



**St. Francisca Salesia (Leonie) Aviat** (1844-1914) was born to Theodore Aviat, a shopkeeper, and Emilie Caillot. With Father Louis Brisson, she founded the Sister Oblates of Saint Francis of Sales in Troyes, France, dedicated to helping young women who poured into the cities during the Industrial Revolution.

**First Reading:** (Heb 1:2-6) In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. For to what angel did God ever say, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

**Ps 96:1-2,6-7,9.**

**R./ All you spirits, worship him.**

**Gospel:** (Mk 1:14-20) After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

## REFLECTION

Jesus' preaching and teaching was all about "the kingdom of God." Jesus was not talking about establishing a place with borders, a kind of divine kingdom. Even though Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God, he hardly referred to God as "king." Instead Jesus spoke of a God as "Abba," a God who loved. Jesus wanted his disciples to live this future kingdom, here and now. **Those who try to live the Kingdom prefer, lifting a cross more than climbing a ladder and bearing the cross more than wearing a cross**