



St Bernadette's Parish

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14th January 2024

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SUMMER EDITION

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today's liturgy of the word speaks about callings. First comes Samuel, a young altar server, sleeping in the temple itself, and yet *he had no knowledge of the Lord!* The Lord called him three times, and finally, urged by the priest Eli, he responds to the Lord with a willingness to listen.



Then we meet Andrew and another unnamed disciple, to whom John the Baptist indicated Jesus, the *Lamb of God*. They did not know Jesus, not even where he lived. *Come and see*, Jesus told them. Andrew then introduced his brother Peter to Jesus.

Samuel, Andrew, Peter, and the other disciple were not particularly trained in the elements of the faith. Yet, by divine providence, they happened to be at the right place at the right time to be invited. All went on to become very important people. The calling does not necessarily happen to well-formed, well-prepared or well-educated people, but to those who are willing to listen and respond.

There is another *unnamed disciple*. Who is he? He could be the *beloved disciple*, making his first appearance in the Gospel of John. But then, you could be that unnamed disciple. Our names are not recorded in scripture, but at our baptism we were called by name to *come and see* where Jesus lives. That is another way of saying that we were invited to set ourselves on an adventurous journey... a journey to follow Jesus and build a relationship with him.

We have begun the journey. The call *Come and See* is renewed time and time again. May our response be: *Speak Lord, your servant is listening*.

God bless you. **Fr Silvio**

Please Note: New Rosters are available in the Sacristy for Readers & Eucharist Ministers.

The Founding of the MSSP Mission in the Philippines: The 11th of January 2024 marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the MSSP mission in the Philippines, with Fr Ivano and Fr Lonnie being the first missionaries. Currently the Paulist Fathers are ministering in Manila (Quezon City), and in the parish of St Catherine in Bataan. A Mission immersion group from St. James (Hoppers Crossing), St. Bernadette (North Sunshine), and St. John (Heidelberg) is presently visiting this mission. We congratulate the Paulist Missionaries, both religious and lay, on this important milestone, and may the Good Shepherd bless them and all the people who are ministering with or in contact with them.

Weekday Masses

Monday 15th

7.30pm tối thứ hai hàng tuần có Thánh Lễ và lần chuỗi LCTX

Tuesday 16th

9.15 am Mass

11.00 am Funeral for Nella Licul

Wednesday 17th St Anthony, Abbot

9.15 am Mass

6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by

7.00 pm Mass

Thursday 18th

9.15 am Daily Mass

Friday 19th

MSSP Mission in Pakistan Begins

9.15 am Daily Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil Mass,

8.00pm Neo-Catechumenal (Pioneers Hall)

Sunday - 8.30am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am,
12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.

2nd Sunday of the Month 2.00pm (Samoan)
except in November and at Easter time.

Reconciliation

Wednesday Evening - 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Saturday - 11.00am to 12 noon (at the Presbytery)
and 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Baptisms

By Appointment Only.

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am.



2nd Sunday of Year B

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite

grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say "Yes" to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will.

Jesus, I trust in You.



WEEKEND READINGS

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

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

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.