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Monday through Friday:

8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Saturday:

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.



January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19a



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord (2) who calls us to be his disciples (3). How well do we listen to his voice (1)? How willing are we to do his will (Ps)?

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

The two disciples who were with John in today's Gospel did not yet know Jesus. John knew they sought the Messiah, and he understood his mission to point the way to the Lord. In the first reading, Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel and told him how to respond when called. Saint Paul witnessed to the Good News of Jesus to the people in Corinth, and continued to show them how to live as Christian people. John, Eli, and Paul grasped that, as people of faith, we are called to show others the way to the Lord. Who helps you be attentive to God's presence and to respond in faith? To whom are you called to witness, to show the way to the Lord?

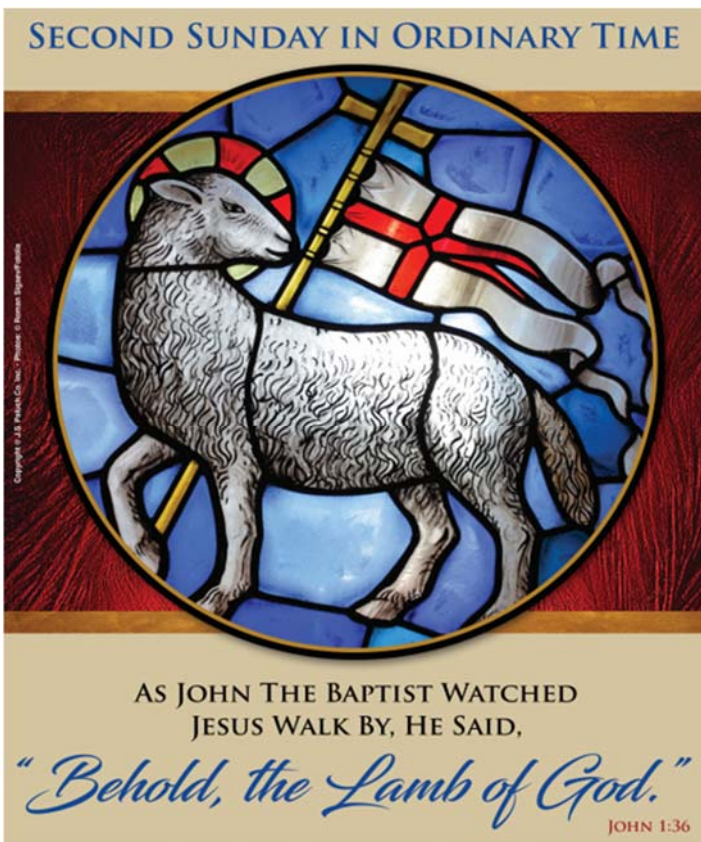
Behold, The Lamb of God

John's introduction was a simple declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples immediately responded. Jesus sensed their willing hearts and invited them to follow him. Do you sometimes wish that recognizing the Lord would be so straightforward in your own life? Would it not be wonderful if a friend could point to Christ with certainty? While we do not always have such a clear sense of God's presence with and within us, we do have a regular opportunity to encounter Christ, in the celebration of the Mass. Like the disciples, we too hear, "Behold the Lamb of God." After the consecration, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." It is like having a friend point the way to the Lord for us. Here is Christ, ready for us to receive his Body and his Blood, to enter into deep communion with him, and to live our lives as his disciples. Nourished in word and sacrament, we are called to point the way to the Lord as witnesses to Christ's love.

**Here I Am. Speak, For Your
Servant is Listening**

The Lord does not only call people like Samuel and the two disciples. God calls each of us. We must be attentive to God's presence in prayer, sacred scripture, the sacraments, interactions with others, the beauty of creation. We are to grow in willingness to respond, to live as God's people in the daily circumstances of our lives. Eli's guidance to Samuel is for us as well: with an open heart and mind, we do well to say to God, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Like the two disciples in today's Gospel, we must be ready to set aside whatever might stand in the way of our relationship with Christ and our Christian living. It was more than Simon's name that changed. The disciples discovered in Jesus a new way of life, and they shared the good news of this life with all.

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New Mass Schedule

We will return to our pre-COVID-19 Mass schedule beginning Sunday, February 4, 2024. Sunday Masses will be as follows:

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday and

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m., 12:00, and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday.

We will also have a monthly Tagalog Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month

and a monthly Charismatic & Healing Mass at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

Weekday Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Confession will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Appointments are preferred.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners born this week.

Esther Bungay	01/15	Colleen Stock	01/19
Edita Reyes	01/18	Josefa Gonzales	01/20

Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for January



Pope's Intention: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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WORSHIP of God, who loves and saves you;
SERVICE to others in the parish and the community;
GIFTS to the church and to good causes of your choice.

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Saints & Special Observances

Wednesday: Memorial ~ St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: optional memorial ~ St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr

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SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mk 3:20-21

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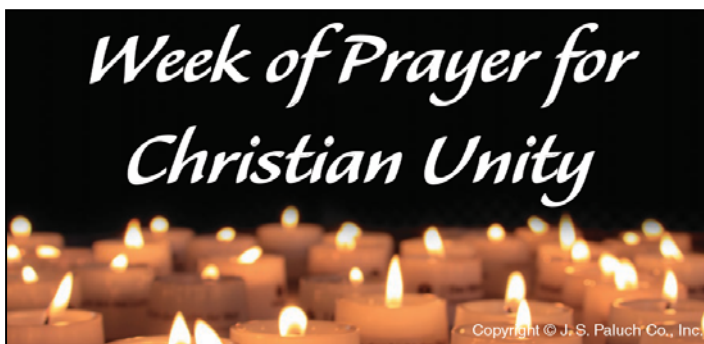
Walk for Life West Coast 2024

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 20, 2024. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



We will have our regular weekday schedule of Masses (8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) here at St. Patrick on Monday, January 15th, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, observed. The office will be closed all day. Please pray for an end to racial discrimination.



