

**Fifth**  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

“Put out into deep water  
and lower your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:4

February 6, 2022



**The Miraculous Draught  
of Fishes**

c. 1520

Attributed to Ugo da Carpi  
(Italian, c. 1480–after 1525)  
after Raffaello Sanzio, called  
Raphael (Italian, 1483–1520)  
Art Institute of Chicago

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## SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

Today's Readings: Is 6:1–2a, 3–8; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8;  
1 Cor 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]; Lk 5:1–11

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a “call” as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a “spillover” from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

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*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us  
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,  
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Stermer. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Gary Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

## Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Scouting Sunday  
**Tuesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
**Thursday:** St. Scholastica  
**Friday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day  
**Saturday:** Lincoln's Birthday

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**Psalm:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading:** Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**Gospel:** Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

## Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 2/05** Fran Fleming (K of C)

**Sun 2/06** Wanda Stephens (Legion of Mary)

**Tue 2/08** Deacon J. Boland & Deacon J. Petkovsek (Daughters of Divine Hope)

**Wed 2/09** Lonnie & Tammy McClung (M/M Todd)

**Thurs 2/10** James Talbott Guthrie+ (M/M Hansen)

**Fri. 2/11** Agnes Laudt+ & Louise Diegel (Laudt Family)

**Sat. 2/12** Mike Fleming+ (K of C)

## PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

**Expenditures** \$ 3,666

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections** \$ 3,799

**Attendance:** 1/29 Saturday: 55 1/30 Sunday: 57

One can Give without Loving... But one cannot Love without Giving.

## Pope's Intention for February:



For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

## Reflection question:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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Thank you to all who attended the Mass in Reparation of Roe vs. Wade at the Immaculate Conception. In all, 478 people were in attendance, and over 450 viewed the Mass online.

*Most Rev. Joseph Strickland*

### Diocese of Tyler Events:

**Saturday, February 19th** - Sanctity of Life Action Committee Meeting at 1pm in the St. Paul Conference Center (1015 E. Southeast Loop 323, Tyler)

**Saturday, February 26th** - Sidewalk Counseling Training. Detailed information coming next week.

**Sunday, February 27th** - 40 Days for Life-Tyler Kickoff Rally at 4pm at TK Gorman Middle School Gym (1405 SE Loop 323, Tyler). Key-note is motivational pro-life speaker & author, **BJ Garrett**, former Director of C.A.R.E. (Christ-centered Abortion Recovery and Education).

### February Second Collections: 5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance."

**Genacle of Life:** Genacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

**Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

### SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASS



FEBRUARY 12, 2022

CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

5:00 PM

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2022 are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland on Sat., Feb. 12, 2022, at 2:00 pm. **For more information and to RSVP please visit**  
<https://stphilipinstitute.org/events>

### FEBRUARY NEWS & EVENTS

**Sat., Feb. 5th:** 9:00am Patriotic Mass followed by Rosary

**Sun., Feb. 6th:** Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

**Thurs., Feb. 10th:** K of C Meeting

**Sat., Feb. 12th: Pre-Valentine Game Day from 10:00am—2:00pm.** Tickets \$15.00per person, including sandwich, soup, dessert and beverages. Door prizes & 50/50 drawing. Call Carol Szczepanski for more detailed information and/or tickets 903-638-9974.

**Tues., Feb. 15th:** 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

→ **Mandatory Lector Workshop from 3:30-4:30pm in the church. Workshop is for current and new lectors. If you are interested in becoming a lector, feel free to join us.**

**Wed., Feb. 16th:** Casino Fundraising Mtg. @ 6:00pm in St. Jude's Hall.

**Sun., Feb. 20th:** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, breakfast tacos, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

**Carter BloodCare Blood Drive from 9:30am—2:00pm.**

**Mon., Feb. 21st—Fri., Feb. 25th:** Fr. Mike will be attending the priests annual retreat in Dallas. No weekday Mass or adoration.

**Sun., Feb. 27th:** Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

### SAVE THE DATE

*The Roaring 20's*

DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APRIL 30TH

TICKETS TO ATTEND EVENT \$ 40.00 PER PERSON or  
TABLE OF 8 \$ 320.00

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ALL TICKETS GO ON SALE IN MARCH

Do you wish to obtain OLD EASTER CANDLE? See Fr. Mike

### Carter BloodCare BLOOD DRIVE

Where: Holy Spirit Parking Lot

When: Sun., Feb. 20th from 9:30am—2:00pm.

