

Today's Readings present a fact of life we can count on. And that is CHANGE.

In the 1st Reading Jonah calls the people to repent. They listen. And they change from their sinful ways. And then God changes. Listen to this remarkable and incredible statement about God in the Book of Jonah: "When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; God did not carry it out." Even God changes, according to the writer.

In the 2nd Reading Paul reflects that the world in its present form is passing away. In other words, the world is changing. We know that from our understanding of science and living.

And in the Gospel Jesus challenges the people to change. Then we have the call of the early Apostles. Simon, Andrew, James and John abandon their nets. They change their way of life to follow Jesus. Why? For NEW LIFE....for MORE life.

We are all in the midst of changes taking place in our world, lives and relationships. With economic realities changing we carefully watch how we are spending our pennies. With the weather we've been experiencing we need more heat, more blankets on at night, more layers of clothing to go outside. We are all aging. We've changed in age from a week ago when we were here at Mass. Children are growing up and becoming independent and even leaving home. It doesn't take much to happen and suddenly we have health issues that change our way of life. Sometimes our week consists of one Dr.'s or lab appointment after another. And our relationships continue to change: there may be new ones forming; long-time friends moving, weakening, even dying. There is at times gain as well as loss.

This week take a look at our life and see where we are experiencing change. How is the change inviting us to NEW LIFE.....to MORE LIFE? How are we being invited to change?

My sisters and brothers: Change is not always easy to embrace, is it?yet God blesses our every effort.