2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY **JANUARY 17, 2021**

SEE

"Come, and you will see."

JOHN 1:39A

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,
the LORD came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"
Samuel answered, "Speak, for you servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)

PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

GOSPEL:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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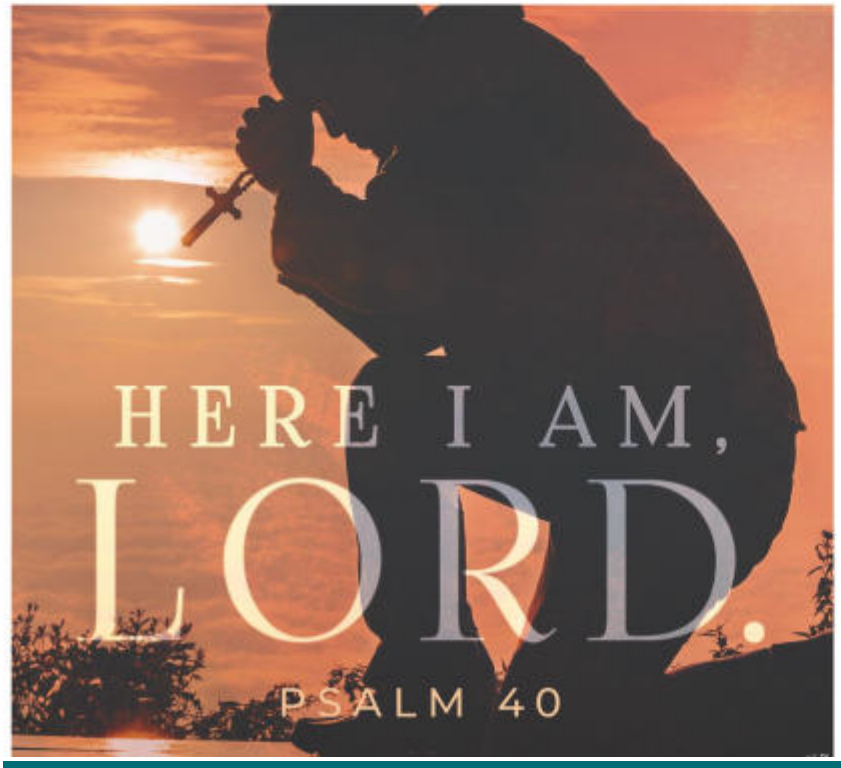
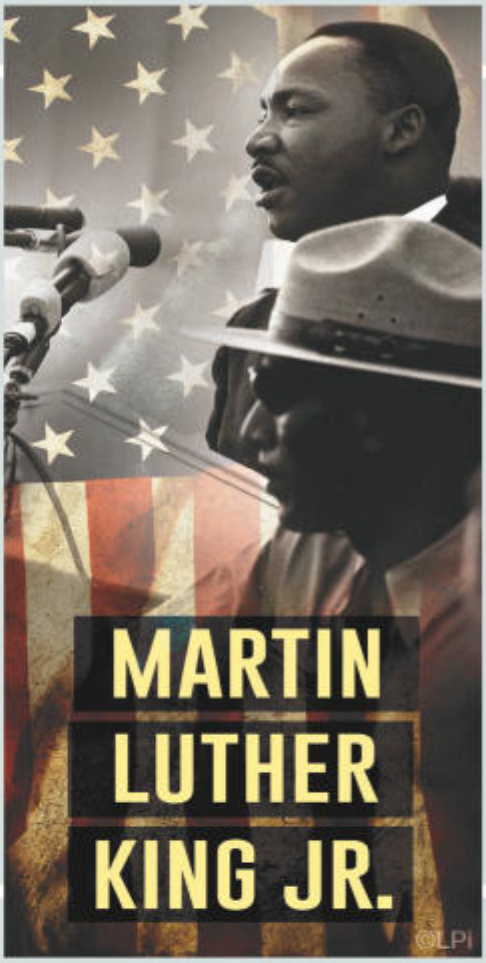
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Friday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





REFLECT

FIRST READING

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

GOSPEL READING

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?

MASS SCHEDULE

OUTDOOR SUNDAY*

Sunday: 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM (SPANISH) & 4PM

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY

Saturday 5PM**

Sunday 9AM & 10:30 AM (SPANISH)

WEEKDAY

Monday-Friday: 7AM (OUTDOOR)* & 12:05PM (LIVE STREAM)

Saturday: 8AM (OUTDOOR)*

*Please BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) and wear a face covering. Or you can conveniently listen to the entire Mass by tuning your radio to FM 88.5. A Eucharistic Minister will come to your vehicle during Communion. Please wear a face covering.

**We will be distributing Communion in the parking lot after this Mass until 6:15. Join our live stream, then come to receive the Eucharist immediately afterward.