Tyler Carter BloodCare is in critical need of blood. Please make your appointment on line today!

[https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/130751](https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/130751)

*Bridget* 

### Claire Ellis

Is selling her famous homemade cookies on February 12th & 13th after Mass. The money raised will help to defray cost to the Catholic Pines Camp. She is working towards attending camp this summer for one week.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of canned vegetables; pasta sauce; cereal and pudding cups.**

**Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

*Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 2 February 2022 Edition  
(Submission date: 28 January 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

So, Ladies (and Gentlemen) looking for a little non-football gaming action? Holy Spirit will host a **Mid-day Gaming Party on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Different groups/tables will offer various games (Bridge, Spades/Hearts, board games, etc) and there will also be door prizes and a 50/50 split drawing. A \$15 ticket will get you in the door and this ticket entitles the bearer to a soup and sammich lunch. Lots of fun and fellowship. Y'all come on out. For more info and to purchase tickets, contact Carol Szczepanski at 903-638-9974.

What Does Groundhog Day Have to do With Christianity? by Vance Morton\*

( <https://www.ctcumc.org/newsdetail/669459> , United Methodist site)

On Feb. 2, while many Americans "celebrate" Groundhog Day, most of them will most-likely be doing so without recognizing the (somewhat loose) connection that the holiday has with Christianity. ... In Luke 2:22-23, Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord and also to give a purification offering of two turtledoves or pigeons. Leviticus 12 provides the formula that states that the purification offering be made on day 40 after the birth of a male Israelite. Now for those of you quick on the draw with the math, what little event do we celebrate 40 days prior to Feb. 2? When fourth century churchmen declared that the nativity of Jesus was to be celebrated on Dec. 25, a festival eventually evolved to celebrate his presentation at the Temple on Feb. 2. This holiday went by many names, but in the English-speaking world it was known as Candlemas ... The popular name came about because many churches blessed all the candles to be used throughout the year within that church on that day. This custom also has ties to the Lord's presentation at the Temple when Simeon the prophet declared Jesus to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32).

During the Middle Ages, Candlemas, like many Christian holidays, acquired many popular customs associated with it that had little basis in historical Christianity or the New Testament. One of those customs was that the weather on Candlemas could predict the weather for the rest of the winter. A popular little diddy of the times goes...

"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Then winter will have another flight,  
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,  
Then winter is gone and will not come again."

This, of course, is a Middle-ages way of stating that a dark cloudy day on Candlemas would predict a short winter, while a sunny day meant that winter would continue for some time. The nice weather on Candlemas was thought to be only a brief interlude that would not last. Furthermore, it was also thought that animals able to see their shadows on this day would foreshadow a continuing harsh winter.

When English-speaking settlers arrived in what would be the United States, many of them tended to be Puritans or members of Christian communities that largely rejected many of the Roman Catholic or Anglican sanctioned holidays. They possessed little desire to celebrate Christmas, let alone related festivals like Candlemas. So Candlemas failed to develop into a major religious holiday in America in spite of its link to the visit of Jesus to the Temple on day 40 of His life. Nevertheless, many of the popular customs associated with Candlemas survived in colonial America. Feb. 2 still was thought to have some significance in predicting the winter weather and Americans of European descent now transferred the animal custom of seeing its shadow to the American woodchuck (the groundhog). Slowly a popular winter festival evolved, but one largely shorn of its Christian roots.

Today Groundhog Day takes its place as a growing phenomenon in the United States complete with school observances, greeting cards, trinkets and paraphernalia for purchase, and even a federally-sanctioned "official" groundhog in Pennsylvania. But now you know that Groundhog Day (at least the roots of Groundhog Day) once celebrated an important event in the early life of Jesus. The day commemorates the first New Testament promise that Christ would also be the Savior of the Gentiles.

And here's hoping the groundhogs see shadows a mile long ... With a winter this mild, who's in a hurry to get to another blistering Central [East] Texas summer?



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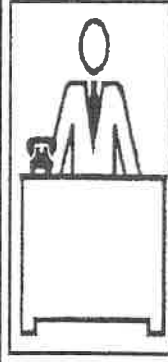
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