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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# REFLECTION ~ AJ Barrows, Family & Youth Ministry

Why Doesn't Jesus Bless My Life?

In the Gospel and throughout the Bible, both Jesus and God promise to bless our lives. From Genesis to Revelation, cover to cover, there are countless verses with this message, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) Yet, here we are coming into February getting through yet another set of lockdowns, with civil tension and division at a high and for some, hope at an alltime low. Why doesn't Jesus bless my life or do anything to make it better?

Something you should know about me before we go any further, is that my priority is not to tell people nice things that give them warm fuzzies, but it is to tell people the truth. It is better to know the truth than to continue holding on to an idea that might be nice, but is ultimately hurting them.

If you are still reading this after my disclaimer, welcome. I am glad you are open and ready to learn more. Here is the truth, Jesus wants and is continuously blessing our lives! Every moment of every day Jesus is pouring out His Blessings to us like rain in a hurricane. The problem is, all of us are spectacularly bad at accepting it and using it in our lives. That is why we are practicing Catholics not professional Catholics. In the Gospel, Jesus leads us to Peter, a fisherman, who has had a long and unsuccessful day of manual labor and asks him to take his boat out onto the water. This hopefully isn't a shock to anyone, but I am not a fisherman. Yet, even after I have had a super long day of work, all I can think about is getting my last couple of things done so I can head home and rest.

If I was in Peter's shoes the last thing I would want to do is take my boat out into the water again. Luckily, Peter is a nicer person than I am and takes Jesus onto the water. Continued page 2

#### Reflection continued...

Then Jesus tells this multi-generational, professional fisherman to throw his nets out into the water even though Peter already had a full day of fishing with no results. Then we see Jesus bless Peter's life with an amazing catch - more fish than one boat can handle. A catch like that would be like finding a winning lottery ticket on the ground under a \$20 bill.

Obedience is the seeds leading to Blessings. Take a minute to let that soak in. Obedience is the seeds for Blessing. Jesus came up to Peter and asked him to put his boat into the water after a long day of work. Then Jesus asked him to put his nets out into the water. Then we see the blessing Christ wanted for him. It is as easy as that. If we want to see and better receive Jesus' Blessing for us, we have to practice obedience to Christ. This is a lot easier said than done. Looking at our lives we have to look deep and see where in our lives Jesus is asking us to go - even when we are tired or we feel what is being asked is too hard.

Obedience is more than just 'following the rules' but living a life that puts Jesus first and cuts out the things that either take us away from His Blessings or completely distract us from His Blessings. When we chose to respond with criticism and anger rather than compassion and understanding to one another, we undercut what could have been a Blessing. When we chose to spend more time on our phones, watching tv, or playing games online rather than being present and living with those around us, we block ourselves from the fullness of Christ's Blessing in our lives. I am not saying phones, tv, and games are from the devil and must be destroyed with fire. What I am saying is that those can be part of our lives but should not be the bulk of it.

Try these three things in the next week and I promise it will change the direction and quality of your life:

- 1) When you wake up, before you even touch your phone, start your day off by asking Jesus to show you how He wants you to respond to things today and what He wants you to do. After that, you can touch your phone.
- 2) Listen to your conscience, God gave us this amazing gift to know right from wrong so we need to use it. Also if there is a moment and there is a little push to go do something out of your way to show love to another person, do it.
- 3) At the end of your day thank God for everything and ask him to help you grow in obedience and bravery because sometimes it takes a lot of bravery to be obedient.

I promise you that if you regularly sow the seed of obedience in your life, you will see the bountiful Blessings of Jesus (both big and small) in your life and the lives of those around you. I hope that this purposeful attention to obedience helps you in your journey with Jesus and that reading this column brings you one step closer to Heaven.

### ALPHA is for everyone!

We all have questions. Perhaps life has been kind to you, great job, perfect family, good health, solid friends and robust faith. Or maybe you have lost your job, friends and family have fallen away or died, your faith went south and money is tight. You might regularly attend church, occasionally or not at all. What seemed obvious once, is seen through a glass darkly. Who do you ask about life's searching questions?



