

## Imaginative Prayer: Breakfast on the Beach

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**This imaginative prayer exercise is based on John 21:1-14, the story of the risen Christ's appearance to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.**

You have been out on the water all night with your friends. It felt good to get back to fishing, something you haven't done much for quite some time. Once you decided to follow the teacher, other things in your life receded.

And then, all that happened recently—you are still trying to understand it. Scenes of Jesus' trials and death still haunt you, even though you know he has risen from the grave. And, even though you have seen his resurrected self, he is not with you all the time. Something fundamental has changed. He has gone to another way of being, and you're still here.

No surprise that it was a bad night for fishing. You all tried to go back to the way things used to be. But of course, that was impossible. You were fishing, but you were talking, too. Just being out on the water brought back those vivid memories—Jesus teaching from the boat, the lakeshore crowded with people listening to him, seeking him, needing him. Jesus calming the storm that time you all knew you would drown. Jesus walking across the surface of the lake in the dead of night.

In fact, everything you do now has some Jesus memory connected to it. But still, it's not the same as having him right here, right now.

It's not so unusual for someone to cook breakfast on the shore. Nothing better than a fish cooked on a spit—a fish pulled from the water just moments before. So as you bring the boat closer to shore, you don't pay much attention to the man there by the little fire.

The man calls to you: "Children, you have no fish, have you?" He has noticed that the boat rides high in the water—no weighty catch.

"No," you answer.

"Cast the net to the right side of the boat; then you will catch some."

You have heard something like this before.

**What does it feel like to recognize the voice but not be able to place it?**

**The last time someone told you where to cast your nets, there was a great miracle. What is spinning through your mind right now?**

You throw the nets off the right side of the boat. Within moments, the nets are full. You look toward the man on the beach. He looks back at you. **What look is on his face? Is he smiling? Is he serious?** >>>



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
**9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

### MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**  
SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**  
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

### CONFESSOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**  
CONFESSORS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**  
MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA & BENEDICTION

### BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

### BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

### HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Let us bring honour to Jesus' name by our words and actions.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Peter and the Apostles are reprimanded for teaching in Jesus' name, but they do not stop for they are obedient only to God's authority. In the book of Revelation, John envisions all creation giving glory to the slain lamb. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples by the seashore after his resurrection.

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### Today's Readings:

**1st: Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41**

*Psalm: 30*

**2nd: Revelations 5:11-14**

*Gospel: John 21:1-19*



## PARISH UPDATES

**Parish Pastoral Council** – Representatives of our parish ministries, please come to our bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 7:30pm, for the good of the parish.

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**Project Advance 2019 – Building our Future upon a Foundation of Faith** is this year's appeal. Our archdiocesan commitment is \$26,000. Our total parish goal maintains at \$75,000. Your participation in this annual appeal gives witness to our faith in action. Please read the special flyer produced for our parish that shows the various entities which benefit from your gift. May God bless you always!

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**New Hot Water Boilers (Our PA's response to 'Laudato Si')** – The contractor will replace the hot water heating system for the church, hall, office and rectory this week. Archbishop Miller has given his written approval. Thank you for your on-going support.

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**May as a Marian Month** – You are encouraged to pray the Rosary for the Pope's prayer intention: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her people and a sign of hope for this continent.

**The Lord is my strength. - Exodus 15.2**

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

**MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - INTENSIVE PRAYER** - The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade, a prayer warriors group of the Office of the Filipino Ministry (<http://rcav.org/Filipino-Ministry>) that gathers month-to-month in different parishes for Intensive Prayer with Scriptural Rosaries during a three-hour Eucharistic Adoration, invites all on May 26, 2019 (Sun.), 1:00-4:00 pm, St. Joseph, Mission, BC. Petitions and Thanksgiving boxes are provided and will be brought to the Blessed Sacrament before start of the Adoration.

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### Vocation Weekend at the Carmel

Come and See! Are you discerning God's call to the religious vocation? You may be interested in spending a weekend of Prayer and Discernment at the Carmel of St. Joseph, the weekend of May 17 to May 19. Your chaplain will be Father Paul Simms, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Kamloops. Please RSVP at 250-546-8801.

**New Church Organ** – A family in Vancouver has donated the music organ in memory of their parents. We are very grateful for their generous gift and kindness.

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**Mexico Pilgrimage** – The registration has been closed. It is FULL. Any new registration will be put on a wait list. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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It doesn't take long, even with the overload of fish, to get to the shore and make your way up to the little fire. The man speaks again: "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

Of course, by now you know it is Jesus. You approach him and the fire. Everything about the morning is so clear, so palpable. *What does the air feel like? What scents are in the breeze? Is it warm or cold? What does the sandy earth feel like as you walk closer and closer to that fire?*

You hand Jesus several fish. He reaches to take them. Those are real, flesh-and-blood hands. You notice, though, the scars on his wrists, clear marks where the spikes had gone all the way through. Then you dare to look up at his face.

*What does his face look like on this early morning? What emotions do you read in his eyes?*

You watch the body, once dead and damaged, go through these ordinary motions of putting the fish on a spit and positioning it above the flames. You see the man squatting there in the sand, one knee on the ground, tending the fire as if this were a typical kind of thing to do on a typical day.

*What does it feel like to be just inches from this mysterious, marvelous human, who was dead but now lives?*

*What is the first thing you say?*

*What does Jesus say in response?*

*I will extol you, Lord,  
for you have raised me up.  
- Psalm 30*

### **Stewardship Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

John 21:15

### **Mass Intentions May 5 - 11, 2019**

Mon, May 6 -	Rose Coenen (RIP)
Tue, May 7 -	Hilda Aldaba (RIP)
Wed, May 8 - 9am,	Fortunato Mendoza Sr & Damasa Jimenez (RIP)
	7pm, Ana Zamora (RIP)
Thu, May 9 -	Felina Salandanan (RIP)
Fri, May 10 -	Robert McManus (RIP)
Sat, May 11 - 9:30am,	Norma Liu (RIP)
	5pm, Kay Sullivan (RIP)

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** - Archbishop Miller sends his special message about World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday, May 12. We hope that you will join us in prayer in addition to supporting the Second Collection for Vocations on May 12. This helps with the education costs for our seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese.