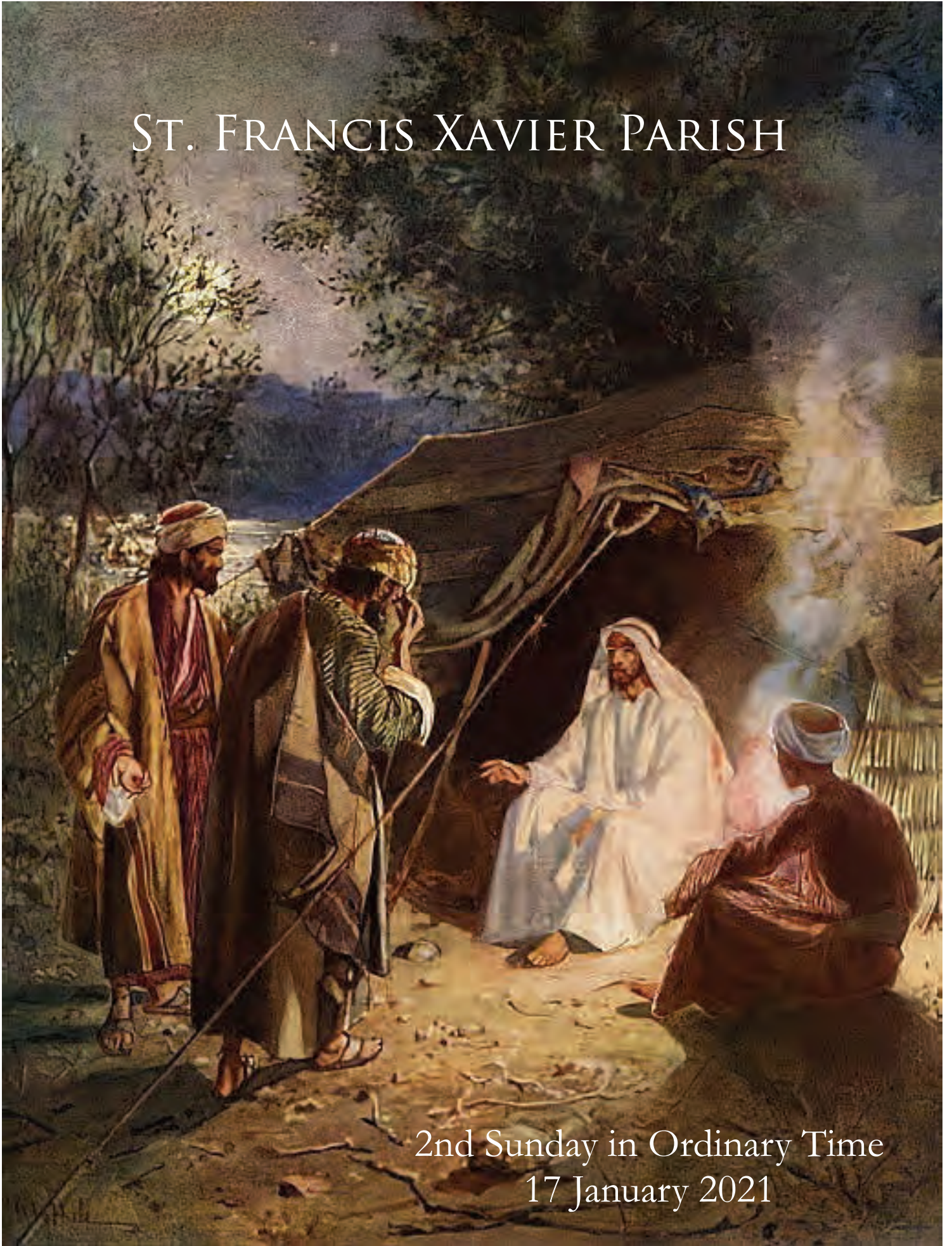


# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
17 January 2021



## St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

### Mass Schedule

(January 16<sup>th</sup> - January 24<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Arthur Costa
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)</b>
	7:00 a.m.	Theresa Nientimp
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Abel & Ernestina Rego
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Feria (Gr)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Cesar Fernandes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Fernandes
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Feria (Gr)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Arthur Guillotte
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>St. Fabian; Pope &amp; Martyr (Rd)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Normand Pepin
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>St. Agnes; Virgin &amp; Martyr (Rd)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Jeanne Guilotte
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Day of Prayer (Vi)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Anibal V. Tavares
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>St. Vincent; Deacon &amp; Martyr (Rd)</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Harold Seguin
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)</b>
	7:00 a.m.	Anibal Aguiar
	9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Mello, Cynthia Rebello & Aldo DeRossi
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Vigeant

### Financial Report

**Income:**

Baptism of The Lord.....\$4,801.50

### Prayers Please

... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*During Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week: **Jacqueline Vardo***

### CONFESSION

**Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 pm**  
**Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am**  
**Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm**

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

As announced a few weeks ago, Pope Francis has declared this as a special year of St. Joseph. He did this “to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal,” continuing by saying that, “The saints help all the faithful ‘to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life.’ Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.”

I recently came across a program that builds on this theme, and that I think will be a source of great spiritual graces for our families and our parish. It is called “The Consecration to St. Joseph,” and is a 33-day series of reflections on St. Joseph and how he serves as an example for us in our discipleship of Christ.

