Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34



Who's Calling?

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od called Isaiah: "You are my servant....

I will make you a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the

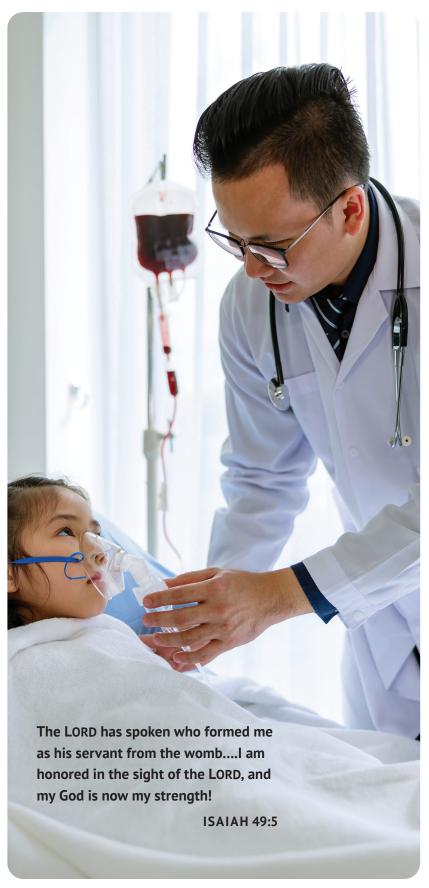
Baptist: "The one who sent me to baptize with water..." (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: "Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus...." (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, "What are we called to do with our lives?"

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world's great need meet. As he explains, the world's great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer.

Reflect

What is God calling you to do now, and how has God's call changed over the years?



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Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Jan 14	6:00 pm	Jose Linhares & Connie Cabral++
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Sun	Jan 15	11:15 am	Christine Astwood+
Tues	Jan 17	8:15 am	Gary Pitman+
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Wed	Jan 18	8:15 am	George Donald Scott+
Thu	Jan 19	8:15 am	Gary Pitman+
Fri.	Jan 20	8:15 am	
Sat.	Jan 21	6:00 pm	
Sun	Jan 22	11:15 am	Christmas Memorials
		3:00 pm	Spanish Mass

<u>Liturgical Ministries</u> — The books can be picked up at the back of the church. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

BULLETIN for January 14/15, 2023

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Dec 31/ Jan 1 \$ 1,071.00 Jan 7/Jan 8 \$ 3,461.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Maintenance Collection --- first Sunday of the month

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

One of the recurring themes of the late Pope Benedict XVI was that Christianity is the encounter with the person of the Living Christ, risen from the dead. Christianity is not a theology or a set of doctrines and is also not a set of religious practices. Pope Benedict was a fine philosopher and theologian and was a lover of Theology. However, he made clear many times that all these things are helpful in the measure in which they accompany and complement the experience of this encounter. Today the encounter is mediated by the Church, in the Word and Sacrament. However, we need to understand what this means. We are not speaking of the Church building, for sure. We are not speaking either of the clergy. When too many people speak about the Church, they refer to the Pope, the cardinal, the bishops, the priests, and the nuns. This is a terrible misunderstanding. The Church is the community of the disciples, which is made present for us through the specific community, either the Parish Church Community, or better the community that celebrates the Eucharist. In fact, smaller communities within the parish seem to help see this more effectively. That is why after the Council the image of the parish church as a "Community of Communities" has become one of the themes used by almost all the Popes since St. Paul VI. The clergy are a cohesive element of this presence and with the grace of the sacrament of Holy Orders allow the actions of Christ to take place through the Christian community, However, they are not "The Church", and even when the priest (or bishop) is corrupt and rotten, the Church still keeps mediating the

presence of the Lord and is still the existential space of the encounter with Jesus Christ. Since we

are human (made of flesh and blood), we still need a physical element to make this encounter with Jesus Christ a full experience, to make it more real and less in the clouds. The community gives objectivity to the experience, and the guarantee that this is not just a fluke of my imagination, my thinking or of my feelings. As Jesus came to be present in a world full of shortcomings and failures, the Church is also weak, poor, and plagued by sin. Yet Christ came to bring the forgiveness of God and the proof is that the Church still makes this encounter with Him possible and real in our days.

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Next Sunday is special for us in two ways: it is the Ecumenical Sunday, within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and also the Word of God Sunday. For this latter occurrence I am hoping to continue the initiative that we started two years ago, i.e. the Bible Marathon.

On Saturday, 21st of January 2023, at St. Theresa's Cathedral Hall, from 10:45am to 4:30pm there will a continuous reading of the books of the New Testament. We will begin where we finished a year ago, with the letters of St. Paul, starting with his First Letter to the Corinthians, and will continue until time will allow us. Every person who volunteers to join this initiative will be asked to read for 15 minutes, beginning at the point in which his/her predecessor in reading ends. The entire reading will also be live-streamed on our Facebook.

A Sign-Up list is available under the following link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFAE2AA7FFC 07-bible

I hope that this initiative will be of interest and will encourage us to know better our Holy Book as well as to be inspired by the Word of God.

Have a restful weekend and a productive but serene week! Bishop Wes

Christmas Memorials

The Christmas Memorial mass will now be on January 22, 2023. Please insert this form along with your donation in an envelope and place in the collection basket. If you wish the

names of your loved ones to be published in the bulletin, please submit no later than this weekend.

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The Gift Shop is open only on SATURDAYS from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting Saturday, 14 January, 2023 until the full reopening on Tuesday, 7 February 2023.

Thank you for your patronage.

Special Collection for the Holy See – January 21/22, 2023

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of January 21 and 22. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or make a contribution online (include Parish bank account number) and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

Dear Padre,

I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God's children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit" (CCC 1204).



Many think "catholic" means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is "catholic" because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he'll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY			
JANUARY 16			
Weekday			
Heb 5:1-10			
Mk 2:18-22			

TUESDAY JANUARY 17 St. Anthony, Abbot Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

JANUARY 18 Weekday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

JANUARY 19 Weekday Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

JANUARY 20 Weekday Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

JANUARY 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

JANUARY 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words "my" and "our": my things, our people, our community.... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.

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