

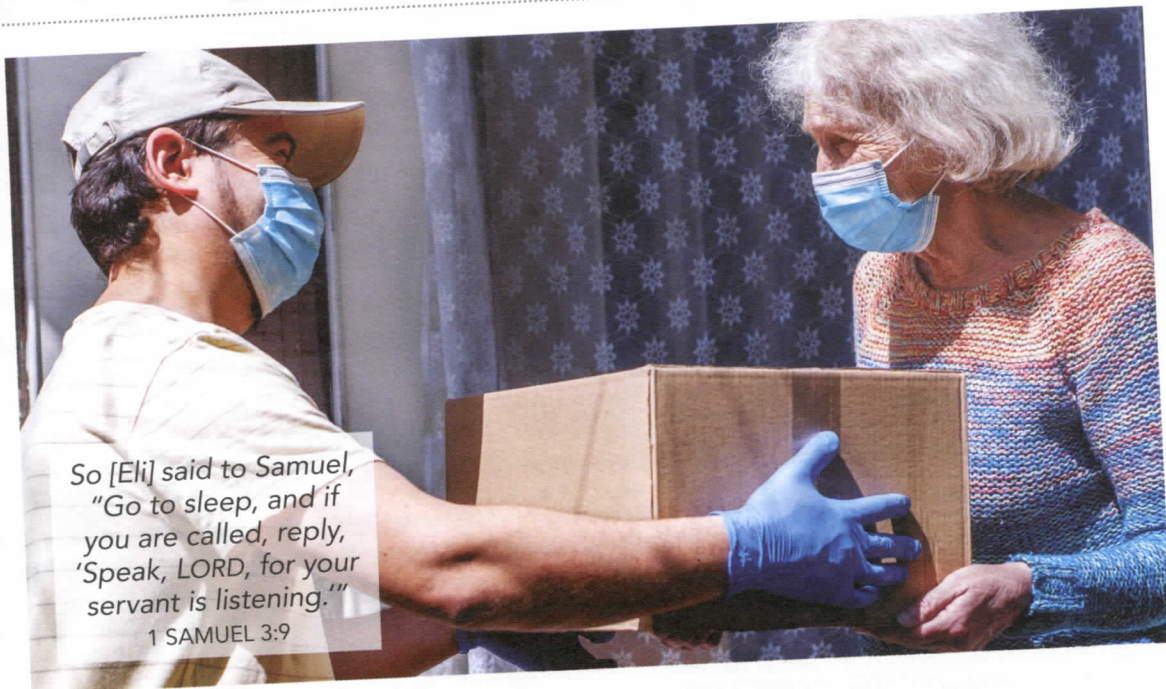
January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



So [Eli] said to Samuel,
"Go to sleep, and if
you are called, reply,
'Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening.'"

1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?
- ★ What kind of goodness attracts you?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

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Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JANUARY 17, 2021—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"All the earth shall bow before you, O God, and shall sing to you, O Most High" Psalm 66.4

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2–3). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see *Wisdom 6:11–12*). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see *Psalm 42:2*). For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see *John 15:14; 14:21–23*), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."



1/10: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$996.00

1/10: First Offering: \$18.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for January 24, 2021

Rosary: Adolph & Dorothy Vansa

Offertory: Floyd & Karen Berry

Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Eucharistic Minister: Cynthia Prcin

Lector: Sarah Goeres

Altar Servers: Gracie, Carter, Tessa

Sanctuary Light: January 18th-24th: Frank Sr. & Annie Plachy by Lynne Hornung



Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic and for the following: Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, Jordan Young, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz.

Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES — January 17-24, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 1/17	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of Henry Litzman, Sr. & Frank Plachy Families + Doris Bruggman by Eileen Schneider
1/20—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Annie Mae Hubnik by Art & Anna Ferrell + Rita Mikulec by Joetta Ehler
1/24—Sunday	10:15am	+ Cyril Frank Hubnik by David & Robin Hubnik Hickerson + Valira Kostiha by Robert & Debbie Vansa

CYCLONE MASSES — January 17-24, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 1/17	8:15am	+ Evelyn Green by Green Family
1/19—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Sharon Fletcher by Monica Mikeska
1/21—Thursday	7:00am	+ Rosa Pechal by Anton, Carole, & Angela Pechal
1/22—Friday	7:00am	+ Douglas Daskocil by Nancy & Dale Pechal
1/23—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Naomi Green by Bill & Carol Smetana
1/24—Sunday	8:15am	+ Edna Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **CEMETERY DIRT:** The Cemetery Board stated that there is a dirt pile at the cemetery and if anyone needs some dirt, please come by and take what you need. If you need more information, please contact any of the Cemetery Board Members.
- **CEMETERY NOMINATIONS:** Cemetery nomination ballots will be provided today and next Sunday. Please complete your ballot and submit on January 24th. Raymond Tomek and Rhonda Gelner have served their years on the board and will need 2 members to replace their positions.
- **JANUARY 19:** KC meeting at 7:30pm—St. Joseph's Parish Hall—Cyclone.
- **JANUARY 20:** Parish Council meeting after Mass.
- **2021 VIGIL CANDLE SCHEDULES:** The yearly schedule of Vigil Candle remembrances are in the church entry. The dates that are in red are still open. Please fill in the blanks and contact Merlene Slavik for the payment of \$5.00 per week.

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

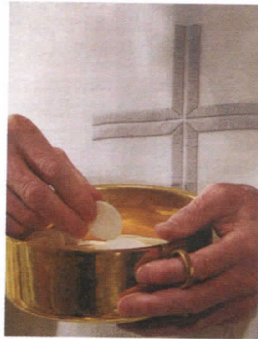
What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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Calendar

Monday

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

Tuesday

JANUARY 19
Weekday
Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20
Weekday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:25—8:6
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
Heb 8:6-13
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23
Weekday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017



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