



The calling of the first disciples is markedly different in the Gospel of Mark from what we find in the Gospel of John. Mark's account stresses the decisive resolve of Jesus and the necessary willingness of disciples to respond with dispatch to marching orders to undertake a mission for others.

In John's Gospel the first disciples find Jesus. In Mark's Gospel Jesus finds them. Moreover, there is an abruptness to Jesus' call of the disciples that is not found, for example, in Luke's version. Luke has Jesus first get into Simon's boat, next ask him to put out from shore a bit, and then teach the people on the shore. After this Jesus asks Simon to go out into the deep and cast their nets. It is only after they have caught a multitude of fish and Simon has expressed his astonishment that Jesus actually calls him and James and John (Luke 5: 1-11). In Mark there is no such preparation for the call. Jesus simply comes upon Simon and Andrew, calls them to follow him, and they do so. The same pattern occurs next with James and John (Mark 1 16-20). Corresponding to the directness of the call, each set of brothers responds right away by joining Jesus and "following" him.

The quickness of Jesus' call and the disciples' response mirrors a sense of urgency in this passage and surrounding ones. At the beginning of today's Gospel story we read that "[a]fter John had been arrested" Jesus came proclaiming, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (1:14-15). The need for repentance is urgent in order to take advantage of the propitious time in which God's reign draws near. Several verses prior to this we read about the Spirit driving Jesus "at once" out into the wilderness (1:12). Jesus and the Spirit realize that the time to capitalize on God's gift has arrived, and they need people with hearts and temperaments that enable them to respond willingly and promptly.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday	Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 ; Ps 98; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Saint Angela Merici, virgin Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Saint John Bosco, priest Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week this week and have many activities planned. Monday is Student Day, and all will participate in "Jammies and a Movie". Everyone can wear their pajamas to school, bring their favorite pillow, blanket or stuffed animal and enjoy a movie and snacks. They will also receive a taco lunch provided by the Interest Group. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be held this week, and students, parents, and friends can purchase their favorite books, posters and many other items when they shop at the fair. On Wednesday, 10 students will travel to St. Peter in Chains Cathedral to celebrate the Archdiocese Catholic Schools Week Mass. On Friday, everyone is invited to attend our all-school Mass led by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. Our annual Open House for our families and friends will be held after the Mass. St. Ann New Student Open House will be on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. If you are interested in sending your child/children to St. Ann's, or know someone who is, please come visit.

#### St. Ann Catholic School Open House

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

School Bus transportation for St. Ann School is available from Hamilton, Fairfield, Lakota, Ross and New Miami.

#### SAVE THE DATE Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

After the 8 a.m. Mass and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Refreshments in "St. Ann's French Quarter."

Chicory Coffee, Beignets , Hot Chocolate , Orange Juice.

Everyone is welcome!

Sponsored by the St. Ann Eucharistic Adoration team.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. Imagine that! St. John Vianney once compared adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.

**"Parental notification and informed consent** precautions would be outlawed [under FOCA] as would be laws banning procedures such as partial-birth abortion and protecting infants born alive after a failed abortion. Abortion clinics would be deregulated. The Hyde Amendment restricting the federal funding of abortions would be abrogated. FOCA would have lethal consequences for prenatal human life."

*Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB, Nov. 12, 2008*

THIRD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council  
**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class – Commandments 1-3  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 12-4 p.m. Pinewood Derby in cafeteria

SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY

Eucharistic Ministers 5:00 Mass:

Susan McAbee  
 Monica Brown  
 Wanda Day  
 Nancy Hazlett  
 John Keller

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00 Mass:

Mary Sue Patrick  
 Gil Schneider  
 Joyce Cepluch  
 Mark Doty  
 Paul Fenzl

Eucharistic Ministers 10:30 Mass:

Martha Kugler  
 Eleanor Nartker  
 Mataia Von Stein  
 Mary Jo Haizman  
 Ruth Ann Halpin

Lectors 5:00 Mass:

Jan. 31: Lee Conn  
 Feb. 7: Russ Curley  
 Feb. 14: Lois Keller  
 Feb. 21: Mary Margerum

Lectors 8:00 Mass:

Feb. 1: Hilda Meyer  
 Feb. 8: Mike Wolf  
 Feb. 15: Kenneth Brown  
 Feb. 22: Elizabeth Burkart Miller

Lectors 10:30 Mass:

Feb. 1: Carrie Rusche  
 Feb. 8: Dick Simkin  
 Feb. 15: Stephen Becker  
 Feb. 22: Matthew Higgins



**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Sheila Crehan  
**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (The Sullivan Family)  
**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> Timothy & Titus, bishops**  
 7:15 a.m. Tom Tegge – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Rose Toerner (Joan Betscher)  
**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> Thomas Aquinas**  
 7:15 a.m. Marilyn Cassano (Family)  
**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Maureen Mayer (St. Ann Rosary Society)  
**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Susan Tozzi  
**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Art & Alice Fiehrer

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
01/18/2009	\$ 8,444.76
Shortfall	\$ (3,627.24)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 350,088.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 278,650.02
Shortfall	\$ (71,437.98)

**Grocery Fund Financial Report 12-31-08**

Inventory	\$13,847.00
Bank balance	\$16,104.21
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December Credit Card sales	\$29,951.21
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Amt. transferred to General Fund since 1993	\$4,260.00
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	\$34,211.21
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	\$196,338.00
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	\$230,549.21
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3 kits	\$5,947.00
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	\$235,484.21

*Thank you to everyone who helps with and participates in our Gift Card Fund Raiser. \$12,000 of the profit was recently transferred to the parish. These are greatly needed funds for the operating expenses of St. Ann. Thank you!*

**The P.A.C.** is looking for someone to run this year's Fish Fry. You will not be doing this alone, you will have assistance. This is a good fund raiser for the kids, and a good time is had by all. If no one steps up, this event may be cancelled. Please consider. A response is needed soon. Contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857.

**2009 FIESTA** planning needs to start very soon. If you are interested in helping to organize the upcoming Fiesta, please call the Parish office. Look for details about an upcoming meeting in next week's bulletin. In order for the Fiesta to take place, volunteers need to come forward. Please consider. Thanks!