

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

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Mass Intentions For the Week

Sat., Jan. 14 5 pm †Richard Munoz– Rosalinda Garza
60th Anniversary of Roger & Elida Garcia

Sun. Jan 15 8 am †Lupe Cepeda- Hilda Valdez
†Francisco Villarreal– Wife & Family

10 am †Ryan Sanchez- Sanchez Family
†Daniel C. Arzola– Family
†Eva M. Reyes– Family

12 pm For the People of our Parish
†Aurora Campos- Campos Family
†Jose Lira, Jr– Alicia Lira

Mon. Jan 16- 8:15 am †Efrain Almanza- Irene Ramirez

Tues. Jan 17- 8:15 am GOL Terry Estrada- Mary Jo Reyna

Wed. Jan 18- 8:15 am ITH Padre Pio

Thurs. Jan 19- 8:15 am No Service

Fri. Jan 20- 8:15 am †George Hernandez- Wife & Family
†Antonia Castillo - Garcia Family

Sat. Jan 21- 8:15 am †Armando Reyes - Garcia Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Arturo Parra, Eddie Botello,
Ricky Sweet, Margarita
Ventura, Lupe Rodriguez,
Rosie Gallegos and
Robert G. Gallegos

BIBLE STUDY



Sun. Jan. 15th
YM 1:30 pm CAFÉ

Mon. Jan. 16th
Ultreya 7pm CH
Adult Confirmation 7pm R 22

Tues. Jan. 17th
Bible Study for Adults 7pm R 22

Wed. Jan. 18th
RCIA 7pm R 22
Youth Ministry 7pm R 9

Thurs. Jan. 19th
Young Adults 7 pm R 10

This Week at St. John Berchmans Church

Sun. Jan. 15th
Baptism Parent Meeting 10:30 am CAFE

Mon. Jan. 16th
Pastoral Council 7pm LIB
Rectory Closed

Wed. Jan. 18th
Vigil Team 7pm CH

Thurs. Jan. 19th
PTC 6:30 pm CAFÉ
Adoration 9am—5pm CHP
CYO Board 6pm /Gen Mtg 7 pm CAFÉ

Sat. Jan. 21st
Youth Ministry Fundraiser CAFE

**We have found
the Messiah**



PASTORAL COUNCIL

All pastoral council members are reminded of the next council meeting which will be on Monday, January 16th, at 7 pm in the school library. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) assists, counsels, and advises the pastor and provides sound judgment on the direction of the parish, and in many cases provides crucial advice on difficult decisions that face our parish. Please keep these members in your prayers

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OFFICE CLOSURE The rectory office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 16th, in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will open again on Tues., Jan. 17th at 9 am.



ORDINATION OF OSCAR TELLO

Mr. Oscar Tello, who was with us for his pastoral year as a seminarian, will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese on Saturday, January 21st, at 10:00 am in San Fernando Cathedral. By means of this notice, Oscar is inviting everyone from St. John Berchmans Church to come to this joyful celebration. The rectory office will be closed for the ordination of Oscar Tello. With limited parking downtown, and who can count on our weather, the church bus will be used for this event for a \$ 3.00 donation per person, please come and sign up at the rectory office no later than Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012. If you have already signed up and have not paid the donation, please do so as soon as possible. On behalf of Deacon Oscar Tello, thank you for your support and prayers.

VIGIL TEAM

There will be a meeting in the church on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 for anyone wishing to join the Vigil Team. The Vigil Team is a group that goes out to the funeral homes and prays the Rosary for the family of the deceased. This is a very beautiful ministry and in much need of members. Please pray on this, and if you find that you would like to become a member, or try it to find out if this ministry is for you, please attend this meeting. If 3 people from each organization in our parish can commit to this ministry the more service we can provide to those family most in need.

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A reminder to all parents of children who will be celebration the Sacrament of Baptism, there is a meeting today, Sunday, January 15th at 10:30 am in the school cafeteria. Please make plans to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no school on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Thursday, January 26th is dollar dress day and on Friday, January 27th the students will be having their annual cowboy breakfast. All students are asked to come to school early this morning so they may have time to enjoy all the festivities we will be having for them. The parishioners of St. John Berchmans gives thanks to God for all the blessings it has received from our school.

