

January 17, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

### **Come and See**

*“He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’” - John 1:39*

This past week we entered into what is called Ordinary Time on the Church calendar. The word “ordinary” is typically used to describe something that is not particularly special or distinctive. This is definitely not true of the way the Church uses the word. During Ordinary Time, our Gospel readings reveal the day-to-day public life and ministry of Jesus. They give us an insight into what His life was like, and how He interacted with those He came into contact with.

This Sunday we read in the Gospel of John, Chapter 1, how Jesus begins to call His disciples. First, He asks a question of those who began to follow Him. He says, “What are you looking for?” They respond by referring to Him as Rabbi or teacher, and then ask Him where He is staying. Jesus says to them, “Come, and you will see.”

This question “What are you looking for?” and the Jesus’ invitation to “Come, and see” are also spoken to you and me. What are you searching for in life? What will fulfill you and give you peace? Where do you look for peace and happiness in your life? Of course, the answer to each of these questions is Jesus Christ - the source of our hope, peace, and joy. Unfortunately, many people fail to recognize this, and spend their lives looking elsewhere.

At the beginning of Ordinary Time, and at the beginning of this new year, Jesus invites you to come and spend some time with Him. He invites you to come to know Him better. He invites you to have a close and personal relationship with Him. Do you have the courage to do so? If the answer is yes, extraordinary things can happen in your life.

- Bishop Gregory Parkes