



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
February 10, 2019 -
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11;
Lk 5:1-11

Each of the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time makes reference to people being “called.” Of course, each of us is called by God to be a disciple. The challenge for us is to hear that call, understand it, and then to respond to it with action.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us of a hymn based upon that reading most Catholics have sung and heard for the past few decades — “*Here I am Lord.*” The hymn portrays Isaiah’s response to God calling him. The lyrics in the refrain, known to many, are “*Here I am Lord. It is I lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*”

The Gospel from Luke is a story known popularly — of how Jesus told Peter and James and John to go out in Peter’s boat and fish again, even though they had caught nothing previously. The catch was enormous and it was a changing point in the vocations of those men. They were fishermen, and had probably been fishermen since they were boys. Fishing was their vocation, but Jesus called them to something higher — to be “*fishers of men*”, and they responded by changing vocations from fishermen to apostles — messengers.

Some of us, like Isaiah, are called to vocations of discipleship which function parallel to our life’s vocation, our jobs. Others, like Peter, are called to lifetime vocations — holy orders. The point is not which vocation we follow — it is that as good stewards we recognize we have a vocation — a role — in building the Kingdom of God. Are we prepared and are we responding in the way we should? “***Here I am Lord... I will go, Lord, where you lead me.***”



THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Feb 9	Jovita Ramos + Alberto Cruz +
Sun	Feb 10	8:30 AM Marie Tan Thai Nguyen + Lourdes Dunglao + Benilda Pimentel + Norberto De Castro, Jr. + 11:00 AM Jovita Ramos + Adolfo Casanas, Sr. + Gabriel Roque + Ursita Roque + Liliosa Capuli + 12:30 PM Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Feb 11	Lourdes Antonio & Severino Enriquez ++
Tue	Feb 12	Sharon Perkins (Birthday)
Wed	Feb 13	
Thu	Feb 14	Don Praesto (Special Intentions) Norberto De Castro, Jr. +
Fri	Feb 15	
Sat	Feb 16	
Sun	Feb 17	8:30 AM Norberto De Castro, Jr. + 11:00 AM Jesus Gonzales + Josefina Dunglao + All lost spirits 12:30 PM Mass for Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Monday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Tuesday:	Lincoln’s Birthday
Thursday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine’s Day
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

PLANNING

If you are planning for a year,
sow rice.
If you are planning for a decade,
plant trees.
If you are planning for a lifetime,
educate a person.

—Chinese Proverb

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$2,626.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$973.00

Votive candles 132.00
 Adoration Chapel 248.00
 St. Anne (donation box) 31.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

Next Week's 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence (Holy Father)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

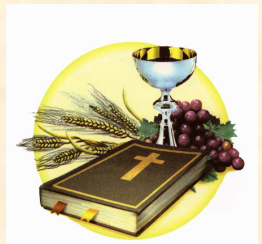
If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-baptism Class. Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call the Parish office for more information. For Baptism Classes, call Paul Groff at (510) 915-1372

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Our OLGC Knights of Columbus Chapter is growing. Be a part of greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life. Be a member of over a million Catholic fraternal brotherhood. Be a Knight of Columbus. Call the Parish Office for more information.



Q. I know that procuring abortion carries the penalty of automatic excommunication. Is this the unpardonable sin for which there is no forgiveness?



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A. It does not mean that. The sin that will not be forgiven was spoken of by our Lord in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 12, verses 31 and 32. It is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit which is generally interpreted to mean that the person committing it has refused the grace of God through the moment of death, so that he is finally impenitent. The sin is unforgivable because the sinner refuses forgiveness.

The automatic excommunication of Canon 1398 can be removed by the bishop or through a priest who has been given faculties to absolve the sin, or in urgent cases even by the first priest to hear a sincere confession of the sin, if the penitent promises to come back to get the formal absolution of the bishop which the priest will ask for in the meantime. In this case the sinner is not refusing forgiveness but asking for it.

The Church makes the penalty for abortion automatic excommunication because the harm done cannot be humanly repaired. For that reason, in the case of deliberate abortion, the sin has a malice above and beyond that of most human failings. The child is denied Baptism, which in God's Providence is the ordinary way of getting to heaven. For anyone with normal human sensibilities and this Christian belief, the remorse is very nearly unbearable. But the sin can be forgiven because God's mercy is infinite.

Your Church Donation Statement for IRS is now available upon request. Call the Rectory (510) 969-7013 for request and it will be ready for pick up after it is signed.



Prayer Works

Requesting Your Prayers

Virigilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Corazon Ariosa, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Sevin Co, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapsin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislang, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Merceditas Querubin, Romeo Camantigue, Maritess Sanchez, Minda Santos, Ursula Santos, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.

Welcome New Parishioners !

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.



Name _____
 Address _____
 _____ Updating Parish Information

Phone _____
 City _____ ZIP Code _____
 _____ Send Sunday Envelopes

_____ New Parishioner
 _____ New Address
 _____ Put on mailing list

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

