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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 17, 2021

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you. — 1 Corinthians 6:19a

TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalms — 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).

We have found
 the Messiah



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Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings! On this second Sunday of the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year, the Church invites us to reflect on our call to be authentic followers of God. In the Gospel we see witnesses of different people attracting others to Jesus. John the Baptist helped Andrew and his companion to reach Jesus. They set aside their day to be in the company of Jesus. Impressed by Him they decided to follow Him and make Him known.

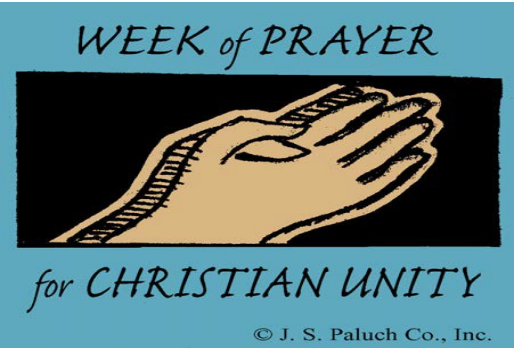
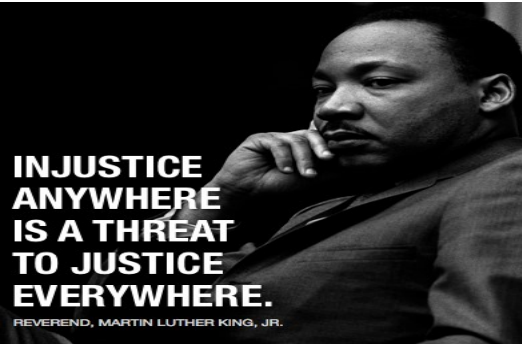
Our vocation to be Christians is to experience Christ and give Him to others. This vocation is not always glamorous, and its fruit in this world is often bittersweet. Yet God calls us according to our gifts and talents, and directs us to paths of the most useful service to His Kingdom. We need to trust in Him and offer ourselves to be His instruments.

This week (18th to 25th) is dedicated to pray for Christian Unity. We also remember the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday. Let us pray and make efforts to recognize our vocation in the will of God to bring unity and end any type of discrimination. May Christ shine by our Love!

(“.””) Always
“.”(“.””) Keep
 (“.””),.” Smiling!

God Loves you!

Father Sinoj Pynath, HGN



January Birthdays

- 3--Parker Malone
- 7--Jacques Williams II
- 10--Whitney Williams
- 14--Burnell Hamilton
- 20--Janet Clark
- 25--Louise Johnson
- 27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
- 28--Frank Adams
- 30--Pam Wilson



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

- January 3--Mary Ann Calhoun
- January 10--Charles E. Thompson
- January 17--Kevin Fitzgerald
- January 24--Betty Clark
- January 31--Ann Denise Ward

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God’s voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places. To look at Jesus and be able to say, “Behold, the Lamb of God,” means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, “Come, and you will see.” I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Jan. 17--Blessing of Sacramental candidates--Ethan Gough and Aubrey Ottofy

Thanks to all who helped put up or take down Christmas decorations. A huge shout-out to Hugh Joseph Moorman for his decorative touch.



January 10--\$818

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collections--\$1518

MTD budget--\$1904

YTD collection--\$30,881

YTD budget-- \$26,656



Candles--\$1

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Pope Francis’s Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Charlie Chaplin: Once, Charlie Chaplin faced a group of people who were complaining about the same issues over and over again. One day, instead of listening to the complaints, he told them a joke, and everyone cracked up laughing. Then, he repeated the joke. A few people smiled. Finally, he repeated the joke a third time—but no one reacted. Then Charlie Chaplin smiled and said, “You won’t laugh at the same joke more than once. So, what are you getting from continuing to complain about the same problem?” Sometimes we like to worry and mourn over the same things over and over again. Let us fill our minds with thoughts that can bring positivity and optimism.

Do your best to talk optimistically about everything. ---Dt. Norman Vincent Peale

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8-9, 10, 17 /Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6--9 / 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday:	St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday:	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Friday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:	St. Vincent, Deacon, Matyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;

Inauguration Day Prayer

For our (new) President, to have before him at all times the charge to protect and defend the rights of all citizens, especially the weakest and most vulnerable among us, we pray to the Lord...

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

<u>January 17:</u>	Layson Brooks Sarah Malone
<u>January 24:</u>	Barbara Bisel Kathi Skidd
<u>January 31:</u>	Jacques Williams Sarah Malone

As I read the scriptures for this Sunday, it occurred to me that they contain words that surely God loves to hear from us. *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.”* The Lord is calling; are we listening, and are we willing to respond? Consider any moments in the past week in which you heard God; how did you respond? We are also called to help others recognize God. Take a moment to think about someone who has helped you hear God’s voice in your life. Offer a prayer for them.

In regard to our gifts and talents, do you believe that God is calling you to use them? Perhaps we are willing but are unsure of what talents we possess (and God gives us all gifts and talents). Sometimes others can see talents and gifts in us that we cannot see in ourselves! When we can identify and recognize them, we can become better stewards by sharing those gifts for the benefit of our parish and community. In prayer this week, ask the Lord for the ability to be open and willing to hear and listen to His call and respond, *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”* Spending quiet time in prayer each day can help reduce noise and distraction in our lives and help us listen for the Lord’s voice.

“Behold the Lamb of God.”

Today’s Psalm, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will” is the response of John the Baptist to God’s call to “prepare the way of the Lord.” People were drawn to John, not because he proclaimed his own greatness, but because he understood that there was one to come after him who was greater than he. When he saw Jesus walk by he proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God.” John accepted and fulfilled his role to prepare the way for the “man who ranks ahead of me” and not to seek his own glory. John directed his followers to Jesus; they became his disciples and eventually responded to God, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.” Do we accept the role God has given to us and stand ready to say, “Here I am, Lord, I have come to do your will!” when God calls us to be all that he has created us to be and prepare the way for Jesus to enter our lives and the lives of others.

Monday, January 18 marks the 35th anniversary of the federal holiday in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King’s birthday. Signed into law in 1983 and first observed in 1986, the holiday is a deserving tribute to King for advancing civil rights and social justice through non-violent protest. His was only the second birthday designated as a federal holiday after the observance of George Washington’s birthday. The making of their respective holidays reveals the still unresolved tension between independence and freedom in the making of the United States.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It’s really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God’s presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God’s voice and be attentive to God’s call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God’s voice from others we may be hearing. Anyone or anything that is alive with God’s presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. “Come, and you will see.”

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other.

The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don’t need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn’t make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



Pope Francis designated 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph
Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight, for it

--Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta