

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 10, 2019

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8; Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 15:1-11

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope

the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

(Source: Loyola Press)



Saint Maurice of Agaunum

Did you know that the patron saint of southern Germany and parts of France, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland, is a man of African origin?

He is Saint Maurice of Agaunum, born less than 250 years after Jesus Christ. He became a general in the Roman army, stationed in what is now France. Saint Maurice and his six thousand African soldiers were ordered to put down a rebellion against the empire. When Saint Maurice discovered they all were Christians, he and his men refused to fight their fellow Christians. They also refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods. For this, the emperor had Saint Maurice and nearly all of his Theban Legion executed. A basilica in Agaunum, Switzerland enshrines their relic remains today.

(Source: National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company)

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 9 - 16, 2019

Sat. 2/9	8:00 am	Florencio E. Santoyo
	4:30pm	+Cher Perera
Sun. 2/10	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Alicia Tan (healing)
	1:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Mon. 2/11	12:00	For the sick/all doctors.
Tue. 2/12	12:00	Florencio E. Santiago
Wed. 2/13	12:00	+Ruth Quiroga (Deceased)
Thu. 2/14	12:00	Mr. & Mrs. Tan & Family
Fri. 2/15	12:00	Alicia Tan (healing)
Sat. 2/16	8:00 am	Evelyn Lowey
	4:30pm	+Cher Perera

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Theresa Arteaga, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehala, *Father Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.

Rest in Peace

Ms. Rhina Carmona, mother of Maria Carmona-Ari Fitzgerald's wife. Ms. Carmona passed away on Thursday, January 31st. Her funeral mass will be held on Monday at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Silver Spring. There will be a wake on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm at Collins Funeral Home, in Silver Spring.

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord!"

Tax statements request: Forms are located at both entrances of the church. Complete the form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. Tax statements will be mailed.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

2/2 – 2/3

Attendance: 463 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$7479

Spanish Mass: \$608

Utility fund: \$176

Pro Life Corner - Alzheimer Awareness. African Americans and Latins are statically more prone to Dementia and Alzheimer's disease in their senior years. Among the best prevention is an active healthy lifestyle prior to age 50, For more information and resources visit www.alz.org. The site also includes great information for care givers.

Catholic Appeal - The annual Catholic Appeal launches for 2019 this Feb! (Formerly the Cardinal's Appeal). The Appeal funds scholarships for our local students, our Seminarians, TV Masses, the Pro Life Ministries, the Catholic Charities ministries and College Chaplaincies and Chapels in our region. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial donation/pledge that you can pay throughout the year ahead. God bless you!

Parish Finances - A free copy of the state of the parish's finances is available by email. It was published in the bulletin in November of 2017 and again in 2018. Request a copy be email via: (Laura's email).

Knights Corner - the DC State Council of the Knights is considering adding a new Council for Capitol Hill. Details will be forthcoming. It would be "based" at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill. Thank you to the Tanzi Council for their generous donation to the parish in January 2019.

Youth Faith and Fun day. February 16, 2019

For young people starting at 3rd grade to Senior in High School

- ✓ fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass, mentor help from young peers

At Nativity Church with volunteers from Our Lady of Bethesda Center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses). Donations are welcome! -

Save the date! Music Spotlight - Children's Concert - Sat. April 6, at 5 pm. *The Mid Atlantic Choral Festival & Mass with the American Federation Pueri Cantores.* Hundreds of children and youth from Washington and the Mid Atlantic will sing under the direction of Richard Robbins, culminating is Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent. St. Peter's Parish Capitol Hill. 313 Second Street, SE. Washington, DC 20003