

[1st Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)  
[Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)  
[Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31](#)  
[Gospel: Mk 1:14-20](#)

# Building Faith@HOME



This week we begin to read from the Gospel of Mark and we will be with Mark for much of the Ordinary Time Sundays for the year. This week we once again hear about the call to discipleship as Jesus calls out to Simon and Andrew. Notice the difference from last week's reading from John. In the Gospel of Mark, once called by Jesus, the two fishermen drop their nets instantly and accept Jesus' invitation. In Jewish tradition, rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first *called* four fishermen —Simon, Andrew, James, and John.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

**Missionary Discipleship** - When we speak of "call" many times may center of what we are being called *to* - like a career change or a new way of being. But to be called *to* something almost always necessitates being called away *from* something else (Living Liturgy, pg. 47). Jesus says, "Repent and believe in the gospel."

God is calling us *to* be with him and in relationship with Jesus. As we are called to abide in Christ, what might God be calling you away from? As a disciple, a follower of Jesus, there are old ways that may need to be left behind, much like Simon and Andrew left their nets behind.

## Family Table Talk

**Children:** What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

**Youth:** What might Jesus be calling you from in order to follow him?

**Adults:** If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer? ([lifelongcatechesis.osv.com](http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com))

## The 12 Apostles

Here is an easy way to remember the names of all the apostles using the word "BAPTISM"

**B** is for Bartholomew



**A** is for Andrew



**P** is Peter and Philip



**T** is for Thaddeus and Thomas



**I** is for James, the lesser, James the Greater, John And Judas



**S** is for Simon, the Zealot



**M** is for Matthew



The Greek letters above spell "ichthus" which is the Greek word for "fish". Learn more about the ichthus symbol below.

This week's Virtue

**Faith**

Faith is one of the theological virtues. Faith as a personal response to God's revelation of love. The first disciples responded to follow Jesus with faith. How does faith help you to follow Jesus? Keep the faith!

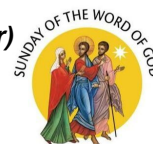
## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[keythoughts.weebly.com](http://keythoughts.weebly.com) - Catholic Culture: The Ichthys (Family Faith Builder)

[Uscsb.org](http://Uscsb.org) - Understanding the bible

[teachingcatholickids.com](http://teachingcatholickids.com) - Lectio divina for kids

[Catholic-link.org](http://Catholic-link.org) - 5 Reasons To Read The Word Of God Daily



Today is Sunday of the Word of God! The Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This resource is meant to be used in a digital format with hyperlinks,

Digital Format can found at:

[syracusediocese.org/partnering-with-families](http://syracusediocese.org/partnering-with-families)





January 21, 2024

# Prayer@HOME

Prayer Time This Week!

Cut & Pray!



## Prayer Before Reading the Bible

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit,  
so that as I read your eternal word,  
your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me.

Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple  
in believing the Word of God and that  
I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness.

Amen.

## Scripture Verse of the Week From Sunday's Mass January 21, 2024



"Come after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men."

Mark 1:17

Add this to your daily activities:  
Tell a friend that Jesus loves them.

Draw an ICTHUS below.

Did you know that the Bible is like a library of books? There are 72 books in the Catholic Bible.

### Books of the Bible

**Old Testament**

- PENTATEUCH**: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- HISTORICAL BOOKS**: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees
- WISDOM BOOKS**: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, Sirach
- BOOKS OF THE PROPHETS**: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**New Testament**

- GOSPELS and ACTS**: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts of the Apostles
- LETTERS**: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

**Bible Notation**  
Matthew 22: 34-40  
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Book Chapter: Verse

Catechism, Angel 62003

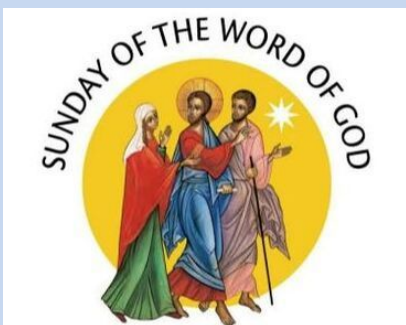


Look to the LORD  
and his strength;  
seek his face  
always.

1 Chronicles 16:11

## Building Prayer Time @ Home

This will be a series of family activities to try as your families start or strengthen prayer time.



Being this is Sunday Word of God, this is a good time to make a special place in your home for the family Bible. This can be simple or as elaborately decorated as you like. It should, however, be in an inviting space where individuals can read and reflect and open to having family hear scripture together. A Children's bible can also be near.

Prayer time is always best when structure in the daily routine. What is the best time for your family to gather for 15 minutes to hear the Word of God together?

