

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — January 19, 2020

## First Reading — Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."... <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

## Responsorial Psalm PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R/ (8a and 9a) **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.

R/ **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."

R/ **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!"

R/ **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.

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

## Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

## Gospel Reading — John 1:29-34

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1. How do you respond emotionally to being called a servant?
2. What do you understand are the roles and responsibility of being a servant?

#### Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

3. With which of the adjectives used to describe people in this passage do you most identify? Why?
4. What does it mean to be an “apostle,” a “brother,” “church,” a “saint”?

#### Gospel Reading — John 1:29-34

5. What truths about Jesus are revealed in John’s statements?
6. What are the characteristics of a lamb? Why do you think John used this term to identify Jesus?
7. How do you understand the significance of Jesus’ taking away the sins of the “world”?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another’s openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*