



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

FED BY THE WORD

*A joyful, inclusive community ...each growing
in personal relationship with Christ*

**5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B, 2020**

"Fan into flame the gift of God..." 2 Tim 1: 6-7

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Starting Out

Context:

Still in Capernaum, Jesus enters the home of Peter, whose mother-in-law is ill. Jesus 'raises her up', a foretaste of what He will do Himself and for us.

What word or phrase are you being drawn to by the Holy Spirit?

What idea in this gospel speaks most to your own life right now?

The gospel gives us insight into Jesus' priorities. How does this compare to our own? How does this impact on your purpose as a follower of Christ?

Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to a new insight or action?

Ready to go deeper

Context:

Jesus 'raises up' Peter's mother in law. Mark uses language Paul will use to describe Christ's own resurrection.

- 1. What word or phrase are you drawn to by the Spirit in this week's gospel?**
- 2. Jesus' words show how committed he is to his purpose. How do you see purpose and commitment in your own life, and in your life of faith?**
- 3. What would change in our community's impact if our commitment level, our purpose was so steadfast?**
- 4. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about your Christian walk through this gospel? Is there a step you might take as a result?**