Gentleness

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

~ J. Masai

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) will take place beginning January 18th under the banner of the theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

This oneness was ruptured at various times during the history of the Church, most notably in 1054 when Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians severed the bonds of unity and then again in 1517 when protests over perceived ecclesiastical abuses led to the fragmentation of western Christendom. Thankfully, most of the acrimony of the past is behind us, and Christians are more and more yearning for doctrinal unity and pastoral charity among all believers.

Prayers For Christian Unity

Gracious Father,
we pray to you for your holy catholic Church.
Fill it with your truth.
Keep it in your peace.
Where it is corrupt, reform it.
Where it is in error, correct it.
Where it is right, defend it.
Where it is in want, provide for it.
Where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
R./ Amen.

~ William Laud

Almighty and eternal God,
you gather the scattered sheep
and watch over those you have gathered.
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus, your Son.
You have marked them with the seal of one baptism,
now make them one in the fullness of faith
and unite them in the bond of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R./ Amen.

Living God's Word

The Church is the new Israel, called to attract all people to the Lord. We must be "the place where the child" (Matthew 2:9) is found today. God's glory shines through the Church and, despite our many flaws, we are called to become the "place" where everyone can find the Lord and "[do] him homage" (2:11).

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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Andrew was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have ...

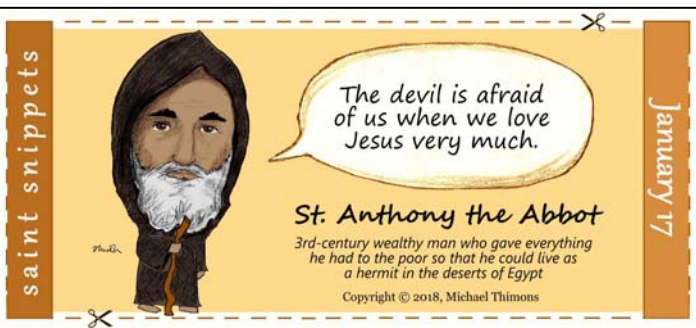
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F _____."

Answer: *found the Messiah*

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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WEEK of PRAYER



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for CHRISTIAN UNITY

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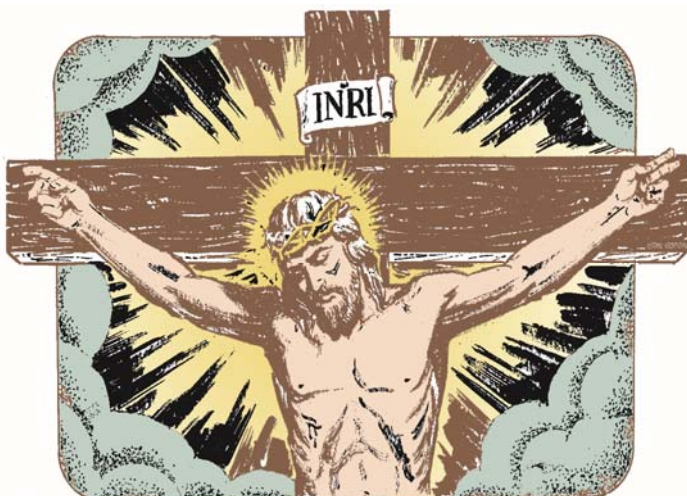
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In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. “Speak,” they say, “we are listening.”

God’s voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God’s word. Let’s ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don’t miss God’s voice.

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Accepting God’s Call

To accept God’s call means more than accepting a personal or private commission. It means accepting a communal life, a life of solidarity with others. We can always test whether we are really responding to that call by asking ourselves, “When God calls me, does God find a people, that is, a person committed to solidarity?” The person who is one in Christ is not marked by parochial concerns and demands for self-fulfillment. It does not follow that taking care of oneself first leads to caring for others. We are called to something greater than ourselves, and in obeying that call we are summoned beyond ourselves, to be servants like Jesus Christ.

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Feast of Faith The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, “The Lord be with you.” These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our “good mornings,” our “hellos” and “how are yous.” This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—“And also with you,” soon to be “And with your spirit”—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord’s presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord’s presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God’s presence transforms us.

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Living God’s Word

Our prayer can be full of words, giving voice to our plans, our needs, our desires. We can bring a lot of “help, help, help” or “gimme, gimme, gimme” to prayer. Try just listening.

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Chains of Grace

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

~ St. Francis de Sales

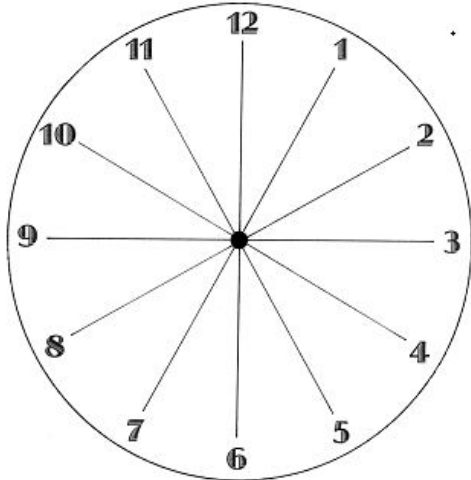
CATHOLIC CORNER

EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY

In today's Gospel we see Jesus calling his first disciples. This was such an important event in their lives that scripture even records the time of day when it happened— "It was about four in the afternoon" (John 1:39). Jesus called you to be a disciple, too—on the day of your baptism. Ask an adult in your family to help you fill in the date and time of your baptism. *Jesus called me on*

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Every hour of every day, you continue to be a good and faithful follower of Jesus. Fill in this clock with one thing you do each hour that shows that you do your best to follow Jesus.



