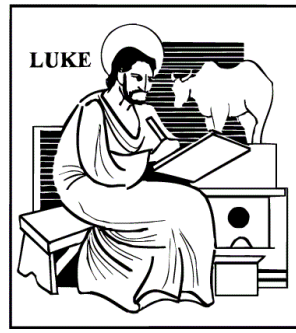
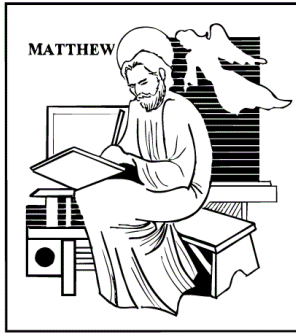


Breaking Open the Word



January 18, 2015 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Lectionary: 65 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.

Spiritual Reflection: There are three stages to every vocation. The first stage is the exploration stage where you learn about a certain vocation. "What does God want me to do with my life?" The second is the probation stage where you try to determine if you are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to make this vocation work. "Am I willing to give this up and/or take on these responsibilities to live out this vocation?" Finally the oblation part, you jump all the way end and there is no turning back.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Where are you in your vocation search?
2. How did John help Andrew find his vocation?
3. How did Andrew help Peter?
4. How different would the world be if everyone asked the question "What does God want me to do with my life?"
5. Are you giving your all to your vocation?