



Saint Patrick's



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Welcome!

YOUR CHURCH

This is *your* church. In this section, we'll learn about many of the features of St. Patrick's church that make it beautiful and unique.

First question, how old is our church? How can you find out?

SACRAMENT EDUCATION

Confirmation candidates, Katrina will be in touch to let you know how we can complete the final lessons of your program.

Children aged 7 and over who would like to make their first communion, please ask your parents to email Christina (email above).

SUNDAY LECTIONARY

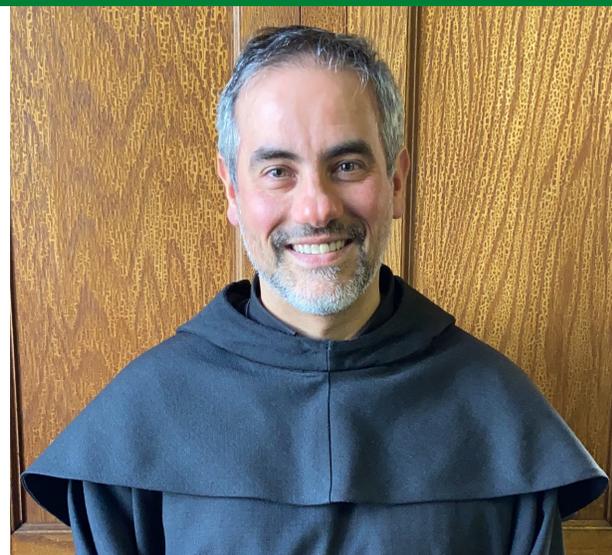
The bible is so full of stories that it had to be divided into smaller parts so we could hear them all. We are in Year B (of A,B&C), the Gospel of Mark. It is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's gospel is Mark 1:14-20.

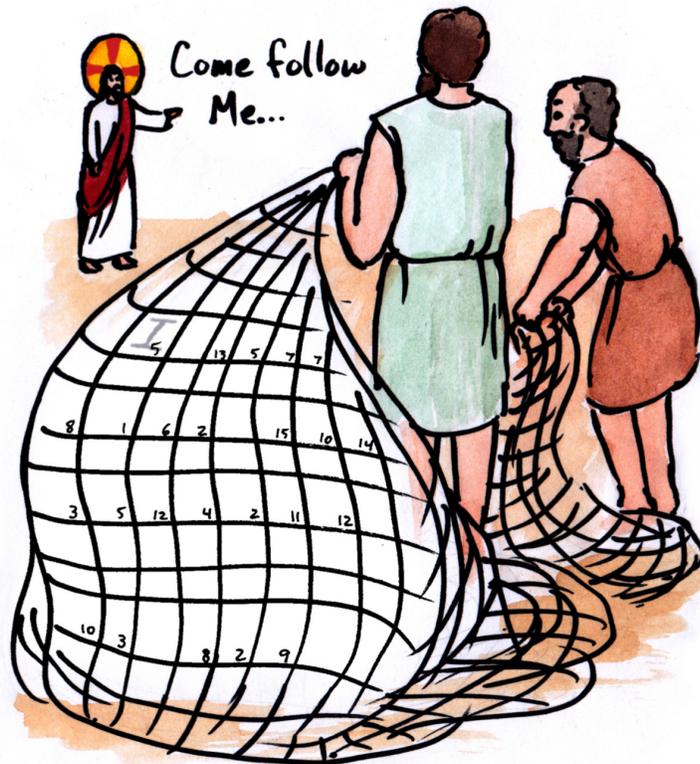
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Father Francesco

Fr. Francesco was born in Rome, Italy. When he was little he played defense in soccer, took piano lessons and loved Spider-Man and Star Wars (in fact, he might love them still). Three words Fr. Francesco used to describe himself as a child were shy, creative and stubborn. When he was older, he was a drama teacher and director. Later, he obtained a Masters in law but decided to become a priest in 2003. Guess what his favourite song is...it's by Queen.



What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net
to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus is choosing his disciples and inviting them to come and be 'fishers of people'. What did it mean for Simon and Andrew who were fishing with their own nets? They left their job and income to follow Jesus.

What did it mean for James and John, who were fishing with their dad, Zebedee? I can't help but think that it was a hard choice for James and John to make. Their dad probably needed them but they knew they were being asked to do something else very important - to follow Jesus.

They chose to follow someone they believed in and to help others to do the same. They believed in Jesus and thought his message was very important.



UNDER 10

Learning from Jesus

Jesus was a great leader. He knew how to *inspire* people to do great things.

Talk to a parent or guardian about what makes a great leader. Who do you know who is a great leader?

UPCOMING DATES

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 16

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. The word 'shrove' comes from the word "shrive" which means to forgive. We often eat pancakes for dinner on shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", and refers to a French celebration that ends on Shrove Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17

On this day, the Priest places cold ashes on your forehead, which come from burned palm leaves. It is the start of Lent and a six-week journey to Holy Thursday and Easter.

Lenten Season

February 17-April 3

Lent is a 40-day period, similar to when Jesus went into the desert. It is a common practice to give up something you enjoy, such as chocolate, during this time, as a sacrifice. This also build character and allows to your practice *will power*. What might you give up for lent?

