



SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY
Roman Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



"He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'"

-John 1:39

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

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.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	This Week	2020	2019		This Week	2020	2019
Sunday Offertory -1/3/21	\$8,756	\$40,638	\$39,066	Sunday Offertory -1/10/21	\$11,716	\$27,660	\$29,252
Online Offertory	\$11,199	\$5,024	\$3,872	Online Offertory	\$11,374	\$5,302	\$3,252
Total Offertory	\$19,955	\$45,662	\$42,938	Total Offertory	\$23,090	\$32,962	\$32,504
Poor Box - Catholic Charities	\$84	\$448	\$358	Poor Box - Catholic Worker	\$73	\$293	\$417

Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
3. Give via text by texting the dollar amount to 702.935.1246 and following the instructions.

We thank you in advance for your consistent support.

Everyone is Called

As we return to Ordinary Time, the liturgy leads us into the public life of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus was introduced to the people by John the Baptist as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." This announcement attracted the attention of the disciples of John. Having been drawn to Jesus, a follower of John named Andrew became a follower of Jesus. He went and invited his brother, Simon, to Christ. It was Simon who will go on to become St. Peter, the first leader of the Apostles and the first Pope of the Church.

In today's First Reading from the first Book of Samuel, the Lord called young Samuel to become a prophet. This divine invitation by God was aided by the discernment of the prophet Eli. The Lord continues to invite each one of us today to dedicate our lives to Him. Let us not turn and move away like many people have done and continue to do. There are some of us who are called to support others. There are others who are called to help others discern their specific call. We all have a role to play in the ministry of Jesus.

Through our baptism we became part of the spiritual army of Christ. We no longer belong to ourselves. Our bodies and all about us belong to Christ. Let us use all the gifts he has given us to promote the kingdom of God. How am I promoting the values of God's kingdom in my family and in the parish during this most difficult time?

Andrew was the one who first encountered Christ, but Simon-Peter was the one chosen by Christ as the leader of the Apostles. The prophet Eli did not feel threatened that the Lord was calling young Samuel to be a prophet. It does not matter if others who serve in ministry alongside us are being commended. Their success is ours, and ours is equally theirs. We all belong to the same army. The Lord wants each one of us to be a source of encouragement to others.

-Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP

Scripture Readings

Today, Sunday

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

This Week

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalms 40:7-10, 17; Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalms 85:8, 10, 11-14; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalms 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

The Good News

In today's Gospel Jesus begins to call his disciples. The first two to be called were disciples of John, who pointed out to them that Jesus was the Lamb of God. Andrew, one of the two, then brought his brother Simon to Jesus, saying that Jesus was the Messiah. Those who responded to Jesus' call sensed that there was something different about this Teacher, though they did not yet understand what following him would require of them.

Reflect

We can sense the excitement of those first disciples when they saw Jesus and received Jesus' invitation to follow him. They literally stopped what they were doing and followed him, inviting others to join them along the way. Today is a good day to think about our own level of excitement when we hear the words of Jesus spoken in the Gospels or see him in others around us. Do we share enthusiasm for our faith in Jesus with our children? Do we, through our words and actions, lead them to Him? How so?

Share

Invite family members to help each other trace their footprints onto colored construction paper. Have each family member write or draw on each footprint one way he or she follows Jesus. Give family members time to share with each other what they have written or drawn. Cut out the footprints and display them on the refrigerator or in a place where all family members will see them. Title your display "Our Family Follows Jesus."

Talk

In today's Gospel, Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus. For today's discussion, invite family members to think about people they know whom they would like to bring to Jesus in prayer. For example, perhaps you want to bring to Jesus a neighbor who is ill, a classmate whom no one likes, or a friend whose parents are getting a divorce. Write each name on a slip of paper and place the papers in a small basket or bowl. Conclude by inviting family members to draw one name at a time and to read the name, inviting all to respond, "Lord, we bring (him/her) to you. Lord, hear our prayer."



Updated Mass Information

We are open in a **limited capacity**. Currently, we are able to take **250 people per Mass**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM).



We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, You can sign-up online using the links on our homepage (www.stjosephhom.org) or call the parish office during business hours and speak to a member of our receptionist team.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25-30 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

This week the parish office is open Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **Our campus will close immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass on Monday, January 18 in observance of the MLK holiday.** During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We look forward to welcoming you!



Watch Sunday Mass Online

We have returned to very limited Mass capacity, but you can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please "Like" our channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcg5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Food Pick-Up: Community Food Assistance Program

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and our Outreach Ministry is joining with the Culinary Academy to distribute food on **Thursday, February 4 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**. This will be a drive-through contact-less distribution. All Clark County residents in need of assistance qualify for this program. Each box contains 40 pounds of assorted essential food items. There is a limit of 1 food box per vehicle. If a family does not drive, then another individual can pick up their food box for them. This individual needs to provide the following information for the other person/family: name, phone number, number in the family, and their zip code. If you need home delivery, please call 702.227.8842 to request individual home delivery. An order number will be provided and a delivery date will be scheduled.



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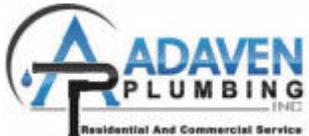
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