

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Mark 1:14-20*

#### **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

In today's first reading with the Jonah in the first Reading to go to Nineveh and with the choice of the set of two brothers: (Peter and Andrew then John and James) Jesus affirms the need of leadership.

Every community needs leaders. But I have to say that in every sound community there is a multiplicity of leadership roles. In any community you don't just have a clear-cut group of people classified as leaders, neither do you have a clear-cut group of people known as followers. Which implies that there are times when we all shall need to lead and there are other times when we all shall need to follow. Sometimes our expertise and experience require us to take a leadership role, and when that is called for we are obliged. At other times, our limitations require us to allow others to take a lead, and when that is called for we are obliged as well.

The whole point is that every member of the community will need certain wisdom to judge when we are being called to lead and when we are being called to follow. No one is a leader only, and no one is a follower only. No one is a shepherd only and No one is a sheep only. Which means that in our day to day living, we need the flexibility 'to slip in' and 'slip out' of those differing roles. This because, as well as having much to give to others, we all have much to receive from them as well.