

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Living 2,000 years after the time of Christ, we sometimes wonder what it would be like to truly live in the presence of God. Today's readings describe that feeling through the call to vocation.

In the first reading, we get the sense of unworthiness of the Jewish people. Even saying God's name was unthinkable. We can imagine why Isaiah's response was, "Woe is me! I am lost . . ." Yet through contact with the angel, he was inspired to consider himself worthy. "Here am I; send me!"

In the second reading, Paul takes up the vocation but still considers himself unworthy. He didn't speak with Jesus during his lifetime, but through his unique call, felt worthy to spread the Good News along with the original twelve.

In the Gospel, Peter experiences a transformation similar to Isaiah's. To prove the point to this carpenter that there were no fish, Peter cast the nets. And lo, they were filled to the breaking point. Peter must have felt much like Isaiah did - I am in the presence of One too awesome to behold. As years passed after the Resurrection, it was more difficult to communicate the faith experience of the apostles. Without the gift of the spirit, Christianity would have gone to the grave with the death of the first disciples.