Alpha is an exploration of Christianity in bite size chunks including: Why did Jesus die? Who is the Holy Spirit? Does God heal today? Watch a video, discuss some issues in a small group setting and spend a couple of meaningful hours for a few evenings, instead of binging on Netflix.

Usually Alpha is held in a hall, with a live gathering that includes a meal. With Covid-19 setting the rules, we are using Zoom, so you can attend from the comfort of home. PJs and coffee, what could be easier.

Here are some comments from past guests:

- "Uplifting, brought inner peace, loved my small group.".
- "Great videos and music, enjoyable small group discussions, amazing prayer time and experiencing the Holy Spirit"
- "The experience of Alpha showed me that even regular every day Christians have questions about their faith."

The next session begins on Tuesday February 15 at 7pm and runs until April 26th.

Register on line at www.sbrcfp.dol.ca or call 519-336-2653.

# Weekday Mass Intentions - February 7 to February 13

	Monday, February 7	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English +Andrzej, Mary & Ania Kurzyński ~J.K. God's blessings for Roman ~ Friends	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Francesco & Rosa Veiga ~	6:30 PM St. Michael Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga Richard Walsh Ryan Jude D'Silva ~ The Family
	Tuesday, February 8	
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Tom Rocca ~ Augusto & Fiorina Lancia Serafino & Giuseppa Iannucci ~	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Anita Tius ~ Bonifa Dias For the Success of our Family of Parishes ~ Frank & Margarita Roberts  7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin-French Roger Dallaire ~ La famille	7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish +Maria Pradyszczuk ~ B. Irena Drozd ~ Nina Moskal +Malgorzata Lang ~ B.  6:30 PM St. Benedict Joseph Mino ~ Christine Murray Steven Popen ~ Christine Murray Jan Dekoning ~ Phuong & Gerry Moore
	Wednesday February 9	<u> </u>
8:30 AM St. Michael Ennio DeSena ~ Gisele & Family Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab For the intentions of Brian & Kim ~ Rose & George	9:30 AM St. Joseph Intention of El Dassoudis ~	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Erminia Ferrera ~ Daughter-in-law Giuseppina De Carolis Mary Simrak ~ Simrak & Lefort Family  7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin Justin Bourassa ~ Leona Potvin
	Thursday, February 10	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English +Elvidio Vemnettilli ~ Jim Persichetti Peace in the Ukraine ~ M&M Andrews  12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Giovanni Marceddu ~ Rosa Cossa Intention of Deacon Lyle & Joan LaLonge ~ Frank & Margarita Roberts	6:30 PM St. Benedict Kathleen Bennison ~ Phuong & Gerry Moore Joseph Mino ~Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Evan Wardell ~ St. Benedict CWL	6:30 PM Sacred Heart  Tony Leonardo ~  John & Tiberia Cordeiro  Maggy Barnfield ~  Alex & Angela Macdonald  John Nowak ~ Mary Ann & Stewart  Ray Curran ~ Suzanne Sutherland  Antonio & Cecilia Cicchini ~  Son, Luigi & Maria Cicchini

	Friday, February 11	
8:30 AM Sacred Heart	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy
Desmond Pigott ~ The Family	Roselle Losier ~ De tes enfants	Special Intention
Rosemary Poyser ~		Mom, Dad & Sister Annette ~
Suzanne & Louis Michaud	7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish	Matt Stewart
Maggy Barnfield ~ Jacqueline Croft	Za dusze zmarłych, które znikąd	Intention of Garnet Berthiaume ~
John Nowak ~ Jacqueline Croft	ratunku nie maja ~ J.K.	Laura Vitella
Dr. John & Kathleen Schwab ~	+Roman Domański ~ Córka z Rodzina	
Steve & Margaret Schwab		
	Saturday, February 12	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English	8:30 AM St. Michael	9:30 AM St. Joseph
Blessings for Jadwiga Krasinkiewicz and Family ~ Bernice Rade	Crescenzo Rocca ~ Giuseppa & Family	Don Pethick ~Pat Hummel & Family
	Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~	Intention of Johanne Fillion ~
	Steve & Margaret Schwab	Cheryl, Steve, Lauren & Emily
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin -		
Bilingual	Prayers of Healing for Trish Berg ~  George Stanko	
Messe d'Action de Grâces	George Starko	
à l'intention de Mgr. Donald		
Thériault ~ La famille		

### WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

### **Saturday Confessions**

8:45 - 9:30am: Queen of Peace ~ Sacristy

9:15 - 10:00am: St. Michael ~ Hall

9:15 - 10:00am: St. Thomas d'Aquin ~ Hall

11:00am-12:00pm: Our Lady of Mercy ~ Hall

Confessions are also available by appointment

by calling the parish office.

### Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy

5:00pm - Queen of Peace

5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove

5:30pm - Sacred Heart

5:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)

6:00pm - St. Benedict

# **Sunday Masses**

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy

9:00am - Queen of Peace

Health and Blessings for Bronia ~ H & G

9:00am - Sacred Heart

9:00am - St. Benedict

9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin

10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove

11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish)

+Stefania & Karol Siwarski ~ R & J Wojtaszek

+Roman Domański ~ Córka z Rodzina

11:00am - Sacred Heart

11:00am - St. Joseph

11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)

6:30pm - St. Benedict

# UNITED IN PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to bring their prayer intentions and unite in a time of prayer for the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes.

We meet weekly to pray for our priests, deacons, leadership team and all of our parishioners and their intentions following the 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church 293 Stuart Street.

If you are unable to attend, but would like a prayer of intercession raised at this time, you can forward your prayer intentions to Bill and Christine: bnelson1959@yahoo.ca & christine.bresette@gmail.com

Pray for Vocations: February 6 to February 12th

**Sunday:** Deacon Henry Tomaszewski **Monday:** Deacon Ronald Vermette

**Tuesday:** Mrs. Rita Butler, Coordinator Youth Ministry **Wednesday:** Mrs. Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister

**Thursday:** Rev. Gerald Craid, O.F.M. Cap. **Friday:** Rev. Arthur Hathaway, C.S.B.

Saturday: Mrs. Christine Toffolon, Pastoral Minister

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

We pray for all who have died and for those who mourn their passing.

Germaine LePage



# Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



Please use the following links to access this week's lesson and kids' bulletin.

February 6, 2022 - (Year C) Kids Bulletin

# ~ Prayer Requests in Our Family of Parishes ~

If you wish to have yourself or a family member included in prayers for those who are sick please contact the Family of Parishes office at 519-336-2653.

New prayer intentions will be included in the bulletin for 3 weeks and have been added to the full listing of prayer requests on our Family of Parishes website at this link.

If you wish to have your prayer request renewed after three weeks, please let us know.

Readings for Sunday, February 6, 2022

> 1st Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

# Please Pray For



Scott Hummell
Donny
Joe Maheu
Johanne Fillion



# Latin Mass

St Joseph's Church, 293 Stuart St Sarnia

### Friday, February 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

You can find the Propers for the Mass here: https://divinumofficium.com/

Due to COVID, our usual Social is not possible. And masks are mandatory inside the Church (due to Sarnia By-Law)

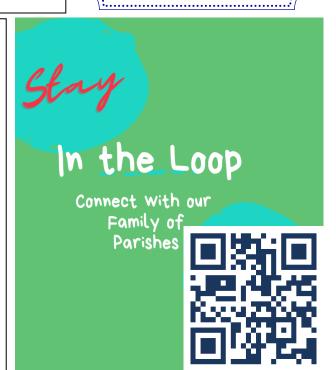
# DAILY REFLECTIONS & HOMILIES

Are you looking for daily inspiration? Listen to Father Brian's homilies & reflections by tunning in to his channel

Fr. Brian YouTube

or

through the Family of Parishes website



# Ways to Make Donations to your Parish... Interac e-Transfer now available at all parishes.

Just a reminder that *Interac* e-Transfer is a quick and easy way to donate to your parish, or to pay for a mass intention. Please use the message field to ensure that your transfer goes to the appropriate parish fund (i.e. donation, SSVP, Mass intention, etc)

Please use the following emails on your online banking platform when making your transfer to your respective parish. No need for a security question, as we are set up with *Autodeposit*.