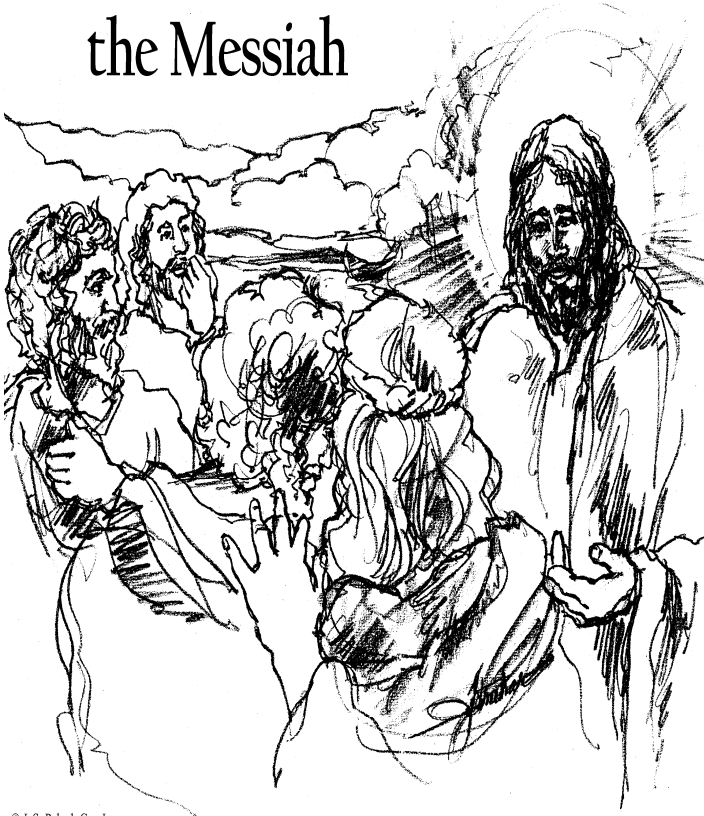
The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

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Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." Jn 1:38-39

We have found the Messiah



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Pastor Al®

CHRIS McDONOUGH

"You took the choir to Mexico? I said that with the organ broken you should go to a cappella, not Acapulco!"

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God's Call

One of the fondest shared memories of childhood has to be the call to come home for supper. At the time, we may not have wanted to set aside our games, but now we recall the sweet long evening and the memory of being called to the original place of nurturing and community. However it came to us, we heeded: the six o'clock whistle blew or the Angelus bell rang or we heard the familiar voices of our parents calling down the alley, "Supper time!" The call to each child is the call to all the children, each in his or her own family. No single one could pull up a chair to the table until all of the family was there. God's call is like that. Each and every one is called to a place of nurturing and community. God's call is directed to each of us and each of us must respond. Each of us is called, but none of us is called alone.

Comment

God summoned the leaders of Israel in startling ways. Moses' mission, for example, was delivered from a burning bush; Isaiah's vocation was disclosed in a fiery vision in the temple. In today's first reading, we hear of a quiet invitation, one more within our experience. In the first two chapters of the first book of Samuel, which precede this reading, we learn that Samuel's mother, Hannah, had stormed heaven for a child. God answered her prayers and in due time she bore a son, Samuel. What Hannah could not have known was that Samuel's birth, so special to Hannah, was also a gift to Israel.

Samuel, now a boy, is growing up in the precincts of the temple in Shiloh, where the ark of the covenant is enshrined. One night he hears a voice calling. Three times he arises to see if his mentor, Eli, has called, and three times he is sent back to bed. Just before today's passage, it is noted that Samuel is new to this business of conversing with God, for at that time "revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent" (1 Samuel 3:1). But, finally, Samuel understands that he is being called by God. He obeys and becomes, as it turns out, the first prophet during the time of the monarchy. Samuel's willing and attentive spirit sets the tone for today's meditation on those who heed God's call.

The Gospel follows and flows from the story of baptism of Jesus, which the Church heard proclaimed last Sunday. Though John does not record the baptism of Jesus, he refers to it here. Jesus is called the Lamb of God. The term "lamb" is the kind of wordplay that we often find in John's writing. The Aramaic word *talya* can mean both "lamb" and "servant." John the Baptist pointed out Jesus, and described him as the servant of God. This was all the disciples needed as they ran to catch up to Jesus, who was passing by. They moved so quickly, almost impulsively, that when they caught up with Jesus and he asked them what they were searching for, they seemed to fumble their lines. They asked him, somewhat lamely, where he was staying. It was as if Jesus knew they were *searching* for a place or a way or a dwelling that Jesus had found or knew about. To the disciples' question, Jesus replied, "Come and see." Jesus' words implied, "Come and dwell where I do; come and know what or who I know." And they did. The disciples heard the call and followed.

Jesus' call was too good to keep bottled up. Andrew rushed off to tell his brother Simon, and confessed that he found the Messiah. Simon, too, came running, and his response to the call brought him a new name, "Peter," the rock. Peter would become the foundation of God's new people, the Church.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the glory found in all who respond to God's call. As followers of Christ, we are like Christ in body and spirit. We who were called one by one are now part of a greater whole. We are no longer our own; we have thrown our lot in with others. We are all one in Christ.

Reflection

To accept God's call means more than accepting a personal or private commission. It means accepting a communal life, a life of solidarity with others. We can always test whether we are really responding to that call by asking ourselves, "When God calls me, does God find a people, that is, a person committed to solidarity?" The person who is one in Christ is not marked by parochial concerns and demands for self-fulfillment. It does not follow that taking care of oneself first leads to caring for others. We are called to something greater than ourselves, and in obeying that call we are summoned beyond ourselves, to be servants like Jesus Christ.