CONFESSION

Wednesday, 5-7PM (OUTDOOR)

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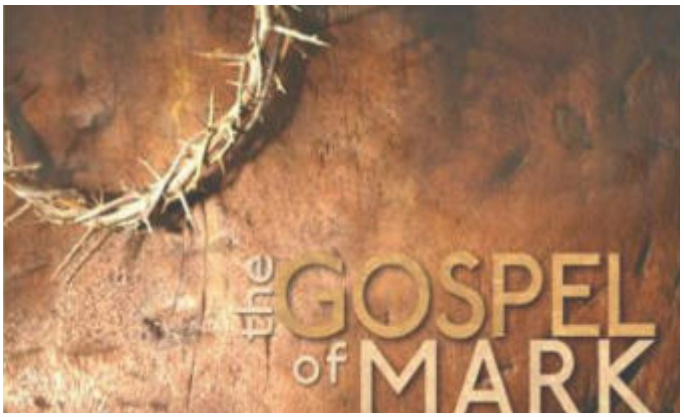
Monday - Friday, 9AM - 12 & 1 - 5PM

BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM ...

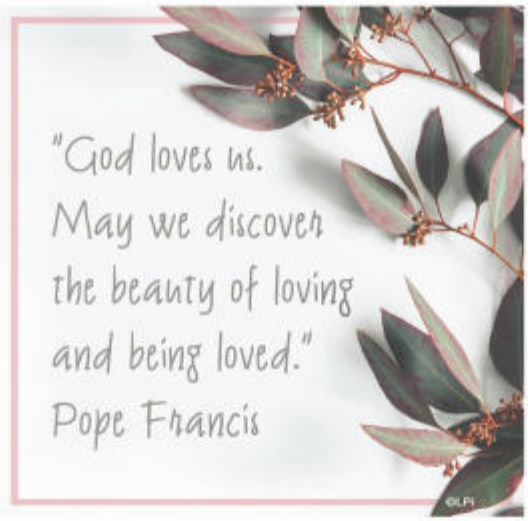
WITH SISTER TERESITA

Our study this semester will be on the Gospel of Mark. This is the first gospel written and follows the teachings of Jesus as his followers go from unbelief to belief. Great journey for all of us...and a wonderful place to start reading the Bible. Mark is also the Gospel for Year B our liturgical year, the readings for each Sunday. We begin January 19 at 10 AM. Simple to join just click on the link that will be sent to you, but we must have your email...so please contact Sr. Teresita, via email tkeliher@stphiliptheapostle.org for more information.



WHY DO PARISHES HAVE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN A SEPARATE ROOM?

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.



The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

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 1:38-39a

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Building a strong parent-teen relationship

As pandemic lockdowns continue, parents and teenage children are spending more and more time together. It is not always easy to connect with teens, because they often feel their parents do not understand them and prefer to confide in their friends instead. Nevertheless, the time at home offers an opportunity for parent-teen relationships to evolve and for trust to grow in developmentally appropriate ways. Teens need the guidance and support of a parent as an important balance to the permissive understanding of a "friendship" relationship. As children become teenagers, parental authority does not diminish but may be better served by involving the teens in a dialogue about rules and limits. For more information on building relationships with your teenagers, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Construir una relación sólida entre padres e hijos adolescentes

A medida que continúan los cierres por la pandemia, los padres y los hijos adolescentes pasan cada vez más tiempo juntos. No siempre es fácil conectarse con los adolescentes, porque a menudo sienten que sus padres no los entienden y prefieren confiar en sus amigos. Sin embargo, el tiempo en casa ofrece una oportunidad para que las relaciones entre padres e hijos adolescentes evolucionen y para que la confianza crezca de manera apropiada para el desarrollo de los jóvenes. Los adolescentes necesitan la guía y el apoyo de un padre de familia, como un equilibrio importante para la comprensión permisiva de una relación de "amistad". A medida que los niños se convierten en adolescentes, la autoridad de los padres no disminuye, pero puede ser más útil involucrar a los adolescentes en un diálogo sobre reglas y límites. Para obtener más información sobre cómo establecer relaciones con sus adolescentes, visite https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Join us at our next meeting!

Kicking Off the New Year with Jesus as Our Guide

January 21 at 7:30pm

Contact Kathleen at **pop@stphiliptheapostle.org** or **text POP to 56525** for more information on how to join.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 NOON to 1PM

Friday, January 22nd, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of the Roe V. Wade Supreme Court decision. The Knights of Columbus San Gabriel Valley Chapter will once again hold their annual Respect Life Rosary in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Building located at 125 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena. This peaceful one-hour event* will begin at 12noon and should conclude by 1 PM.

All are invited to attend and pray the Rosary.

Contact Mark Padilla at markedpadilla@gmail.com or (323) 742-2990 or
Tim O'Donnell at jayod@verizon.net or (626) 314-4326.
This year a Zoom online link is also provided which should
be live at about 11:45 AM. You can electronically join this Rosary event at
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77946047977?pwd=aDRDQU13OTZnUWRVUkRaTW1CV3lnUT09
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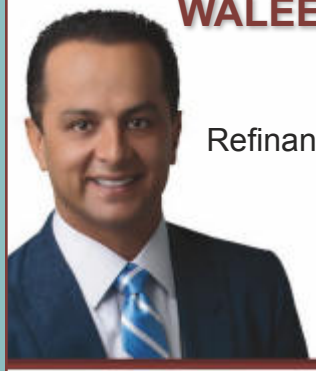
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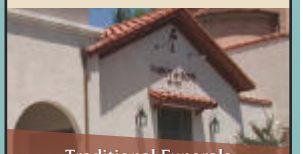

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