

# FAITH FOR SUNDAY

January 14, 2024 Year B

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen  
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: John 1:35-42**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. 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." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" – which is translated Christ –. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

From whom did the disciples learn about Jesus? In this reading, it is Jesus who initiates discipleship. In what ways do you respond to Jesus' call for you? What do we look for and find in Jesus?

### **Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." 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 your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Samuel's birth was an act of mercy towards a barren mother, who offers him to consecrated life in the temple. In this reading, what is Samuel demonstrating? What does this tell you about service? What is necessary to heed the voice of the spirit?

## Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

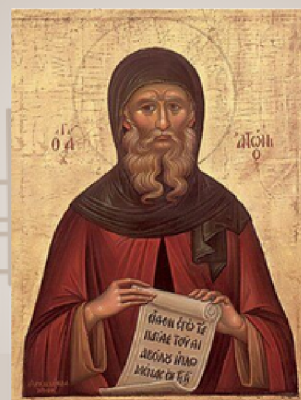
**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

This discourse is about purity. What does this tell you about the body and soul? What does it mean to give our total self to God? In what ways can we glorify the temple of the Holy Spirit? How does this make us an effective witness for Christ?

**Feast days this week**

SUNDAY 14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK II  
MONDAY 15 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
TUESDAY 16 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
WEDNESDAY 17 ST ANTHONY, ABBOT *MEMORIAL*  
THURSDAY 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FRIDAY 19 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OR ST WULSTAN, BISHOP (E)  
SATURDAY 20 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OR ST FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR, ST SEBASTIAN,  
MARTYR



“ Always have the fear of God before your eyes. Remember Him who gives death and lives. Hate the world and all that is in it. Hate the peace that comes from the flesh. Renounce this life, so that you may be alive to God. ”  
*St. Anthony the Abbot*

*reflect*

In what ways do my actions or words bring others to Christ?

*pray*

Father God, may I know you more deeply in my service for you.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

*live*

The better we know Christ, the more we will want to follow Him.