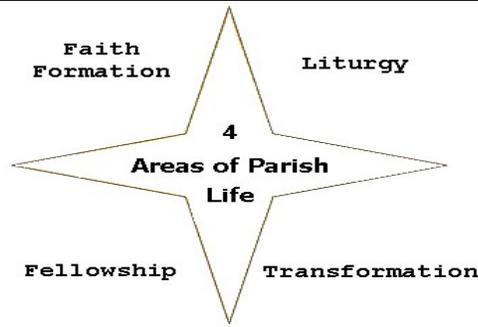




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Virtual Mass Celebrations – January 9, 2021 to February 8, 2021

In a continuing effort to offer mass celebrations to our parishioners for the next four weeks, we have come to an agreement with St. Aloysius to join their Zoom mass at 11:00 am on Sundays. The following is the Zoom link:

ZOOM MEETING INVITATION - ST ALOYSIUS SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Meeting ID	910 8890 8876
Passcode	D8z45N

The link will be open 15 minutes before the celebration.

In addition, Mass will be live streamed on the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on Facebook. Make sure to “like” and “follow” their Facebook page (see link below) to be able to view the live stream at 11am.

<https://www.facebook.com/StAloysius-Gonzaga-Parish-Community-141740569252256>

The live stream will be saved on the Facebook page to be viewed at any time.

Responding to God's Call



First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5,10
Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways
Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 7.29-31
Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

The readings of this Sunday speak about the need for repentance and a prompt response to God's call. The **first reading** tells the story of Jonah who tried to escape the mission he was given by God and how the people of Nineveh responded positively to the call to convert. God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once, and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it. In the **second reading**, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' *second coming* may occur at any moment. Paul does not invite us to despise all material goods and comfort but rather advises us to give earthly/material things their real importance. They are, no doubt, important but they are not eternal. Therefore he stresses the need for courageous choices and renunciations as regards them for love of our brothers and sisters. This love is far superior to all material goods. Earthly things pass away but love is eternal.

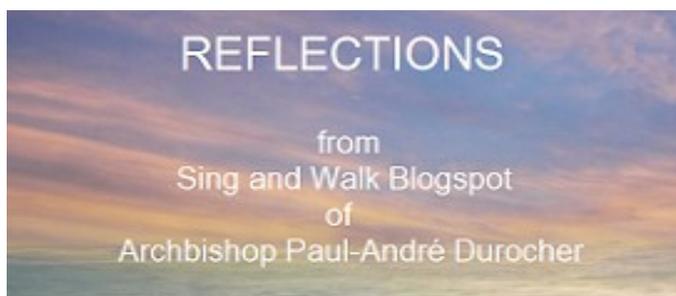
Today's **Gospel** describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "**repent and believe** in the **Gospel**." Like John, Jesus also called for **repentance**, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life, setting new priorities. Conversion/repentance means beginning to think according to the logic of God and place the needs of our brothers and sisters first, and not our own. Repentance also means hating sin, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. **Believing** in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the **Gospel**, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. The Gospel describes the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James and John. By this, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

The disciples' call does not come as they are praying or doing anything particularly important but as they are just going about their daily chores. This shows that the call is completely gratuitous. We have come to know and follow Christ because He chose to reveal to us the love of the Father without any merit on our part. The disciples in the Gospel answer their call immediately; they leave everything to follow Jesus. They are not allowed any delay. They must reply at once, and such reply must be accompanied by a concrete giving up of their past way of life. Hence, every disciple has to make an immediate and final separation. Nothing should stand in our way when it comes to following Christ. Even legitimate love for parents and family, an attachment to one's profession, a need for social and financial security, the wish not to lose one's friends, these all must be given up if they are impediments to the life that Jesus call us to. It is therefore appropriate for us to ask ourselves: what did we leave when we decided to follow Jesus? What links did we sever? What "nets" should we leave behind today when we decide to follow Jesus? (Armellini Fernando, Year B, p. 173-174). We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick. We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage partner or single person), plus a particular occupation arising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, home-making, child-rearing). Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be (Kadavil, A). Happy Sunday!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if You were already there
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Let me grow in love for You and for my brothers and sisters.
My trust is in you. Amen*

Archbishop Durocher Reflections



To access the Archbishop's daily reflections, go to the following link: <http://singandwalk.blogspot.com/> or follow him on his Facebook page, Mgr Paul-André Durocher.

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Church Openings: Will advise all our parishioners when we have received word from the Diocese when churches can be opened again.

Funerals: Can proceed with 25 people during the Covid19 pandemic. Also the Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Income Tax Receipts: Both parishes will issue out receipts in early 2021 for mass intentions, weekly envelopes and other donations. Our fiscal year ends Dec. 31, 2020.

On-Going Collections: During the confinement, parishioners are encouraged to continue to save used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs and new and used candles. Once churches reopen, we can resume these collections.