

## PASTOR'S NOTE

January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Follow Me!

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ordinary Time" is a span of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which the readings focus on the ministry of Jesus. During the winter season, beginning with this weekend readings, we focus on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and our call to follow him and share the gifts, the miracles, and blessings. All the readings this weekend focus on doing God's will and answering the Lord's call.

In the first reading from Samuel, we read how the Lord calls Samuel to come and follow him. Born to Hannah, a prayerful woman who promised her son would be dedicated to the Lord, Samuel answers the invitation with eagerness. In the Second Reading from Paul to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of us as members of the Body of Christ and as temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of John, we read how John the Baptist encourages his disciples to follow Jesus the Lamb of God whom they recognize as the Messiah. Simon Peter and his brother Andrew answer the Lord's call.

We all discern how God is calling us, we are called to respond obediently the same way that Samuel did; "speak Lord for your servant is listening." Jesus will lead us down the right path if we surrender to God's will.

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## Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped clean up and put away the Christmas decorations at all three of our churches last weekend. Special thanks to **Peter Lahoda** and **Kevin Laird** for purchasing new Christmas trees which will be put to good use next year.

Thank you to those who gave donations to purchase the two kings for the Fontanini Creche set at St. Bede that we never had. We have obtained enough funds to purchase the two kings. We appreciate your generosity!

Thank you to all who made donations to our Angel Tree Project before Christmas. Even with the Covid-19 pandemic we went way beyond our goal and we collected over \$9,000 in gift cards and monetary donations which were given to seven local organizations.

## Offertory Envelopes

Every registered parishioner should be receiving weekly offertory envelopes via mail or using the online giving program "Faith Direct." Using your weekly offertory envelopes, helps run the day-to-day operations of our office, liturgical services, pays the insurance, taxes, and utilities at our Ministry Center, Food Banks, Rectories, Churches and Schools.

Other "Special" Envelopes are earmarked for specific purposes not attached to the regular parish operating account including: Social Ministries, Maintenance Fund, School Support, Parish Share Program, and Utility Assistance Program Envelope. If possible, please write a separate check for the weekly offertory but you can combine your "specials" into one payment.

**Please remember to make all donations payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Please remember to check your bank if you mail an automatic weekly check to the parish. All our bank accounts are under St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish.**

## Parish Census

I continue to call the parishioners who have not yet completed their updated parish census card which was mailed to every registered parishioner a few months ago. If you have not yet completed the parish census, please call Terri Price at the Parish Office. It is very important that we have everyone's correct mailing address, telephone number, zip code and email.

## 2021 Mass Intentions

The 2021 Mass Intention book is open. Forms are available in the vestibule at all three of our churches and on our website (under Worship & Sacraments), and return them to the parish office with the \$10 stipend. Sanctuary Candles are also available. No Mass requests can be taken over the phone or via email, each request needs the specific form with the \$10 stipend enclosed in order to be processed. Please contact Terri Price at the Parish Office to schedule.

## Welcome

A special warm welcome to **Brian, Melinda, Katelyn, Luke, and Mackenzie Dieckmann**, and **Paul, Clark, Amity** and **Carmelo Connors** and **Alicia Haupt** who recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene Parish!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Alexander Cyrus Andrews** who is being baptized this weekend.

**On Monday, January 18, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy!**

**Let us pray for unity and healing in our country after last Wednesday's unfortunate protests and destruction in our Nation's Capital.**

## Something to Think About...

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is "What are you doing for others?"*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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