



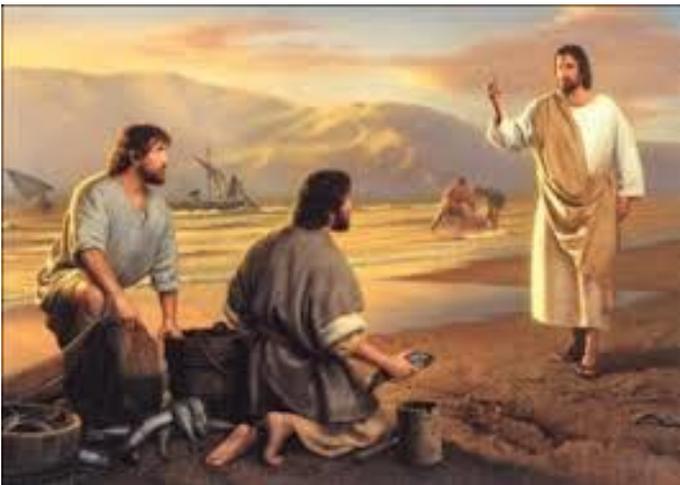
# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

## THIS SUNDAY January 22 & BEYOND

When I was about twelve my parents began looking for a place to vacation on the weekends. We looked for several months for a place we could place our forty foot trailer and leave it. Finally, we found a place on the Mississippi River in Sabula, Iowa. It would have a beautiful view of the river and all the boats that floated past. But, fishing was very important, and there was a nearby lake within walking distance.

But, would the fishing be any good? Yes! In fact, the day we visited the fish were really biting. It was easy to catch a small sunfish or bluegill, in fact it was hard not to. I remember trying to pull in my line without a fish on it. It didn't happen. Many of them were tiny minnows really, but we were ecstatic! This is the place to be, the best fishing in the world.

But, the fishing was never like that again. It would never be easy to catch a fish, they'd be as elusive as we'd come to expect. Truthfully, I think we hit it the day after they'd stocked the lake full of young swimmers. But, it didn't matter, we were there to stay. They had us hook, line and sinker.



Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee and meets brothers Simon and Andrew fishing with two other brothers, James and John. Matthew does not tell us of the miracle catch that comes from dropping their nets on the other side of the boat. This story is much simpler, Jesus simply calls them. "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people" (4:19).

We don't know what it is about Jesus that "reels them in." But, there is something about our Lord that causes them to drop everything and follow Jesus, for the rest of their lives. It wasn't little fish on a hook or in a net. I always imagine that there was something transcendent about Jesus. Something undefined that has a spark of the divine that people could sense at once. There doesn't seem to be any discussion, the disciples just go because they just know. They know that Jesus is the One.

They become disciples of Jesus, and fishers for people. On that day, they walked away easily and followed Jesus. But, it would not be easy for them ever again. Being a disciple would not be easy, proclaiming the gospel would not be trouble free. No days of ‘fish’ jumping in their boats or grabbing their lines with abandon. They would suffer persecution and death for the faith they proclaimed. Only John would die in exile on the island of Patmos.

It’s not easy to be a disciple of Jesus, it comes with commitment and sacrifice. Sharing the Good News of God in Jesus Christ is often difficult, but even more often rewarding. When we read of Jesus calling his disciples, it’s easy to place ourselves in that boat with Simon and Andrew, and we should. The gospel stories we read took place two thousand years ago, but they are meant to speak to us today. I invite you to put down your old nets, and take up new ones for there are so many longing to hear of God’s love and glory.

Father Steven L. Schuneman

Readings for this Sunday – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Amos 3:1-8 Psalm 139:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 4:12-23

## Calendar

**SUNDAY:** 9:30a Solemn Mass (Church)  
11:00a Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)  
12:00p Brunch (Parish Hall)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue*—

*Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

**MONDAY** 7:00p (AA) Doctors’ Group (Fireside Room)

**TUESDAY:** Noon Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

**FRIDAY:** 9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary’s Chapel)  
9:30a Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

AA Meetings

6:30p Rainbow Bridge (Fireside Room)

8:00p Ladies’ Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men’s Group (Parish Hall)



**Sunday, January 29 at 3:00pm**

The Greater San Diego Orchestra and Chorus, under the direction of Angela Yeung, will return to All Saints' on Sunday, January 29th at 3:00pm to perform selections from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Copland's *Old American Songs* with Irene Marie Patton, soprano and Frank Hallock, baritone. An afternoon of music to lift your spirits. For more information, email Dr. Yeung at [ayeung@sandiego.edu](mailto:ayeung@sandiego.edu) or check their website: [www.gsdmusicoterie.org](http://www.gsdmusicoterie.org).

Donation: \$10 general admission; \$5 for seniors and students. Proceeds will support the work of the Music Coterie and the outreach programs of All Saints'.