



Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

Our First Reading from Samuel unfolds the relationship between Samuel and the Lord. Samuel, who is serving under the priest Eli, hears Eli call him while he is sleeping. Samuel goes to Eli, yet Eli is not the one who is calling him. This happens three times before Eli realizes it is the Lord who is calling Samuel. Eli encourages Samuel to respond next time with, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

If we put ourselves in Samuel’s shoes, we can wonder how many times the Lord has spoken to us but did not recognize His voice. God’s voice might already be present in the quiet of our hearts, in Scripture, or even in speaking through someone else. He speaks to us in various forms, but to recognize that it is Him, we must give Him a portion of our time by being still and listening to what He is calling us to do or not do.

We can also put ourselves in Eli’s shoes, as Eli recognized it was the Lord speaking to Samuel, and he encouraged him to respond. Once Samuel responded to the Lord, “Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him.” Without Eli, would Samuel have ever understood it was the Lord who was speaking? We can only hope! Thankfully, Eli was a good steward of his own wisdom and knowledge of the Lord.

Often, we find ourselves in circumstances where we could share our knowledge of the Lord. Yet, we hold back. We cannot allow opportunities to share our faith pass us. To be a disciple of Christ means we are a good steward of the knowledge that has been gifted to him or her by God, sharing it with others.

Our Gospel today bears witness to Jesus’ first disciples. The two that were with John were his followers, which means they had heard of Jesus and believed in Him. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover. This title of Jesus reveals Him as Savior. Once they heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. They had to be with Him. Jesus turned to them and asked, “What are you looking for?” They responded with, “Rabbi, where are you staying?”

Imagine Jesus asking you, “What are you looking for?” Or “What do you seek?” We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better.

The things we seek may be righteous, and God wants us to come to Him with everything — yet, as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus’ question in the same way the first disciples responded by asking, “Where are you, Lord?” then we will not be disappointed with the outcome. A disciple of Christ seeks the Kingdom of God first in his life.

Our story of Jesus’ first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother, Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced. This is a reminder for us. We are called to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and to share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others. A disciple of Christ is a good steward of the Good News.

Our journey as disciples of Christ is an ongoing adventure. To grow on this journey, we can seek first the Kingdom of God, listen to God’s voice in our lives, and be good stewards of what He has gifted us. With that, the Lord will respond with, “Come, and you will see!”

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 10, 2021

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Online Giving.....	\$ 777.00
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***Second Collection - Jan 23 - 24:
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A note for all... but especially for our parishioners who attend daily Mass.

As you probably know already, Fr. Mike has decided to take Thursdays off. I think we'll all agree that amid all the hustle and bustle within the parish and with the calls at all hours of the night... he definitely deserves AT LEAST 1 day off!

For everyone... the Parish Office will still be open and we will assist in any way we can but don't expect to find Fr. Mike on that day. (emergencies will be handled, as appropriate)

For those attending daily Mass on Thursdays:

We are making every effort to find priests to assist us in our daily celebration. But, finding a priest available on a routine basis... very difficult. For those weeks where we do not have a priest, we will celebrate a Communion Service and any Mass intention(s) for that day will be rescheduled to another day.



San Antonio Right to Life Walk

The San Antonio Right to Life Foundation, (the oldest Profile Group in San Antonio) will hold its Annual Rally / Walk to commemorate the unborn.



Sunday, January 31, 2021

We will Assemble @ 12 Noon at Milam Park - 500 W. Commerce St. San Antonio, 78207 (across from the Santa Rosa Hospital)

The Walk (approx 1 mile) will begin at 1 pm and we will return to Milam Park at about 1:45 pm.

Those who do not wish to walk or who are unable to walk may either remain in their cars or walk around the Park area praying.

Parking is available over the Mexican Market area as well as on the streets abutting the park. ***Please be sure to wear your masks at all times and maintain the six foot social distancing.***



For more information call Mary Thomas at: (210) 601-9719



SCHOOL NEWS



Mid-Year Enrollment Drive

Now enrolling children 18 Months of Age thru 8th Grade
Special Mid-Year Tuition Rates

Contact us at www.St-Thomas-More-School.org or LBrown@STMCS62.org or at the School Office at (210) 655-2882

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 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. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. 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. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days.

The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**St. Thomas More English
Prayer Group**



Jan 21 Meeting @ 6 pm - Church

Contacts: Olga Guerrero: (210) 657-1610 or
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



**Grupo de Oración
Familias compartiendo la palabra**



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.
Para mas informacion contacte Maria Isabel Hernandez.

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, January 17, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School

Monday, January 18, 2021
*** Parish Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Day ***

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
5:30 pm Diving Mercy Cenacle - Church

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Thursday, January 21, 2021
6:00 pm Prayer Group - Church
7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, January 22, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Span) - School
4:00 pm Reconciliation

Sunday, January 24, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School



CIVIL UNION?

Is your marriage recognized by God and the Church? *Would you like it to be?*

Every 'case' is unique but if you would like your marriage 'Blessed by the Church,' we would love to talk with you.

Contact Fr. Mike, either of your Deacons or call the Parish Office for more information.



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†Jeff Manning

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 23, 2021
5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - T. Guerrero

Sunday, January 24, 2021
8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - P. Klar

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - M. Torres

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - J+M. Rodriguez

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16, 2021
8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Family
5:00 pm †David Krause by Family

Sunday, January 17, 2021
8:00 am **All Clergy and Religious**
10:00 am †David Krause by Volpenhein Family
12:00 pm †Florentina Castro by Isela Bazan
†Daniel Antuna & Jose Luna
By Deacon Rolando, Martha and Marisol

Monday, January 18, 2021
8:00 am †Patricia Sherman Rivera

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
8:00 am †Rosaelia Benavides

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes

Thursday, January 21, 2021
8:00 am **STM Parishioners**

Friday, January 22, 2021
8:00 am **†Deceased STM Parishioners**

Saturday, January 23, 2021
8:00 am †Jose Alcantar
5:00 pm †David Krause by Family

Sunday, January 24, 2021
8:00 am **All Clergy and Religious**
10:00 am †AnnMarie Oswald by Family
†Baldemar Saldiva by Volpenhein Family
†Salome Briseno and †Carolina B. Briseno
By Morales & Briseno Families
12:00 pm †Felipe Gaytan by Isela Bazan
†Juan Nieto Galvan by Wife
†Daniel Antuna & Jose Luna
By Deacon Rolando, Martha and Marisol



Lecturas de la Semana del jan 18 - 24

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 109:1-4; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 110:1-2,4-5,9,10; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Sal 109:1-4; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25-8:6; Sal 39:7-10,17; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 84:8,10-14; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Sal 46:2-3,6-9; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Jon 3:1-5,10; Sal 24:4-9; 1Cor 7:29-31;
Mc 1:14-20

Readings for the week of Jan 18- 24

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