

PARISH CALENDER

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

All the earth shall sing to
your name, O Most High!

Saturday, January 13	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, January 15	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY HOLIDAY
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, January 16	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, January 17	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 18	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, January 19	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, January 20	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jon:3:1-5, 10: Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

1 Cor:7:29-31: Paul warned the Corinthians for the shortness of time because the world is passing away

Mk:1:14-20: Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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. John 1:40-42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43-51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets." Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the "Lamb of God."

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say "Yes" to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You (**My Catholic Life**)

Hear the Word



of the LORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP



We are called to Love One Another – Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi

Our prayers and presence in the public square can change hearts and minds to believe in the Culture of Life!

Come and Join us:

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 PM March for Life Rally - State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 PM Mass with Adoration - St. Theresa

Co-Cathedral - Bishop Larry, Presider

WORD OF LIFE: "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How To Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 14 Sun: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Jan 15 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm:15:16-23; Ps:50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mk:2:18-22

Jan 16 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm:16:1-13; Ps:89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk:2:23-28

Jan 17 Wed: Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm:17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps:144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk:3:1-6

Jan 18 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm:18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps:56; 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk:3:7-12

Jan 19 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm:24:3-21; Ps:57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11; Mk:3:13-19

Jan 20 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sm:1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps:80:2-3, 5-7; Mk:3:20-21

SLEEP ON IT

Sleep on it. It may be clearer in the morning.

Many of the problems that seem unsolvable by day disintegrate with the dawn. It's almost as if God speaks to us when we sleep. It happened to Samuel. Even while he was a young child, Samuel heard the voice of God calling him. But he did not know that it was God. He told Eli the priest. Eli did not know that it was God. Not until God spoke for the third time did Eli figure out the mystery. God was speaking to Samuel in his sleep.

Eli gave Samuel some very simple advice: Listen. If God is trying to speak to you, listen. Tell God you are listening.

Too often our world is cluttered with unnecessary noise. We leave the television on when no one is watching. We turn on the radio behind our conversation with a friend. We disturb our neighbors by playing music loudly in public or using car horns instead of doorbells. Sometimes we create so much noise it is hard to sleep. What do you do when God is trying to speak to you? Follow Eli's advice. Listen. **Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.**

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow him, "What are you looking for you?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the lamb of God. **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

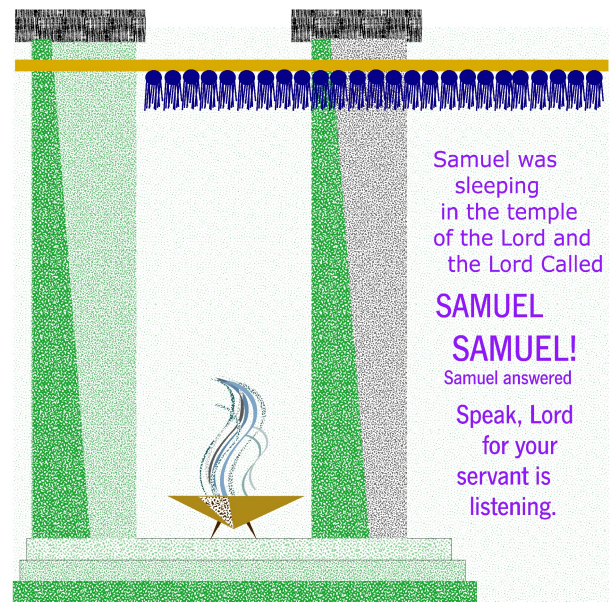
BEAUTIFUL BODIES

The human body is a beautiful thing to behold. It is good to appreciate beauty, as long as we do not lust after it. Beauty delights the eye and warms the heart. It can lead our thoughts to God or it can lead our own bodies to sin. Paul expressed these concerns to the Corinthians. "The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord." Our bodies are members of Christ, Paul says, and should be treated as such. "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." Because we have been baptized, we are the body of Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We should treat the human body with the reverence we give a church, a temple, or another holy place. It shares life with God. The body is where the Spirit dwells.

This is the farthest thing from our minds when our thoughts turn lustful. All we can think of is the immoral use of a beautiful body. But God made these bodies for another purpose.

With our bodies we can praise God, reach out in charity to a neighbor, serve the needy, and preach the Gospel. With our bodies we can express our intimate love with the person chosen as a partner for life.

Our bodies can do much good, but they are tempted by much evil. Paul's advice is simple: "Glorify God in your body." **Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.**



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