

My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 24 January 2027 · Mark 1:14-20



1 Today's Gospel

Leaving the Nets: Jesus Calls His Disciples

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and proclaimed the **Good News**: "The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." To **repent** means to turn away from sin and back to God.

Walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their **nets** into the lake, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." At once they left their nets and **followed** Him. A little further on, He saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee, mending their nets in their boat. He called them, and they left their father in the boat and followed Jesus.

These four trusted Jesus enough to say yes straight away. Jesus still calls each of us. Following Him may mean letting go of something that holds us back, and helping others come close to God, as the first **disciples** did.

Big idea! Jesus calls us to **turn back to God** and **follow Him** with all our heart, and to bring others to Him.

Listen at Mass: In the Psalm we sing "Lord, make me know your ways." In the first reading, the people of Nineveh turn back to God, and He shows them mercy!

Go deeper: Read Luke 5:1-11 for another telling of Simon Peter's call. The Catechism says Jesus' call to repent is a call to conversion of heart (CCC 1427).

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did the four fishermen leave behind?

2. What does "fishers of men" mean?

3. What "net" could hold you back from Jesus?

3 My Prayer

Write a prayer telling Jesus how you will follow Him this week.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 Draw or Write

Draw the fishermen leaving their nets. In the net, write things you could let go of to follow Jesus.

Ideas: too much screen time · grumbling · a grudge · being too busy to pray

"Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." Mark 1:17