engholm are also available at 314 649 7317 to answer questions about this weekend opportunity.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP is forming at St. Paul Church. The Bible timeline program- is a 24 session series to study the Bible as a whole in its own context, so we can grow in our understanding of our role in the story of people seeking God throughout history, Zach is looking at best times to start these sessions and will be contacting those who expressed interest in this program.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH OR NEED COMMUNION BRING TO YOUR HOME? Contact Frank Dueker at 618 559 1405. If volunteers are already bringing you communion, no need to re-register.

FEBRUARY 2022 HEALTH FOCUS PART 1

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. You can take the following steps today to lower your risk of heart disease. Eat Healthy, get active, stay at a healthy weight, quit smoking and avoid second hand smoke, control cholesterol and blood pressure, drink alcohol in moderation and manage stress.

VOCATION CORNER February 6:

We should consider this as a day to say “THANK YOU” to those who serve us in our daily living which certainly includes our religious life. World Day for Consecrated Life is observed February 2nd, Candlemas Day. It is celebrated in our Parishes this weekend. Let us make it a point to begin saying “THANK YOU” to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God’s call (as illustrated in today’s Gospel of the calling of the apostles). Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.