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Joy

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

~ St. Julian

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready; not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready; not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us—awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

Wake-Up Calls

Just as Samuel finally woke up and started paying attention to God, the first disciples awakened, one by one, and joined up with Jesus. These were turning points in their lives.

So what? Who cared? It was a big moment in each of their lives, sure. But you can bet not many people paid attention at the time. Sometimes we have "breakthrough" moments in our lives. Something clicks. "Yes, I will marry this person," or "Yes, it's time. I'm changing jobs." A major turning point! And might not that "click" be an answer to God's call?

Yet, despite that momentous decision I've just made . . . the world doesn't really care. The world lurches along—floods and fires, famines and "ethnic cleansings." Governments rise and fall; peace accords are signed and broken. Things carry on—despite my decision.

First the Breakthrough - Then the Living

Even more importantly . . . history moves ahead regardless of whether I follow through with my decision. If I get scared, pull back, stay with the status quo—the world doesn't stop and come back to get me.

Jesus had a breakthrough on the banks of the Jordan, in the shadow of the Baptist. The Father spoke to Jesus; the Spirit filled him and he made a decision. But . . . Jesus could have backed off, could have changed his mind. The pages of history's book would have continued to flip over in time's wind. In a different way, to be sure. But who could have said so at the time?

So it was, too, with those first disciples; and so it is with us. Our "baptisms," our beginnings, our training points—the decisive moments of our lives—are of vast importance to us, and to the God who urges us into them. But no one—not even our loved ones—can follow through for us. We do or we don't. It's up to us. The Spirit fills us; God is ready. But we step forward, finally, on our own. That's the mystery. That's the adventure.

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Living Stewardship Now

What are you doing to bring Christ to others beyond your family and parish? Are you young or an active retiree? Consider becoming a volunteer missionary yourself! Contact Catholic Volunteer Network (catholicvolunteernetwork.org) for opportunities to serve here or overseas. Alternatively, support Catholic Home Missions, which helps to bring the gospel to the poorest and most remote areas of our country.

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Hello, God

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven't you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about? Wouldn't it be cool to hear the LORD speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think. Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. Your pastor may be able to do that, or at least able to refer you to someone.

Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God's plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. Don't be like the man who complains he never know what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, "I don't know; we never talk." I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

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Reflecting on God's Word

Once more we stand with John the Baptist and learn from what he does. Watching Jesus walk by, he says to two of his disciples, "Behold, the Lamb of God." And "the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:36-37). One was Andrew, who, in turn, goes to his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. And Jesus gives him a new name, Cephas, which means "rock."

A new life begins for Andrew and Simon, and most likely for the other disciple as well, possibly either James or John (both were fishermen with Peter and Andrew). It was clear to Jesus that they were searching for something: "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Teacher, where are you staying?" implying that it was going to take more than a few minutes to answer that question. Jesus took them in immediately: "Come, and you will see . . . And they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39).

As we return to Ordinary Time, which comes from the Latin *ordo* ("numbered"), we count the weeks off by numbers: Second Sunday, Third Sunday, and so on. But "ordinary time" is lived in a world touched by God's grace. God continues to come into our lives, if we would notice.

Like John pointing out Jesus to his two disciples, the old priest Eli helps Samuel to understand that the Lord is entering the boy's life and tells him to respond, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). We bring each other to God, to Jesus Christ, by being attentive to how God is at work among us. God continues to work through each of us, and that is what makes "ordinary time" continuously extraordinary.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Watching for the Messiah

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite."

We have a treasure in our tradition that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope. We resist forces that isolate and alienate the sick; the symbol of touch is a powerful act of acceptance. Why wait until the crisis of illness is dire before we apply such a rich remedy to body and soul?

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God's Word Today

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." This refrain from today's responsorial psalm is a fitting mantra for all believers as Ordinary Time opens before us. The first reading recounts the story of Samuel, who is told by Eli to respond to the Lord's call with the words "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." The Gospel passage today recounts the call of the first disciples, who declare that they have found the Messiah. This wonderful set of scripture readings reminds us to stand ready to listen to the call of the Lord Jesus. As these words are proclaimed today, let us make the words of the psalmist our own and declare that we are open once again to the invitation to become more dedicated disciples of the Lord.

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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19a

You Will See

Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, baptized people with water but told his followers that someone was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel reading does not record any conversation between John and Jesus, but emphasizes that as John watches Jesus go by, he announces that this man is indeed the promised one, the Lamb of God. Andrew and another man set out to follow Jesus, who turns and asks what they are looking for. Their answer is a strange one: they want to know where he lives. Jesus simply replies, "Come, and you will see." We are told they stay with him for the whole day. The next day, Andrew finds his brother, Simon, and tells him he has met the Messiah—the Anointed One—and takes Simon to meet Jesus. Like John, Jesus looks hard at Simon, taking the measure of the man, and in the light of what he perceives in him changes his name to Cephas—or as we more commonly know it, Peter ("the rock"). The two encounters seem very ordinary, yet they are life-changing. Jesus is not proclaiming a message, preaching to a crowd, or performing great miracles. Instead, he is simply walking past John, and when Andrew and his friend introduce themselves, offers them hospitality and companionship. When Jesus meets Peter, he does not ask probing questions about his family and his background or make solemn pronouncements. He just looks at the man, makes an assessment of his character, and accepts him as a friend. The simplicity of Jesus' manner demonstrates his willingness to receive people "as they are" but also to call forth their potential. He does not offer lengthy explanations of who he is, but takes people to his home and lets them see for themselves.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

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The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

There are all kinds of calls going on in the readings today—and all kinds of people who respond in different ways. Sometimes people are being called clearly, sometimes not so clearly. In one case God is doing the calling; in another, someone is calling on God's behalf. And in between the callers and receivers are people like you—intermediaries—who either act as a clear conduit or as a telephone operator helping customers with a call.

