



January 21, 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 68 Gospel MK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Spiritual Reflection:

"As a follower of Christ, believe above all that you have been redeemed, forgiven, and are infinitely loved by God. The Lord is not a Savior who forces us to love and reverence him; rather he is the Savior who invites us to love him without reservation." – Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. God continues to invite others and us to participate in His ministry.

Spiritual Questions:

1. How has God invited you this week to be his co-worker?
2. Why does God not use force?
3. How can you imitate God's method of invitation instead of relying on force?
4. Are you willing to leave old way of life behind if necessary?
5. Have you invited anyone this week?