



# Daily Reflections

**November 30, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 4: 18-22**

As Jesus 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 Zebedee, mending their nets.

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Today we bring our Church calendar year to a close with the feast of St. Andrew, Apostle of the Lord. As we read in today's Gospel text, Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, after being called by Jesus left everything and immediately so. Andrew, like the other Apostles, would have difficult times in living his faith in Jesus. Like the others, Andrew was nowhere to be found on Calvary. However, after the Resurrection and Pentecost, Andrew would travel many miles to spread the Gospel, and eventually, lay down his life for it. As we prepare for the holy season of Advent, let us use our time to ask for the same amazing Grace that enabled Andrew to give everything to Our Lord.

# **Food for your Journey**

Science News reports how healthy young children, once thought to grow in regular rates of growth, are now seen as growing in sporadic fits and starts, each lasting less than 24 hours, followed by no increases in body length. The researchers call growth "saltatory," that is, abruptly jumping and spurting increases. Just prior to these "saltatory spurts" there was fussiness, hunger, sleepiness, etc.

-Science News 141

(15 February 1992), 102.

Could it be the same with our spiritual life? Is spiritual growth a sporadic phenomenon, full of fitful starts and stops? Do not grow discouraged in your journey of discipleship; lulls and logjams are to be expected. It is only the course of non-discipleship that is truly stagnant.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You have called me as You called Andrew to be Your witness. Pour forth an abundance of Your Grace upon me so that through my words and actions I may reveal Your Presence in my life. In doing so, may I draw others to You. Amen.