Consider enrolling in Pre-Authorized Donations directly from your bank account. Please contact Lisa at <a href="mailto:ldesena@dol.ca">ldesena@dol.ca</a> or Cathy at <a href="mailto:ccimetta@dol.ca">ccimetta@dol.ca</a>, or by calling 519-336-2653.

Our Lady of Mercy	olm@dol.ca	
St Benedict	saintbenedict@dol.ca	
St Joseph	olm@dol.ca	
St Michael	stmichaelbg@dol.ca	
Sacred Heart	shsarnia@dol.ca	
Queen of Peace	qofpeace@dol.ca	
St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca	

They will be happy to assist you in the set-up.

# **2021 TAX RECEIPTS**

Donation receipts for the 2021 tax year will be available for pick up the next two weekends at the church entrances. They will be out until February 13th, after which they will be mailed out.

Please make every effort to pick up your receipt at the church, to help save the cost of postage.

If you would rather pick your receipt up at the office, please contact either:

Lisa 519-336-2653 ext.242; <u>ldesena@dol.ca</u> <u>or</u>

Cathy 519-336-2653 ext.241; ccimetta@dol.ca

If you are requiring immediate information as to your total giving amounts, please contact Cathy or Lisa at the office.

Thank you for your continued generous financial support of our Parishes.

#### LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Family of Parishes Sunday Mass recording from St. Benedict Church is also available on Cogeco channel 6 with all our Family of Parishes priests taking turns serving as the celebrant at this Mass.

Please note that some recorded Sunday masses on Cogeco may run longer so the Rosary prayed before the mass may need to be shortened to accommodate.

# Daily Televised Masses...

# If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV-channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)

EWTN-channel184

(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

VisionTV—channel24

(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

Salt & Light-channel 185

# If Bell is your provider:

EWTN-channel 633

Vision TV-channel 261

(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

# If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292
Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559
Shaw national—EWTN channel 28

# ST. BENEDICT'S CWL

There will no general meeting of St. Benedict's Catholic Women's League on February 8th.



There will be a general meeting in the church hall on March 8th. It's hard to believe that our last big social get together was in March 2020.

Also....our membership drive is continuing. Please drop your membership off at the church or call: Carol Hall, 519 542 2040

Carol Hall, President, St. Benedict's CWL

Celebrating 70 years of marriage Congratulations Richard and Marlene Dupuis February 11, 2022

### Parishioner needing a ride to Mass

There is a Sacred Heart Parishioner living in the Indian Rd. and Devine St. area seeking a ride to Mass. If you are able to give her a ride, could you please call the parish office 519-336-2653 for information. Thank you.



# St. Michael SVP Conference

I would like to once again send a "Thank you" to St. Michael Parishioners. Your generous donations for our Christmas appeal were greatly appreciated.

We served 200 families during this time. We continue to need your support throughout the year and this can be done by purchasing Foodland Gift Cards. With these gift cards we can purchase food

according to the needs of our clients. You can put them in the offertory box or specify at Foodland that you are donating to SSVP. We are the only conference in the Sarnia area that do deliveries to people in need of food. Other needs such as rent or utilities or medical are referred to our Help Centre on Davis St. The Help Centre also provides food to those not serviced by us.

Our SSVP meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We were able to have a few meetings in person but once again due to Covid restrictions we are meeting via Zoom.

Society of

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact me.

God Bless

Linda Kensley, SSVP Pres. St Michael Conference

# nember please contact me. Saint Vincent de Paul Sarnia-Lambton

# Social Justice & Missions Committee ~ Migrant Worker Ministry

The Migrant Worker Ministry begins another season of welcome and support for the migrant workers who come to work, live and worship in our community. Toward the end of March we hope to have the first monthly Spanish mass for the workers at St. Christopher Church in Forest. We are also making plans to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for the workers.