- ⇒ How am I like Samuel? Am I unsure of something in my life right now but unclear on which way God is telling me to go? Besides God's voice, what other "voices" are competing for my attention as I make decisions—voices that represent the expectations of parish, family, friends? Voices from my past? The voices of guilt, fear, or selfishness?
- ⇒ How am I like the two intermediaries in today's readings? How am I like Eli, who uses time, patience, and experience to help another figure out God's call? In what ways am I like the John the Baptist, using teaching, proclamation, and intensity to persuade others to follow Christ?

Applying the Word: We have found the Christ

Do we hear the voice of God speaking in our lives as clearly as Samuel did? If we don't, then maybe we need to sleep closer to the ark, so to speak. Maybe we need to put ourselves in a more advantageous position for hearing God's voice. Do we make time for stillness in our lives: rest, retreat, reflection, and meditation? Do we sit before the Blessed Sacrament in tranquil moments and silence the restless flow of anxieties and pre-occupations? Do we sit before the mystery of our own lives—our relationships, our work, our story—and allow God to speak to us by name through what is most meaningful and personal to us? If we don't come and see, we can't say we haven't been asked. ~ Alice Camille

Scripture links

Samuel stories: *1 Sam. chs. 1-3, 7-10, 12-13, 15-16, 19, 25, 28*

Other great calls: *Gen. 12:1-9; Exod. 3:4-14; Isa. 6:1-13; Jer. 1:4-10; Jon. 1:1-3; Luke 1:26-38; Acts 9:1-9*

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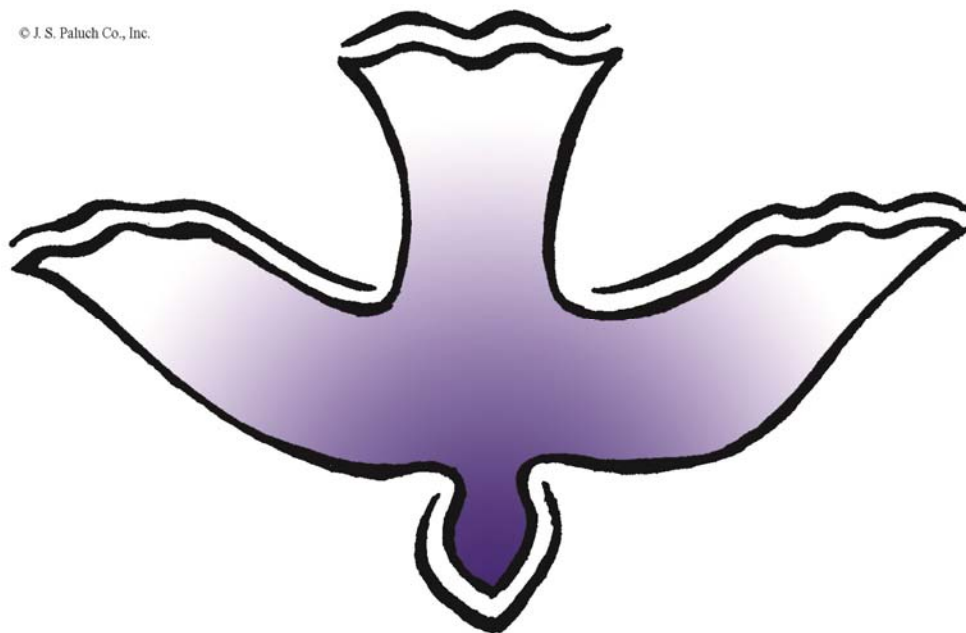
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Discipleship: *CCC 531-533; 551-553; 783-786; 1691-1696*

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COULD YOU HOLD FOR A SECOND?

AM AS GUILTY of it as any of you. If you are like me, you find it frustrating when someone you are talking to on the phone cuts you off and puts you on hold because another call has come in. This service is euphemistically called "call waiting." It should be called "call interrupted" or "maybe this call is more important than you." That is how I feel when it happens to me. Yet, now that my new phone service includes this feature, I find myself doing exactly what I dread others doing to me: "Can you hold for a quick second?" Why do I do it? I suppose there is always the possibility that the call might be more important or necessary than the one I am on. Still, that is a lame excuse for treating the person I am talking with so rudely.

God calls us as dearly as Samuel was called and as directly as the apostles were called by Jesus. We are pretty good at hearing God and sorting out God's voice from among everyone else who wants our attention. But is harder to stay tuned in to God's message, to continue to listen to God and to follow through on what is expedient of us.

Too often we are tempted to put God on hold, as if anything could be more important than what God wants of us. But often this is the choice we make. Just as God is patient with Samuel and does not stop calling him until Samuel realizes that it is God, so God will not give up on us. And that is most reassuring. I could write more about this, but, would you believe, my phone is ringing.

—Father Dominic Grassi

Worries

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

~ Anonymous

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 1 (Jan 18):

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Lk 10:25)

Scripture

Romans 14:8-9

Psalm 103:13-18

Meditation

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" This crucial question asked of Jesus by a lawyer challenges every believer in God. It affects the meaning of our life on earth and for eternity. Elsewhere in the Bible, Jesus gives us the ultimate definition of eternal life: "... that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Knowing God means discovering and doing his will in our lives. Every person wants a life of fullness and truth, and God desires this for us too (cf. Jn 10:10). Saint Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive."

The existential realities of life, with divisions, selfishness and suffering, often distance us from the quest for God.

