

TRINITY NEWS

Epiphany IV

The story of the catch of fish in Luke 5:1-11 has a parallel in the catch of more than 153 fish at John 21:1-11. It is a narrative story that teaches like a parable. Luke sets it in a sequence of teachings by Jesus and it appears to have occurred in part to illustrate the teaching. Simon Peter and Jesus play the key roles and the audience is dotted with fishermen. Wearied and discouraged fishermen who have toiled through a night of casting and hauling in wet nets with little result are told by Jesus to do it again! They had to drag the nets from the shore and try once more. The result is an unexpected miracle for them. They will have fish for market and sizzling morsels to eat. The response of Peter is one of realization that this is a mark of the presence of God and of his own unworthiness. Jesus responds to Peter's awe by telling him not be afraid because such miracles will occur when he 'fishes' in the deep waters of humanity with the Gospel of God taught to him by Jesus the Christ.

Sometimes life has brought us to the knees of Christ to proclaim our dismay at our own efforts and our fears of the discouragement of others. Then we need his words of assurance such as Peter received at his point of need. Peter received a miracle of provision for fish on the table and a miracle of loving reassurance and a task of service in the Gospel.

We should share our miracles in the community of Faith in Christ. They happen all the time if we have eyes to see and hearts and minds to perceive.

I have been the recipient of a number of miracles and I will share one or two with you today. I have also known what it is like to trawl through the depths of my experiences and come up with nothing. As we meet together today to review the past year let us be thankful for the miracles that showed us light in the darkness and joy in seeing broken fragments drawn together.

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY.

- Vestry Meeting, 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY.

- Bible Study, 10:am.

THURSDAY.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

TO PLAN:

FEBRUARY 9, 5:30PM.
PANCAKE SUPPER, Tickets
are now available at the
Parish Office.



FEBRUARY 10. ASH WEDNESDAY.
