

February 3-4, 2007

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8

First Corinthians 15:3-11

Luke 5:1-11

Super Sunday – Go Dodgers!

Sometimes we forget...or sometimes we misinterpret Scripture. Sometimes we get our pride (and knickers) in a bundle thinking that we are supposed to be something we can't be. Sometimes we forget that all of creation belongs to God and ultimately it will flow according to his desires and will. It doesn't matter a whole hill of beans if we think something is right or wrong...it ultimately always comes down to what God wants. If we dig in our heels over an issue and refuse to grow or change, God simply out-waits us and slowly allows each generation to chip away at things. Even mighty mountains eventually are transformed into sand through the passage of time. Thus this weekend, we are reminded to heed the promptings of God (which is of course the sticking point, because some people are so darn sure of what God wants.) In the Gospel of Luke we encounter the disciples cleaning up after having a non-productive night of fishing. Jesus intrudes on their intentions and asks them to give it another try. Through their own efforts they weren't able to achieve much...however...orienting themselves to what God wanted (but still doing what they professionally always did) brought great bounty. What does all this have to do with us? Simply put...sometimes we forget that we are just one small part of something much bigger than ourselves. No single one of us will end the war in Iraq or cure cancer or feed the world...ultimately those tasks reside within the mind of God and will come about through the involvement of MANY. What each of us IS called to do...is to do what we individually do well...and use it for the service of God, contributing our share...but resisting the temptation to see ourselves individually as the savior of the world. The world already has a savior...we just need to be prepared to go fishing when he inconveniently asks us...because...after all...it is his world, regardless of what we sometimes think.

Thank you for joining with us this Super Weekend. Last weekend was our Pastoral Services Appeal Presentation and these are now the weeks in which we are collecting the 10-month pledge commitments from ALL our parishioners. If you have not yet made your 2007 pledge, please take some time in prayer to determine what your sacrifice will be so that our family can continue to grow into our future. Bulletins are available on your way home, lots coming up...and you don't want to miss out. As you enjoy your guacamole and Super Sunday refreshments, remember...you are loved...regardless of who wins in Miami. FKB