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Archbishop Rattini

Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 27th January 2020 “Following Jesus”

“Of all possessions a friend is the most precious.”
Herotus



Pope Francis tells us:

“There is no such thing as low-cost Christianity. Following Jesus means swimming against the tide, renouncing evil and selfishness.”



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In this week's Gospel Jesus makes his appearance as a great light that has arisen in Galilee of the Gentiles. He is the light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission. They "immediately" leave their boat and their father and follow him.

At times we need to distance ourselves from material things and sometimes even revisit our values for the sake of the gospel.



*I have seen a
Great Light!*

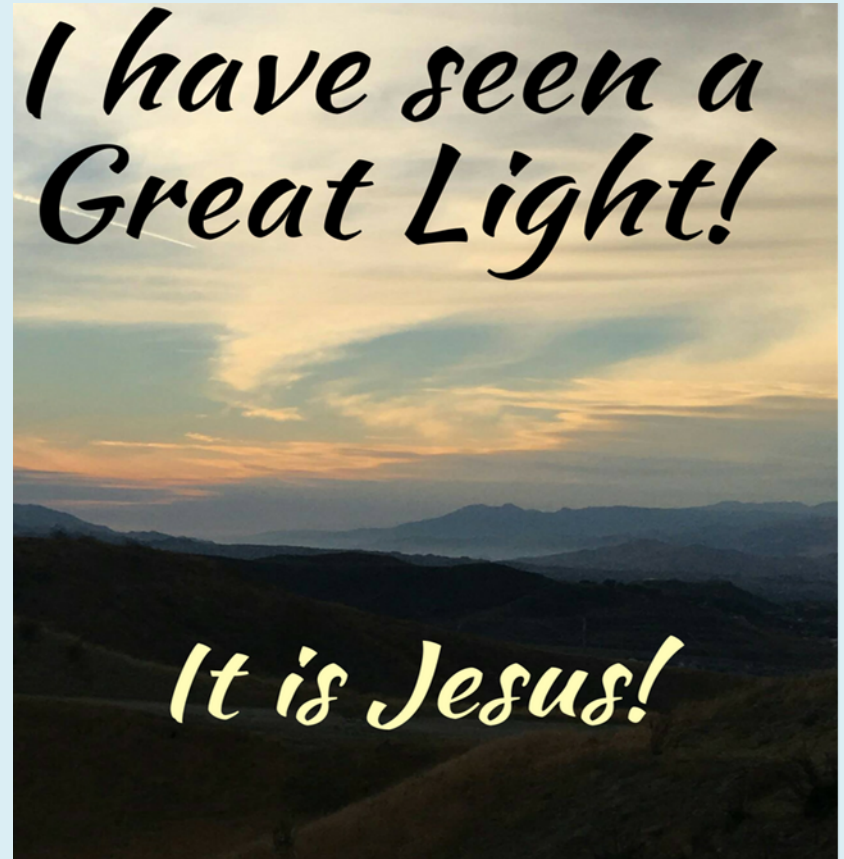
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This week Jesus is asking each one of us if we will turn our lives around and leave behind the darkness and whatever gets in the way and stops us from bringing the Good News of Jesus and his Kingdom of justice and peace into our world today.





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For the grace to “repent,” turning from
ourselves toward those in need,
Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace to respond to the call of
discipleship, quickly and decisively,
Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace of healing to all who are ill and
alone,
Merciful God, hear us!
Amen.

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Pray for us

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A landscape photograph showing rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sky with clouds, likely at sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid in a large, elegant script font.

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Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus calling the fisherman to give up everything that they have and follow him. Jesus is often described as "The Light of the World". He asks people to walk in his light. This week we also celebrate Holocaust Memorial Day. It is a reminder to each one of us of what can happen, when people turn away from the light of Jesus and walk towards the darkness and towards evil.



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Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ...From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father mending nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



Other prayers:

Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but also those of ill will. Do not remember all the sufferings they have inflicted upon us; remember the fruits we bear, thanks to this suffering – our comradeship, our loyalty, our humanity, courage, generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this. And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

Lord, help me to love you, as you have always loved me
help me to have faith in you, as you have faith in me
help me to trust you, as you trust me
and help me always to be aware of your awesome presence in my life.

Amen

God, you created us all in your own likeness.

We thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in your world.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellow feeling and understanding; show us your presence in those most different from us, so that in all our relationships, both by what we have in common and by things in which we differ, we may come to know you more fully in your creation; for you are Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever.

Amen

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