FINANCE COUNCIL

All finance council members are reminded of their next meeting which will be on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm in the school library. The finance council members advise Fr. Rudy on all fiscal aspects of the parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORARION *"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."* Mother Teresa

Won't you please pray on this matter" This is a ministry that enriches your life and helps our parish. We will be having adoration of the Eucharistic on Thursday, January 19th, from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. Please plan to come and spend some time with our Lord.

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Hello, God

The passage just before today's first reading says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions" (1 Samuel 3:1). I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven't you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about?

Wouldn't it be cool to hear the Lord speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. What can Samuel's experience in this reading teach us?

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. If a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the Lord was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. Your pastor may be able to do that, or at least refer you to someone who can.

Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God's plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer. Don't be like the man who complains he never knows what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, "I don't know; we never talk." I bet we have all had times when we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to for a response. God hasn't stopped talking; we've just stopped listening. Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question: What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

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SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready--not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready--not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening." God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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TU SIERVO ESCUCHA

En la primera lectura de hoy, Samuel escucha la voz del Señor, pero cree que es Helí. Afortunadamente, Helí está suficientemente familiarizado con los caminos del Señor y ayuda a Samuel a responder. Cuando buscamos al Señor, es bueno tener a alguien como Helí que reconoce la voz del Señor. Hay muchas voces que nos invitan a "seguir el camino", y el llamado del Señor no es siempre fácil de discernir. Hay personas, también, que pretenden conocer al Señor y atraen a otros hacia ellos, no hacia Dios. Helí pudo haberse aprovechado de la inocencia de Samuel y decirle que era él quien lo llamaba. Pero Helí ni dice ser Dios ni hablar por Dios. En cambio, anima a Samuel a escucharlo él mismo.

**¿QUÉ BUSCAN?**

Quizás la línea más profunda en todas las lecturas de hoy es la pregunta de Jesús a los dos discípulos que comienzan a seguirlo. "¿Qué buscan?" les pregunta sencilla y directamente. Encontrar al Mesías dependía parcialmente de lo que uno buscaba. Si uno vivía a la expectativa de la llegada del Mesías, habría cierto estado de alerta, cierta observación de la vida, y cierta apertura a las manifestaciones de Dios. Los dos discípulos habían seguido a Juan el Bautista, pero tan pronto Juan les mostró a Jesús, estuvieron listos para seguirlo.

Se ha dicho que lo que encontramos en la vida es casi siempre lo que buscamos. "¿Qué buscas?" es una pregunta retadora que debemos hacernos a nosotros mismos. Nuestra honesta respuesta a esta pregunta puede revelar mucho sobre nuestra fe y nuestros valores. Quienes, como Andrés y el otro discípulo, buscan al Mesías encontrarán al Mesías habitando ahora, como entonces, en medio de la gente. "¡Vengan y vean!"

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA 15 de enero, Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que con amor gobiernas los cielos y la tierra, escucha paternalmente las súplicas de tu pueblo y haz que los días de nuestra vida transcurran en tu paz. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. **Pregunta de reflexión:** ¿Qué puedo hacer para ayudar a crear la paz de Di-

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HABLA, SEÑOR, ESTAMOS ESCUCHANDO

En la primera lectura de hoy Dios llama repetidas veces en la noche a un niño dormido. Ni el niño, Samuel, ni su maestro, Elí, entienden quién está llamando. Pero la persistencia de Dios los convence. Samuel ya está listo; no para hacer algo todavía, pero dispuestos a escuchar. "Habla Señor, tu siervo te escucha" (1 Samuel 3:10). En el Evangelio, Jesús está afuera enseñando. Varias personas lo ven y comienzan a reunirse alrededor. Pronto se convierten en discípulos y, al igual que el joven Samuel, están listos, no para hacer algo todavía, pero dispuestos a escuchar. "Habla", dicen, "te escuchamos". La voz de Dios está siempre con nosotros, ya sea que estemos despiertos o dormidos. Se arremolina a nuestro alrededor como la niebla en una costa envolviéndonos, suavemente nos urge a despertar, a escuchar. Estar conscientes de la voz es lo primero; luego la voluntad de escuchar; y más luego, con el tiempo, la decisión de actuar, de vivir según la Palabra de Dios. Vamos a pedir hoy por la capacidad de mantener los oídos abiertos para que no se pierda la voz de Dios. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

