

***February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Simon, James, and John dropped everything and left behind their old lives in exchange for a new life as a disciple of Jesus. Following Jesus is a privilege that leads to intense joy. Discipleship is not an obligation, it is an opportunity. Jesus not only calls us, he forms us, through the gift of his Church, and in the Holy Spirit he sends us to be *'fishers of people'*. This is where the rubber hits the road for us as disciples. To be a disciple is to be a steward of our faith and to share it with others – to evangelize. The Lord is asking, *"Whom shall I send?"* Like Isaiah, may our reply be, *"Here I am. Send me!"*

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***February 14 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***Trust***...is foundational to any relationship! This should be no different with our relationship with God. Yet, in our society today we enjoy such abundance and security that we may occasionally slip into trusting only in ourselves. When we put our trust in **at-risk** things like our jobs and wealth, and not in God, we are subject to anxious worries and fears. Woe to the person who does not acknowledge that every good thing they enjoy is a gift from God. Blessed are those who place their hope and trust in the Lord!

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***February 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent***

We face many temptations in our lives today. We are tempted to desire success, power, prestige, and control. Jesus did not give into the devil when tempted. His only desire was to follow the plan God had for him. True success in life is directly dependant upon how much control we allow God to have in our lives. Knowing that we are doing the Father's will is reward enough. Take some time during Lent to discern and pray about God's plan for you.

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***February 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

At the top of the mountain Peter and his companions were blessed to witness the glory of God present in the person of Christ. It was *good for them to be there*. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory. We see God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. We good stewards know that when we use and share our gifts for God's glory, and **not** our own, our lives can be transfigured. As good stewards we all have a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom, it is *good for us to be here!*

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