We wish to make an appeal for help driving the workers to either of these events. If you would like to help with driving please contact Vera Lawlor at <a href="mailto:vllawlor@cogeco.ca">vllawlor@cogeco.ca</a> or 519-869-4389 **OR** the Diocesan Migrant Worker Specialist, Azuani Cano at <a href="mailto:acano@dol.ca">acano@dol.ca</a> or 519-384-9393.

We are also making plans to put together "Welcome Bags" with food and useful items to give to the workers at the first Spanish mass. A list will be put in the bulletin if you wish to donate items for the gift bags or make a financial donation toward this cause.

As this has been an unusually cold winter, we are happy to receive good used winter coats, sweaters and boots and socks. Please contact Vera or Azuani if you have anything to donate.

Thank you as always for your support, love and care for our migrant friends.

### **EXCITING NEWS!**

Livestreaming &/or Recording Masses from ALL of the Churches in Our Family on the Sarnia Bluewater RC Family of Parishes YouTube Channel

We are currently in the beginning stages of livestreaming &/or recording Masses from the seven church in our parish family on a rotational basis. Weekly Mass will also continue to be streamed from St. Benedict Parish where permanent recording equipment is installed, but it nice for all parishioners to have an opportunity to virtually "attend" the church they call home and virtually visit the other churches in the family.

Subscribe to our Family of Parishes YouTube Channel here and view the most recent content Family of Parishes YouTube Channel.



We are seeking volunteers to become part of our Family of Parishes AV team to record and livestream weekend mass as part of our initiative to bring Mass online to our parishioners unable to attend in person. Training will be provided.

For information about joining our AV team, please contact Dean at deanojk27@gmail.com



# QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH ~ KOŚCIÓŁ KRÓLOWEJ POKOJU

### From Father Pucka Memorial Fund

The Fr. Pucka Memorial Fund wishes to congratulate the following students attending college or university who were awarded scholarships for 2021/2022: Miss Natalie Holley, Mr. Adam Gronowski, Miss Frances Ozburn.

The Fr. Pucka Memorial Fund was founded in 1987 in appreciation and memory to our late Pastor F. J. Pucka. The main aim of this Fund is to encourage young people to obtain higher education and support financially students of the Queen of Peace Church. Your financial support of this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

**Fundacja i. Ks. J. Pucki skalda** gratulacje następującym studentom z naszej parafii, którzy otrzymali stypendia na rok 2021/2022: Miss Natalie Holley, Mr. Adam Gronowski i Miss Frances Ozburn. Życzymy dużo sukcesów w dalszej nauce.

Fundusz Stypendialny im Ks. J. Pucki powstał w 1987 z racji uznania, wdzięczności i pamięci zmarłego Proboszcza Ks. J. Pucki. Głównym celem tej Fundacji jest zachęcanie młodzieży do nauki i pomoc materialna dla studentów z naszej parafii. Prosimy o dalsze poparcie finansowe tej zacnej Fundacji.

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Serdeczne wyrazy współczucia składamy Małgorzacie Janus z rodzina, z powodu śmierci Ojca — Romana Domańskiego (W Polsce).



# Our Lady of Mercy, St. Benedict & St. Joseph SVP

Thank you to the following people, our volunteers, who helped make Christmas special for so many:

Our parishioners for your ongoing support

Bill Soulliere & Marian Blonde for organizing volunteers, helping order gift cards, setting up the hall and making Covid shields to keep everyone safe; Mark & MaryAnn Wighton and their granddaughter Ellie,

John & Judy Robinson, Bernie Orange and grandson Connor, LouAnne Seabrook and daughters Samantha & Paige and Chris Burley who helped keep things running smooth and safe.

Thank you Debbie, Rose & Marion who helped with phone calls, Jean, Jacqueline & Elaine who helped with addressing and stamping letters and special thanks to St. Patrick's high school students and staff for the collection of money. Once again, Covid did not stop them!

Thank you also to Bridgeview Produce & Earth Fresh for the generous donation of potatoes and to the Catholic Women's Leagues and Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support.

