

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

Each of the Three readings for this weekend seem to send the same message:

The Prophet Jonah's message – Repent

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians - Time is running out, the Lord's return is near.

Mark, in today's Gospel, - This is the time of **fulfillment**.

Jesus is preparing for his Mission. In calling his apostles, he sends the message that the time is short. The reign of God is near. I would imagine that the newly chosen did not know what they were getting into. But the Magnetic call from Jesus effected an immediate response: "They abandoned their nets and followed him".

So, what does this mean for us? For these apostles Jesus demanded a conversion, a change of heart...to leave all things and follow him. I don't think any of us is ready to follow that example. But I do think each of us might want to take an inventory of our heart, to realign our priorities. Perhaps we might want to re-focus our heart, to scrape off the barnacles that attach themselves to our egos.

As Jesus prepared for his Mission, his ministry, so we too much deepen our prayer to reach into the depths of our GOODNESS.