



*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

## **5th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C Primary**

### **WE GATHER**

God of the Extraordinary,  
Each day is a gift from you.  
Help us to make each day extraordinary,  
Fill our hearts with kindness and love,  
and strengthen our friendships.

***Amen***

### **WE LISTEN**

#### ***A reading from the Gospel of Luke (5:4-6)***

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Peter, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Peter answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

### **WE REFLECT**

In this story from the Gospel of Luke, Peter and the fishermen had worked hard all night and had not caught a single fish! Imagine how they must have felt: tired, grumpy, and even disappointed. They were professional fishermen who couldn't catch a fish – how embarrassing! The next morning, a teacher (not a fisherman) named Jesus gets into their boat and tells them that they should try one more time. This must have sounded silly to Peter and the fishermen. They knew that the best time to catch fish was at night-time.

But they decided to listen to Jesus.

When they cast their nets, they miraculously caught so many fish that their boats nearly sank! When Jesus got involved, He helped an ordinary day become an EXTRAORDINARY day.



**"Do ordinary things  
with extraordinary  
love."**

**- Mother Teresa**





In your life, how can God help you to turn ordinary moments into EXTRAORDINARY moments?

Here are a few things you could try:

Be kind to someone new in your class. Write a letter to a family member telling them how special they are to you. Sit with someone who is alone at lunchtime. Or... come up with your own way to make every day EXTRAORDINARY!

## **WE PRAY**

### **For Persistence,**

Even when we are tired and grumpy, like Peter and his friends:  
Help us to keep going until the job is finished.

***Lord hear us***

### **For Courage,**

To make every day extraordinary,  
So that the world would become a better place.

***Lord hear us.***

### **For Friends,**

Help us to be kind and full of love,  
So that we can make friends at school.

***Lord hear us.***

For our own prayers...

***Lord hear us.***

***Lord, hear our prayers.***

**Amen**

## **WE ARE SENT FORTH**

Lord,  
You have given us each day,  
And have called us to make a difference in our world.  
Help us to make every day EXTRAORDINARY,  
And start the new year well.

***Amen.***

***In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit***

***Amen***

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