This year we served:

Our Lady of Mercy: 128 households (256 adults & 75 children)

St. Joseph: 130 households (170 adults & 61 children)
St. Benedict: 126 houselholds (200 adults & 130 children)



Again, from all of us at St. Vincent de Paul, many thanks to everyone for all you do to help those in need in our community.

# PAROISSE ST. THOMAS d'AQUIN

# Reçus d'impôt:

Vos reçus d'impôt pour l'année 2021 sont prêts. Il se trouvent à l'entrée de l'église. Merci de vos contributions.

# **Income Tax Receipts:**

Your income tax receipts for 2021 are ready. You will find them at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your contribution.

# Centre Communautaire Francophone de Sarnia-Lambton:

Voici les prochaines activités du Centre:

- Cours de français pour adultes: Les mardis soir 18h30
- Club d'échecs bilingue, tous sont les bienvenus: Les mardi soir à 18h
- Power Yoga les jeudis soirs à 18h avec Mike Martin
- Soirée 'Entre Gars': une fois par mois, les jeudis soirs à 19h
- <u>Prélèvement de fonds:</u> Souper spaghetti le 28 janvier 2022. Pour vous inscrire ou pour plus d'informations, s.v.p. appelez le Centre au 519-541-0207

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### REFLEXION DE PÈRE JOSE:

Il existe de nombreuses façons d'identifier les leaders dans nos communautés. Dans notre société démocratique, nous choisissons bon nombre de nos dirigeants par des élections. Mais il y a d'autres personnes qui sont des leaders non pas à cause des élections, mais à cause de leur personnalité et de leur influence. Dans l'Évangile d'aujourd'hui, nous entendons parler de la façon dont Pierre a été choisi par Jésus pour être un chef parmi les disciples. Simon Pierre était un leader, une personne d'influence parmi ses amis. Jésus l'a choisi pour être un leader parmi les disciples. L'Évangile d'aujourd'hui marque donc un tournant dans la relation entre Jésus et Pierre. Lorsque les gens répondent à la parole de Dieu avec foi et obéissance, ils sont changés et faits « une nouvelle création » en Christ. Dieu choisit les gens ordinaires, comme vous et moi, comme ses ambassadeurs et il utilise les circonstances ordinaires de notre vie quotidienne et de nos situations de travail pour attirer les autres dans son royaume. Jésus nous dit le même message aujourd'hui: nous attraperons les gens pour le Royaume de Dieu si nous permettons à la lumière de Jésus-Christ de briller à travers nous. Dieu veut que les autres voient la lumière du Christ en nous dans la façon dont nous vivons, parlons et témoignons de la joie de l'Évangile. Devenez un « attrapeur » de personnes pour le Christ dans une nouvelle évangélisation du monde.

#### REFLECCION DEL PADRE JOSE:

Hay muchas maneras en que identificamos a los líderes en nuestras comunidades. En nuestra sociedad democrática, elegimos a muchos de nuestros líderes por elecciones. Pero hay otras personas que son líderes no por las elecciones, sino por su personalidad e influencia. En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos acerca de cómo Pedro fue elegido por Jesús para ser un líder entre los discípulos. Simón Pedro era un líder, una persona de influencia entre sus amigos. Jesús lo escogió para ser un líder entre los discípulos. El Evangelio de hoy, por lo tanto, marca un punto de inflexión en la relación entre Jesús y Pedro. El Evangelio de hoy, por lo tanto, marca un punto de inflexión en la relación entre Jesús y Pedro. Cuando las personas responden a la palabra de Dios con fe y obediencia, son cambiadas y hechas "una nueva creación" en Cristo. Dios elige a la gente común, como usted y como yo, como sus embajadores y usa las circunstancias ordinarias de nuestra vida diaria y situaciones de trabajo para atraer a otros a su reino. Jesús nos habla el mismo mensaje hoy: atraparemos a las personas para el Reino de Dios si permitimos que la luz de Jesucristo brille a través de nosotros. Dios quiere que otros vean la luz de Cristo en nosotros en la forma en que vivimos, hablamos y testificamos la alegría del Evangelio. Conviértase en un "receptor" de personas para Cristo en una nueva evangelización del mundo.