



## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19

Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He heard the Lord and followed.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17 - 20

Paul told his friends that their bodies are "members of Christ ... a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." He said, "You are not your own ... Glorify God in your body."

#### GOSPEL READING: John 1:35 - 42

Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, "We found the Messiah" (the Christ). Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).

Two of the readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, through it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points him out, "Behold the Lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Denese Charles rb Her family.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Jean Baptiste Galeth, Diana Louis, Bonnie President, the Turners and Louis' family.

10:00 AM: God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Claudy & Yvonne Brutus rb Yvonne Brutus.

4:00 PM: God's continued blessings and guidance for the Haitian community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Paul the Hermit*  
Anniversary blessings for Eubald & Marguerite Rene rb Their family.

Tues. Jan. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Berard & Companions*  
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children of Heather Daniel.

Wed. Jan. 17, 7:00 AM: *St. Anthony of Egypt*  
Birthday blessings for Jennifer I. Johnson rb Her family.

Thurs. Jan. 18, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Charistina Ciccarelli*  
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Pamela Charles.

Fri. Jan. 19, 7:00 AM: *St. Paula*  
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Juilette Commodore.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Permanent Diaconate*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Music Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's guidance and protection for Godfrey Renal requested by his mother*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by *Jennifer Johnson* in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on your special day. Once again, thank you.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class commenced on Monday January 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, and will continue every Monday in January. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please be guided accordingly.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Ella Clarke* and family on the passing of her mother, *Theresa Felix*, who died on Friday, December 29, 2017, in Dallas. The funeral mass for the late *Theresa Felix* will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at Holy Family Church. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2018:** All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "3" or a "8" (for example - 1988 = 30 years; 1993 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of February 10 -11, 2018. **Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. **No names will be accepted after Monday, January 29, 2018.**

**A BLACK HISTORY EVENT:** Friends of Music ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral presents a tribute in concert recognizing *Mr. Athniel "Addie" Ottley*, on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. **Donation \$25.00. Admission by ticket ONLY.** Featured artists are: *Gylchris Sprauve, Howard Jones, Dion Parsons, Wendy Joseph, Melita Etienne, Malvern Gumbs, Lorna Freeman, Rising Stars, a mass choir and more.*

**NOTE:** *The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient's part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus' real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church. Thank you for your cooperation!*

**Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God's Kingdom now.**

### LITURGY AND WORD

The liturgy of the Word of today deals with the theme of discipleship. The first reading presents before us the call of Samuel and the Gospel presents the call of disciples Andrew and Peter who are brothers. By taking a closer look at the call of Samuel and the fishermen brothers, we can assess the quality of our own call.

Samuel was born into an Ephraimite family of Ramah. He was the son of Elkanah, a Zuphite, and Hannah, of Ramathiam in the hill country of Ephraim. The account of the events associated with the birth of Samuel indicates that his parents were very devout. Hannah's childlessness led her to pour out her complaint and supplication to God in the bitterness of her heart. She trusted God and promised to return to the Lord should she conceive and bear a son. When Samuel was born, she kept her promise; as soon as the child was weaned she took him to Shiloh and presented him to Eli.

While under the care of Eli, Samuel experienced a dramatic call. The account of his call begins with the words, "The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the Ark of God was" (1 Sam 3:3). These two features, namely, the lamp of God and the ark of the covenant are symbols of God's presence. Leviticus 24:1-4 gives careful instructions to the priests to keep a lamp burning in the sanctuary every night. When Samuel heard the voice of God, the lamp was still alight which meant it was just before dawn. If God did choose to speak, it would be here in the shrine that his voice was expected to be heard; that was why Samuel was lying down near the ark. The call came three times, confirming to both Samuel and Eli that it was truly a message from God.

The Gospel records the call of the first apostles. John the Baptist was standing with two disciples and saw Jesus who was walking. In his characteristic style, he addressed Jesus as the "Lamb of God". The initial response of the disciples was encouraging for they responded to the witness of John the Baptist by moving from their static position to become "followers" of Jesus. There was a movement away from John the Baptist towards Jesus. The motion continued as Jesus broke his movement to "turn" and "see" the followers. But when he asked the question, "what do you seek" their answer was disappointing as could be seen from their question, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Their question pointed

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **452**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,067.00**

**Renovation Fund: \$1,797.00**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$34,357.00, 86% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.*

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

to the fact that they had not understood John's revelation of Jesus as the Lamp of God for they knew Jesus only as a teacher. They thought Jesus too had a place where he gathered his disciples for instruction, like all Jewish Rabbis. It was this factor that motivated their question, "Where are you staying?"

The disciples further responded to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." They accompanied him, and stayed with him from about four o'clock in the afternoon till the end of the day. The process by which the disciples were called in John differed from that in the Synoptic Gospels, where Jesus personally called the first disciples. Here John the Baptist first introduced two of his own disciples to Jesus. These in turn, went in search of their friends and brought them to Jesus. John's account thus emphasizes the need for believers to lead others to Jesus.

A feature of this call narrative is worth noting. It is the predominance of the verb "seeing." Those who find Jesus in this life will see him in the next as well. How can we find Jesus in this life? We have to look for him in our neighbour, in our fellow Christians, in the vast humanity. Jesus depends on those who have seen him to proclaim him to others so that they too may "come and see" and remain with him for the rest of the day and for the rest of their lives.

Keep Calm  
my Friends  
and Have  
a Blessed  
SUNDAY