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I will make you Fishers of Men

By our baptism, we are all called to be Fishers of Men, to go out to share the Good News of salvation. How do we facilitate others to “repent, and believe the Good News?”

Are we “Good News” to others? As I reflect on this, I feel a sense of shame. I am no paragon of virtue and could have become the roadblocks to others who are searching for the meaning in life.

How then do I repent first before I can fish for God? I recall that I have been plagued by anger and unforgiveness towards one person. She was a very good friend of mine who became my immediate supervisor. Our relationship continued as it was until one day, she decided to cut off her friendship ties with me and distanced herself. I felt hurt and rejected that I lost a friend. This anger and unforgiveness continued to seep inside me. I felt much resentment towards her and was critical towards how she treated her subordinates. I felt that she was cold and inhuman and only interested in her own well-being and position.

But it all changed when I confided in a very wise person about how my supervisor would dismiss our views and recommendations.

She would always need to be heard first. This wise person replied that “her tank is empty”. Until her need is met, she will not be able to listen. When I heard that, I suddenly felt empathy for her. I was no longer angry but felt sorry for her.

I begin to question myself, if my own tank was empty. I concluded that because I am so loved by God and the people around me, my tank is definitely not empty. I know that even my guardian angel is looking after me. Since, I have tasted love, can I be more generous and forgiving towards others? Can I be more humble to receive God’s assignment to fish?

It is precisely people with empty tanks who need to feel God’s love and care. With that in mind, I begin to take on a different perspective. I am now more conscious that a good fisher of men needs the tools of charity, humility and wisdom.

God will equip us with these tools if we ask for them. Although I have failed in the past, I will try again to outreach. God gives us the time to grow into fishers of men.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Year B
 21 January 2018

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 21 January	Jona 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 Lord, make me know your ways.
Mon, 22 January St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	2 Sam 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30 My truth and my love shall be with him.
Tue, 23 January	2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35 Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.
Wed, 24 January St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20 I will keep my love for him always.
Thu, 25 January The Conversion of St Paul, The Apostle	Ac 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.
Fri, 26 January SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops	2 Tim 1:1-8; Lk 10:1-9 Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Sat, 27 January St. Angela Merici, Virgin	2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17; Mk 4:35-41 A pure heart create for me, O God.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

Car-Park Charges

All Drivers, please take note of our car-park rates.

Cars

15 minutes Grace Period

Monday to Friday (6.00am to 6.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$1.50
Subsequent 15 minutes or part thereof - \$0.50

Per entry after 6.00pm - \$2.50

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday (6.00am to 5.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$1.50
Subsequent 15 minutes or part thereof - \$0.50

Per entry after 5.00pm - \$2.50

Motor Cycles

15 minutes Grace Period

Monday to Friday (6.00am to 6.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$0.80

Per entry after 6.00pm - \$1.50

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday (6.00am to 5.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$0.80

Per entry after 5.00pm - \$1.50

Lenten Novena

Our Lenten Novena to prepare for Easter will begin on Saturday, 27th January 2018. The Theme for this special Novena is: "Jesus gives eternal life!" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

27 Jan : The 7 Signs of Jesus in St. John's Gospel

3 Feb : Changing Water into Wine

10 Feb : Healing of the Royal Official's Son

17 Feb : Healing of a Crippled Man at Bethesda Pool

24 Feb : Feeding of the 5,000

3 Mar : Walking on the Water

10 Mar : Healing of the Man Born Blind

17 Mar : Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

24 Mar : Dying on the Cross

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 28th January at 12 noon.



Donations for our new pews

The pews give us the place to sit in silence, pray and worship. Your gift would be etched on a plaque affixed to the side of the pews.

Brochures can be obtained from the Reception Office.

World Day For Consecrated Life

Come celebrate and pray for all consecrated persons on the World Day for Consecrated Life, Mass at 6:30 pm on Friday, 2 February at Novena Church. All are welcome.

Presentation of the Lord

Please bring along your candles for blessing at all Masses on 2nd February. Blessing will take place after the homily.

Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.



by Catholic Foundation

There will be a Second Collection at Masses on 20th and 21st January 2018. The proceeds are to fund the Local Seminary that is being built at Bukit Timah. Thank you for your generous contribution.