

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

- This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday.
  - Those who do not know much about football watch the commercials.
  - Companies will spend millions to showcase their products
    - In watching advertisements one thing is always present.
    - The advertisers make sure you realize you have a need.
    - Their product is the only need-filling solution.
    - *We* may never even have known we had that need.
      - Jesus knows our needs – and how to meet them
- Peter, James & John fish all night & catch nothing - until they encounter Jesus.
- Jesus was teaching the crowd & like any good teacher Jesus employs a visual aid
  - A Super Bowl of fish – and Peter gets caught
- They were available to the call of Jesus because Jesus came into their boat.
- Jesus came to them on their turf, where they lived - and they were hooked.
  - Same with us – He meets us right where we are.
  - Peter recognized Jesus for who He was – and his own sinfulness
  - Right there, in the boat, he confesses his sin
  - And they left everything – wanting more of what Jesus had to offer
- Jesus knows what we really need.
- Jesus embraced our humanity by becoming one of us – & He knows our needs.
- Jesus came because we are God's beloved
  - He sees our sinfulness and wants to forgive us – to restore us
- The reality is that deep within each of us is a God shaped hole that only God can fill.
- Jesus came to save us, not only from our sin, but also from being sucked in by all the false advertisers of this world.
  - Jn 10:10 promises ABUNDANT LIFE
  - The goal of Church is to grow the Kingdom of God
  - To make abundant life promised by Jn 10:10 a reality
  - For that to happen, we need to live our faith

#### Rabbi and the Soapmaker

There is so much trouble in the world – does religion really make any difference?

Come upon a dirty child playing in the mud

There is so much soap in the world, yet we still have dirty children, does soap make any difference.

For soap to be effective you have to use it.

Exactly – it is the same with our faith.

- Peter was freed from being a poor fisherman and given a new mission
  - Sharing his faith & the Good News that we are God's Beloved

- So are we.