

Celebrations Scripture Reflection Mt 9:9-13

While [Jesus] was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

To the people of occupied Israel, the tax collector was considered the worst of sinners. First, they were collecting taxes for the Roman government. Second, it was generally assumed that they were extortionists, collecting more than Rome required and pocketing the difference. Despite this, Jesus not only calls Matthew, the tax collector, to follow him but goes to his house and (gasp!) eats with other tax collectors. When the Pharisees question Jesus' disciples about this, Jesus himself responds by saying, "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Forgive us, merciful God, when we think certain people are outside the realm of your love.

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Prayer Sites

<http://prayasyougo.org>,

<http://sacredspace.ie>,

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org>,

http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest_essay/

Vocations Discernment

Are you wondering if God is calling you to be a part of a religious community in service to the Lord? If you're considering community life as a brother, sister, nun, monk, or priest, visit the Vocations Network website:

<https://vocationnetwork.org/>. It offers you resources that will help you match your vocation with an order, give you a calendar of discernment events for your area, and community profiles. Called to mission work as a lay person (not ordained)? Visit <https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/>.

Living Catholic in the 808:

Nothing for the Journey

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Today's Gospel seems so far removed from our typical Catholic life. However, most of us are actually quite like the disciples who took nothing for the journey. How? Because most of us feel completely unprepared to talk about Jesus, to talk about our Catholic faith. We are "naked" and feel like we have nothing to offer, nothing to say to people we encounter in life.

Rather than tell you to grab your Bible and start memorizing passages, I want to encourage you to pray to be like the disciples. Pray to be more open and willing to talk with others about Jesus.

Indeed, here is a challenge for you this week: one morning, as you begin your day, ask God to give you an opportunity that day, that very day(!), to share your faith somehow. It might be saying "God bless you" to a stranger on the bus. It might be telling someone on Facebook that you will pray for them. It might be to not only give the homeless woman a gift card, but to also say that you do this because Jesus is good to you and so you want to be good to her .

This week, I "double dog dare" you! Trust Jesus – pray that he send you out into an evangelization situation you can handle.

Pope Francis Prayer for July

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry
That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Young Adults Summer Sports Day

The Newman Center Young Adults' team will participate in the Diocesan Summer Sports day next Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Mary, Star of the Sea. Thank you to student Amy Lowe for designing the team jerseys! *It incorporates the waterfalls and the cross like in our logo, and the outline of the building as part of the design of the knight's shoulder.* Come, cheer on our Newman Knights teams!



Sisters Shelter, Support Asylum-seekers as They Adapt to US

Bethany House of Hospitality, a staffed house that serves as a haven for female asylum-seekers, is just one of the many ways U.S. Catholic sisters collaborate to support migrants. Sisters connect asylum-seekers with legal aid, counseling for trauma and other resources to help them resettle in the U.S.

Read about the painful memories and the new cultures confront resettled families at:
info@globalsistersreport.org

Catholic Resources on Family Separation

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (better known by their acronym, CLINIC) is a network of Catholic and community legal immigration programs. A compilation of resources including suggestions for how people can help and facts about the situation can be found on their website: <https://cliniclegal.org/family-separation>