



Daily Reflections

January 21, 2022

Scripture

Mark 3:13-19

Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.

He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons:

He appointed the Twelve:

Simon, whom he named Peter;

James, son of Zebedee,

and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder;

Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew,

Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus;

Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean,

and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Our Scripture Reflection

When You look at the cast of characters whom Our Lord called to be apostles, You may want to scratch your head and say, "What was He thinking?" They were always a day late and a dollar short it seems. Yet, He saw something in them that He knew with the help of His Grace would make great things happen. And even though they failed Him, especially during His passion and death, they became new men after the resurrection. Almost all of them would go on to found Churches and lay down their lives for Him.

Food for your Journey

The story is told about the baptism of King Aengus by St. Patrick in the middle of the fifth century. Sometime during the rite, St. Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff and inadvertently stabbed the king's foot.

After the baptism was over, St. Patrick looked down at all the blood, realized what he had done and begged the king's forgiveness. "Why did you suffer this pain in silence?" the saint wanted to know.

The king replied, "I thought it was part of the ritual."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Thank You for trusting me so much that You allow me to be Your disciple. At times, Lord, it is a challenge to follow Your way because my way seems easier. May I never shy away from carrying my cross. And if I should stumble and fall, pick me up and get me back on the road that leads to You. Amen