



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?

**T**oday 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?

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### FOR *Reflection*

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

## ***Upcoming Schedule***

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>OLPH</i></b>	<b><i>Saint Boniface</i></b>
<b><i>January 16 / 17</i></b> SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	5:30 ~ Mass	
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	5:30 ~ Mass	
<b><i>January 23 / 24</i></b> THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

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<b>Date</b>	<b>January 17</b>	<b>January 24</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Mandy Hall	Matthew Davis	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
January 16 / 17	† Jim York	Intentions of Catholic Extensions
January 23 / 24	† Dave Bunce	Intentions of Catholic Extensions

<b>Our Gifts</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
January 9 / 10	\$248.00	\$70.00

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Opportunities for Life**. Please give generously.

## Reading I

1 Sm 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

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

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

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

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

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

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

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

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

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

## **Reading II**

1 Cor 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.

## **Alleluia**

Jn 1:41, 17b

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

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

***Alleluia, alleluia.***



## **Gospel**

Jn 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.

### ***Gospel Reflection***

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. 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. He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word. We must desire always, as the Apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face.

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), 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.”

*Mardi Gras:* **Prepare Your Heart for Lent**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest,  
Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS,  
for a Special One-Hour Episode of  
*The Augustine Institute Show!*

**PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT**

Tuesday, February 16 - Mardi Gras! 7:00 p.m. EST  
*This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on  
FORMED.org*

## ***Magnificat Women's Breakfast***

FEBRUARY 6, 2021 9:00 AM  
(ZOOM AT 9:30)

CATERED BREAKFAST AT CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL  
OR VIA ZOOM FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!  
OR LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK

Join us for a Magnificat Breakfast on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Christ the King (Hehman Hall), 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, KY at 9:00 AM. Father Michael Flanagan, spiritual advisor for Magnificat and pastor of Sts. John and Elizabeth in Grayson and Prince of Peace in West Liberty will share the journey which led him to the priesthood. Born in Pennsylvania and raised Catholic, he became a computer software specialist after college graduation. After the tragic death of his mother in an automobile accident, the power of prayer and church involvement helped him in his faith journey. Attending charismatic prayer groups and the Catholic Men of Good News group continued his pursuit of holiness. He was ordained as a permanent deacon in 2000 and was ordained as a Catholic priest at Christ the King in Lexington in 2010. He is Chaplain for the Serra Club of the diocese of Lexington and also involved in prison ministry. This breakfast is limited to 50 people due to covid restrictions, and masks will be required. Please contact Laura Westbrook by email at [lauralkw@twc.com](mailto:lauralkw@twc.com) by January 31 to reserve a spot; email confirmation will be sent to you.

We cannot accept walk-ins. Payment of \$15.00 can be made at the time of the breakfast for those with reservations. Breakfast will be served by Suggins Restaurant and will consist of a breakfast casserole, muffin and fruit. Mass at 8AM.

This breakfast will also be shown on Zoom link at 9:30 AM:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7434274857?pwd=RnVuMIJlPQ3hxKzRLajg4bjYxWEVsdz09>

Meeting ID: 743 427 4857; Passcode: 123

FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM: <https://www.facebook.com/MagnificatLex>

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Charles Pennington (Louann Lennon's father), Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gary Hackler, Patricia Hernandez-Torres, Gail Willis, M & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, and the Donner family.

### ***UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS***

***Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr***

*January 20*

***Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr ~ Memorial***

*January 21*

***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

*January 22*

***Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;***

***Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM***

*January 23*

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Saint Boniface**

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# Dear Padre,

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

**W**hat 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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### 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

## 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