

January 28, 2018
“Leaving Your Circle”

First Reading ~ *Mark 1:14-20*

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming God's good news, saying, 'Now is the time! Here comes the realm of God! Change your hearts and your minds, and believe this Good News!' While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, 'Come, follow me, I'll show you how to fish for people.' They immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. As he went a little farther, he saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee (Zebedee's sons). They, too, were in their boat putting their nets in order. At that very moment, Jesus called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, standing in the boat with the hired help, and followed Jesus.

Second Reading ~ *from Albert Einstein*

A human being is part of the whole, called by us "The Universe"; a part in time and space. We experience ourselves, our thoughts, and feelings as something separated from the rest— a kind of optical delusion of our consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures, and the whole of nature in its beauty.