

COMMENTARY:
5th Sunday – OT – Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

“Today all the texts talk about being chosen. Great instances of being chosen are placed before us, but as examples of invisible callings – for each believer is one who has been called to an assignment. In the first reading we have the most solemn call found in the Old Covenant” - **Balthasar, *LW*, 275**

“Today’s scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word” – **Scott Hahn**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138:1c, Psalm 138:1–5, 7–8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Gospel: Luke 5:1–11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”** 5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”** 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Some thoughts: 3 lies from the enemy to prevent us from living out our calling in life: Unworthy – 1st reading; (2) Wrong timing – 2nd reading; (3) Past sins – Gospel.

“Powerful symbolism of Jesus getting into Simon’s boat w/o being invited or any kind of preparation. Entered into his life. Thinking of someone just getting into your car. Then Jesus gives orders. Go out into the deep → The invasion of grace! breaks into our lives and changes us. Single most important decision you’ll ever make = will you cooperate with Jesus once He decides to enter your boat? Everything else is secondary to this. It will be more dangerous, more exciting, – these are spiritual depths – that comes from real spiritual transformation. when we are at it on our own terms – we won’t catch much... but when we follow Christ into the depths...we will find LIFE so abundant it will overwhelm us. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – allowed Jesus to get into his boat at a very young age. *Verso l’alto!* = to the heights! Don’t accept spiritual mediocrity – allow Jesus into the boat – and then get out into the depths, into the heights!”
– **Bishop Robert Barron**