SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MATTHEW 4:12-23
Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel is from Matthew and is the recounting of the early days of Jesus public ministry after His baptism by John the Baptist. Jesus, upon learning that John the Baptist had been arrested, withdraws to Galilee to live in Capernaum. We learn that by doing this, Jesus is fulfilling the words of Isaiah the Prophet found in the Old Testament which named the region that the promised one would come from to lead God’s people “... out of darkness and into the light.” Jesus returns from this place preaching to all who will listen to “repent” and prepare for the Kingdom of heaven. We also hear in this Gospel about the first disciples Jesus recruits - Peter and Andrew, John and James. All leave their families and way of life to follow Jesus - to learn from him and help him as he travels teaching the Good News. They do not yet understand who He is - but they know in their hearts that this is what they are called to do at this moment in time - to say "yes" to Jesus' invitation to follow him and become "fishers of men".

FOR MORE FUN

★ All of us are called to be disciples of Jesus. Jesus is counting on us to be his hands and feet in the world! What can you do this week to live your faith?

★ The Saints offer us examples of what it means to say "Yes" to Jesus' invitation to follow him. Check out "The Chime Travelers" by Lisa Hendey (available on Amazon) for a peek inside the lives of St. Patrick and St. Francis!