

Sunday Gospel Reflection

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”



Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. In what ways do you feel the need to repent in your life at this time?
2. How do you experience the kingdom of heaven in your midst now?
3. When called to follow Jesus, the Peter, Andrew, James and John had to leave some things behind. Their nets and fishing career, their father, etc. What may we be called to leave behind in following Jesus??

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: That many will respond to the call to follow Jesus.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.