Thus, our quest for eternal life brings us closer to Jesus, and in so doing brings us nearer to each other, strengthening our closeness on the path toward Christian unity. Let us be open to friendship and collaboration with Christians of all churches, praying for the day when we can all stand together at the Table of the Lord.

Prayer

God of life, You have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness. May we recognize in our brothers and sisters their desire for eternal life. As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead

others to you.

We pray in his name. Amen.

Day 2 (Jan 19):

He answered...

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Lk 10:27)

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Psalm 133

Meditation

The answer the lawyer gives to Jesus may seem simple, drawn from the well-known commandments of God. However, to love God in this way and our neighbors as ourselves can often be difficult.

God's commandment to love him requires deep commitment and means abandoning ourselves entirely, offering our hearts and minds to serve God's will. We can ask for the grace to follow Christ's example, he who offered himself up completely and said, "Not my will but yours be done." (Lk 22:42). He also manifested his great love to all, including his enemies. We do not get to choose our neighbors. Loving them means being attentive to their needs, accepting their imperfections and encouraging their hopes and aspirations. The same attitude is needed on the path of Christian unity, with regard to one another's different traditions.

Prayer

Lord, give us the grace to know you more deeply, in order to love you with all of our being. Grant us a pure heart, to love our neighbors as ourselves. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see your presence in our sisters and brothers, that we may love each other with the same unconditional love with which you love us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 3 (Jan 20):

"Who is my neighbor?"

"Who is my neighbor?" (Lk 10: 29)

Scripture

Romans 13:8-10

Psalm 119:57-63

Meditation

The teacher of the law wanted to justify himself, hoping that the neighbor he is called to love is one of his own faith and people. This is a natural human instinct. When we invite people to our homes, they are quite often people who share our social status, our outlook on life and our values. There is a human instinct to prefer places of familiarity. This is also true of our ecclesial communities. But Jesus takes the lawyer, and his wider audience, deeper into their own

Day 3 (continued):

tradition by reminding them of the obligation to welcome and to love all, regardless of religion, culture or social status.

The Gospel teaches that loving those who are like ourselves is not extraordinary. Jesus steers us towards a radical vision of what it means to be human. The parable illustrates in a very visible way what Christ expects from us – to open wide our hearts and walk in his way, loving others as he loves us. In fact, Jesus answers the lawyer with another question: it is not “who is my neighbor,” but, “who proved to be a neighbor to the man in need?”

This is the challenge of the parable today: to whom am I a neighbor?

Prayer

God of love, Who writes love in our hearts, instill in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbor in those different from ourselves, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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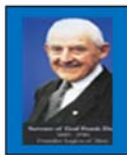
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Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

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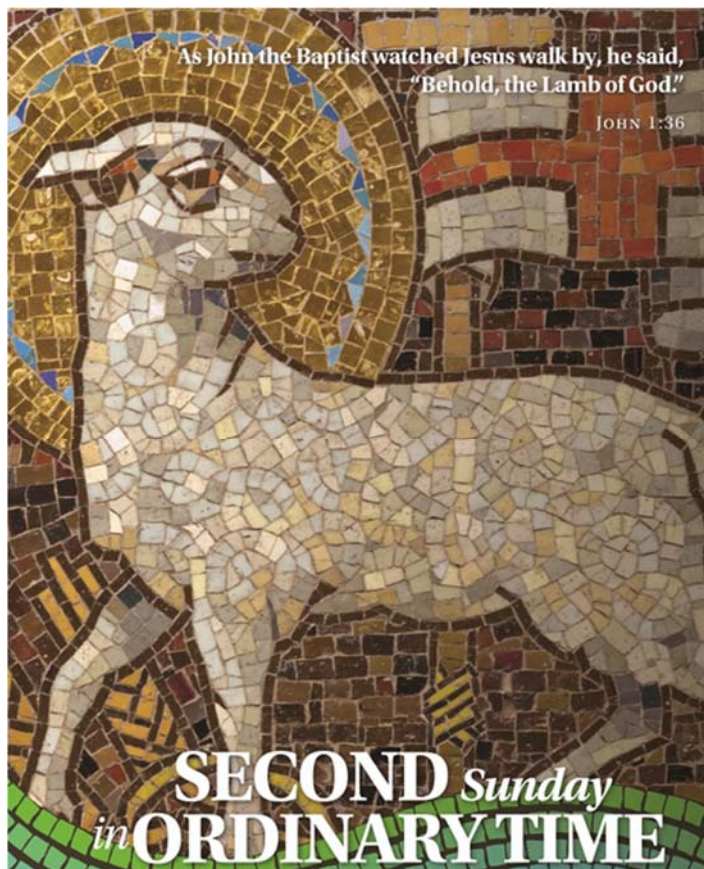
The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

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Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Second Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will

see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” — which is translated Peter.

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.



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Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

“Behold, the Lamb of God.” When have I felt the presence of God most strongly? How can I be more attentive to seeing Christ in the people I meet?

They stayed with him that day. How committed am I to spending time with Jesus in prayer? How can I make time in my schedule to spend more time with the Lord?

Then he brought him to Jesus. When was the last time I invited someone to join me at church? How can I be more intentional about sharing my faith?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord’s Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, “Behold I come.”

“In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!”

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

(From Psalm 40)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

This week, stay with Jesus for an hour, sitting in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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Dec. 13: Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

The Mass, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Filipino Ministry, will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 15-17: Women's Healing After Abortion Retreat

If you have been carrying a burden from a past abortion, you are invited to the next healing retreat for women. Father Vito Perrone of the Contemplatives of St. Joseph and Divine Word Father James Liebner will lead this three-day retreat, which will include Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, counseling and sharing as much as each woman is comfortable doing in this warm and healing environment. It will be held at a confidential location. If you are interested, please call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.org.

Dec. 22: Christmas Angels Program

The Restorative Justice Christmas Angels program supports children affected by homicide, children with a parent in prison and children affected by domestic violence and abuse. The project culminates with a family Christmas event on Dec. 22 from noon-4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Gifts will be distributed, food and drinks will be served and children will have the opportunity to get their photo taken with Santa. Learn more at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/christmasangels/>.

Jan. 13, 2024: Santo Nino Celebration

Join the Archdiocesan Filipino Ministry for the 8th annual Santo Nino Fiesta on Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. The "Santo Nino" (or Holy Child Jesus) is a symbol of the birth of Catholicism in the Philippines more than 500 years ago when Magellan presented a statue of the Santo Nino to Queen Juana of the Philippine Island of Cebu in 1521.

Jan. 19-20, 2024:

20th annual Vigil for Life and Walk for Life

The 20th annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center in San Francisco.

Join the Walk for Life Vigil Mass on Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, all-night adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and the Walk for Life Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 with Archbishop Cordileone. List of events is at: www.walkforlifewc.com/event-info/event-schedule/

Jan. 25, 2024:

Vespers for the Week of Christian Unity

For the 18th year, Archbishop Cordileone and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Gerasimos will be leading Solemn Vespers in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join them at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Feb. 3, 2024: Wedding Anniversary Mass

Celebrate your sacramental wedding anniversaries at a Mass and reception with Archbishop Cordileone on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Those celebrating at least five-year anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) will be recognized during the Mass.

Feb. 4, 2024: Consecrated Life Mass

The Mass for Consecrated Life will take place Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Honor consecrated men and women who serve in the Archdiocese.

Feb. 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 24, 2024: Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Women are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Women's Conference on Feb. 24 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church with Mass at 9 a.m. with Archbishop Cordileone followed by a day of reflection and prayer.

Feb. 24, 2024: Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration

The Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese invites you to their Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Mass begins at 2 p.m. and a dinner will follow with traditional Chinese food and entertainment.

**No one should
be Hungry or
Alone during
the holidays.**



This holiday, we are counting on your compassion to help us feed, heal, shelter, clothe, and lift the spirits of those in need. Donate now to give the gift of Holiday Hope, Stability, and Renewal.



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VILLA MARIA DEL MAR



WINTER STILLNESS RETREAT

Tuesday January 16 - Friday, January 19, 2024

*Begin the new year in quiet,
rest in the silence*

Amid the chaos and the noise that fills our lives, join us in a sacred time of stillness, "...as nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness." (Meister Eckhart)

As we begin a new year, it is a wonderful opportunity to start the year with some time in silence and reflection. Come and be surrounded by the beauty of nature and the gift of stillness. This time is intended for individuals seeking a personal retreat in silence, and to share the quiet with others. Optional communal prayer and Eucharistic liturgy will be available. All participants will have a private room and common meals in silence.

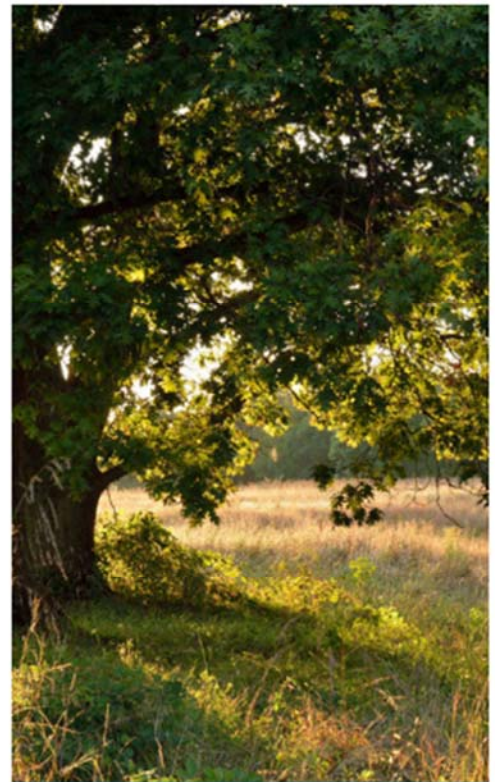
Be still and know that I am God (Ps 46)

Retreat begins Tuesday January 16th, registration begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12.30pm. Retreat ends after breakfast on Friday, January 19th.

COST: \$400

Register online: www.villamariadelmar.org/events

Contact Email: vmdmretreats@snjmuson.org



*"Seek out a tree and let it
teach you stillness"
(Eckhart Tolle)*



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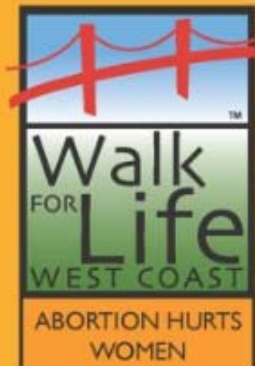
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WALK for LIFE

WEST COAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 20, 2024



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



Register and info:
(415) 658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

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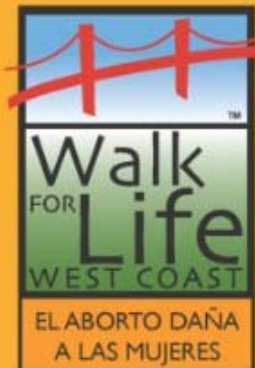
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SÁBADO, 20 DE ENERO 2024 • PLAZA DEL CENTRO CÍVICO • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
(Mesas informativas: 11:00AM)
Sábado, 20 de enero 2024



Rally da inicio en la Plaza del Centro Civico. Luego caminaremos por la calle Market (2 millas). Finaliza en Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building. BART en ambos lugares. Amplio estacionamiento.



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於三藩市舉辦了二十年

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因為墮胎傷害婦女

Walk For Life West Coast

第二十屆

「為生命而行」西岸區

星期六，二零二四年一月二十日 • Civic Center 廣場 • 三藩市

聚會：下午十二時半

CIVIC CENTER 廣場

資訊展：上午十一時

星期六，二零二四年一月二十日



聚會由 Civic Center 廣場為起點，
沿著 Market 街行 (2英里)。
於 Justin Herman 廣場 / Ferry Building
為終站。

這兩個地點均有 BART 站和備充裕的停車位。



欲需登記或知進一步的資訊，請電 (415) 658-1793 |
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2024 RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: Adoption as a
Concrete Way of Love

Essay due January 26, 2024

For all students in grades K-12 in public school,
private school, and home school. Cash Prizes!!!

For more information visit
sfarch.org/essay-contest
or contact prolife@sfarch.org.



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SAN FRANCISCO

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All husbands and wives are invited to attend and celebrate their sacramental wedding anniversaries in 2024. Couples celebrating "5 year anniversaries" (5, 10, 15, 20...) will be recognized during the Mass.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

10:00 am Mass followed by reception
\$20 suggested donation per family

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Principal Celebrant:

His Excellency Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

www.anniversarymass.info

or call (415) 614-5574

Please register by: January 26, 2024

Questions/information: (415) 614-5574



ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAN FRANCISCO

CALLED TO LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY | St Pius Church

March 9, 2023 | 1100 Woodside Rd, Redwood City, CA 94061

Evangelist
JESSE ROMERO

- 3-time World Police Olympics boxing champion
- 2-time U.S.A. kickboxing champion
- Retired veteran of the LA County Sheriff's Dept
- Catholic Evangelist

8:30am – 3:30pm (Registration 7:30am-8:30am)

Admission: \$50

(LUNCH INCLUDED)

Early bird \$40 (Register by Jan 20)
Under 20 years old: \$25



**Mass with Archbishop
Salvatore Cordileone**

**Sacrament
of Confession
will be
available**



Father
SEBASTIAN CARNAZZO

- Seminary Professor
- Father Of Seven
- Ordained Melkite Priest



Doctor
SCOTT FRENCH, MD

- Board-Certified ER Physician
- Board Member Magis Center



Register at:
www.sfbaymen.info

For more info, contact Ed Hopfner
email: hopfner@sfarch.org
Alice (415) 614-5574

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- Rent a Room
- Temporary Housing
- Invite us to Your Community Events
- Donate



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I CANNOT FAIL TO MENTION THE NEED FOR FOSTERING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD,
FOR AS SAINT JOHN PAUL II SAID,

THERE CAN BE NO EUCHARIST WITHOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

~ POPE FRANCIS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO • 2023-24 SEMINARIANS



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Pre-seminary Formation
St. Anthony Parish,
Menlo Park



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Cathedral of St. Mary



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Menlo Park



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St. Matthew Parish



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Church of the Epiphany



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Contemplatives of
St. Joseph



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Mass Intentions for Jan 14 - 20

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Valente Banez SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria † Jordan Chavez
Monday 15	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Gregorio Platero † Jordan Chavez
Tuesday 16	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Maria Bravo † Jordan Chavez
Wednesday 17	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Mercedita Cadiz † Jordan Chavez
Thursday 18	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI MC Canlas † Jordan Chavez
Friday 19	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Helen & Elizabeth Santos † Jordan Chavez
Saturday 20	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Jordan Chavez SI John & Judith Casper

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

Monday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Communion in the Home

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

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www.stpatricksf.org**



Black Nazarene

**Feast Day
January 9**

Rosie Drapiza
Lydia Cagampan
Rene & Elsa Tuazon



San Lorenzo Ruiz 1st Filipino Saint (Sep 28)

Maureen Oakes
Fe Macatangay
Cathy Bohol
Alma Raymundo

Shiela Montemayor
Maribelle Olegario
Gino Percival Ventura
Torno Family
Alejandra Ayala

St. Anne Feast Day July 26



PRAYER TO St. Anne

O GOD, You bestowed on St. Anne such grace that she was found worthy to become the mother of MARY, who brought forth Your only begotten SON. Grant that we may be helped by her intercession. Amen.

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www.rosary.com

Parish Registration

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Ph. No. _____

D.O.B. _____

Gender _____

Marital Status _____

Occupation _____

Please drop in the collection basket or return to the parish office

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GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE
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 TO GIVE
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*Krista Mari, Ezra Mari,
 & Juliana Mari*



*Laeti bibamus sobriam
 profusionem Spiritus.*

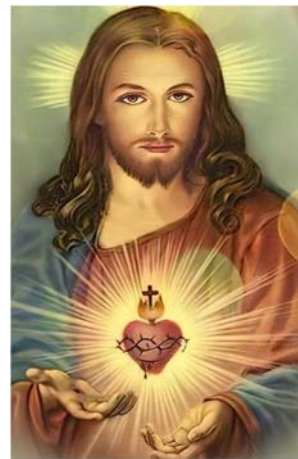
St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group

**Matt
 Dorsey**
 SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR



I'm proud to represent you in City Hall and grateful for the faith community we share at St. Patrick's. For help with City matters, call (415) 554-7970 or email me at Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org.

Matt Dorsey



*Most Sacred Heart
 of Jesus,
 Have Mercy on Us.*

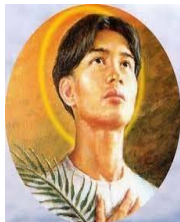
*First Friday
 of the month at
 11:00 a.m.*



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Pray the rosary



*San Pedro
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 2nd Filipino
 Saint
 (April 2)*



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