Some further information: *Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today. Definitely a book for our time, Consecration to St. Joseph is dedicated to meeting the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our Church and our world, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph. This book has everything you need to take your love and devotion to St. Joseph to a whole different level: a thorough program of consecration to St. Joseph; information on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph; and prayers and devotions to St. Joseph. Accessible, motivating, this book will kick off a great movement of consecration to our spiritual father and change the world.*

The 33-day period of consecration leading up to St. Joseph's Day begins on 15 Feb. As we will not be able to have many in-person events this Lent, I think this will be a good alternative so that we can grow spiritually in our own homes and families. Our parish will be providing a copy of this book to every household that desires one; simply fill out the slip below and return in the collection basket or to the office **by 31 January**. You will be contacted when the book has arrived. This book will be provided free as a service to our parishioners, though donations to defray the cost of this program will be gratefully accepted.

#### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH INFORMATION

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Please make an appointment to meet with  
Father Williams to schedule a Baptism or Wedding.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS

Religious Education: 508-998-7445  
School: 508-995-4313  
School Fax: 508-995-0456

## ACCESSIBILITY

- Open for Prayer Every Day
- Wheelchair Lift
- Cry-room

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## HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.

*First Friday* 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(9:30-10:00 a.m. Monday Holidays)

Saturday 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

*First Fridays* 6:45-7:15 p.m.

*Any Time by Appointment*

## ADORATION

Monday 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thursday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Saturday 6:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

## VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU-** to all parishioners who have donated in these tough times, as we all know it hasn't been easy for anyone, which means it has been even harder for those in need. Through your generous donations we have been able to help veterans through the Veteran Transition House, who provide housing, meals, transportation, and specialized services to more than 3,000 homeless veterans in our communities. Your donations were also used to assist the Missionaries of Charity and Maronite Servants of Christ the Light who assist the homeless, mentally ill, poor families, children, shut-ins and those in jail. The recipients of your donations wanted to express their sincerest gratitude for your generosity. May our parishioners always know the joy of giving and of living for Our Lord in humble service.



**Maronite Servants of  
Christ the Light**

VETERANS TRANSITION HOUSE

**WINTER CANCELLATIONS:** As a rule we do not cancel Holy Mass for stormy weather, however please always put your own safety first in judging whether it is safe for you to come to Mass.

Further, if you are a regularly scheduled Eucharistic adorer you should receive a telephone message from the parish for any cancellations. The telephone number showing up on your Caller I.D. will be **"508-995-7600"**. Please answer all calls from this phone number since the schedule of cancellation will be in the message. There is often a slight pause in the message system so please do not hang up if you do not hear a voice immediately. The system is set up to leave voice mail in the event of a no-answer.

If you are a regularly scheduled adorer and do not receive a call in the event of a storm, please contact the parish office so we can check and update your contact information for future calls. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Our Mass Book is open and we are taking Mass intentions for the period of **July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. If you are unable to come to the parish office, please call the office with your requests and we can assist you over the telephone; *by this time many of the Mass dates will be taken but we will help you to find a suitable date.* The Sanctuary Lamp is also available for the intention of a loved one. (Please note that we can still also accommodate Masses offered in Rome for your loved ones during the rest of the year of 2021 from February onward).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021

### Religious



No classes on Sunday January 17 in observance of MLK Jr.

Let us not forget that we can take an hour out of our weekend to view Holy Mass on television or on the internet via facebook. Even though the Pope has instituted a dispensation from actually attending Mass during this time due to the pandemic we can still view it and take part in kneeling and standing and responding to the prayers at home. *God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. And if God tells us to do something, we should do it.*

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

Due to an increase in Covid cases we had remote only classes last week. Please remember to check your emails or view the Parish Master Calendar for weekly updates on our website at [www.sfxparish.com](http://www.sfxparish.com).

If you have any questions or concerns please email Mrs. Hammarquist at [jlh@sfxparish.com](mailto:jlh@sfxparish.com)

Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy  
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist

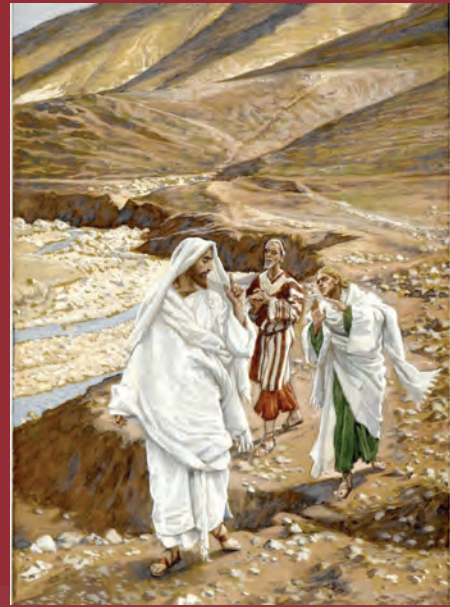
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

With just two weeks of school under our belts, our Christmas vacation is a distant memory. Full days, packed schedules, MAP testing and reentry to the normal school and homework routine are just a few of our "welcome back to school" gifts! We are gearing up for an amazing Catholic Schools Week by this month's end that will be while different will still include plenty of fun... and open registration! Our families are being strongly encouraged to re-register their child(ren) for the 2021-2022 school year. The practice is recommended for our current students in order to reserve a seat in their class, prior to open enrollment. We are praying for a preschool and kindergarten rush of registrants so that we are able to continue to build a strong foundation at the early grade levels. Our 3 and 4 year old preschool programs are second to none! Please share information about our school with friends and family and encourage them to contact the school with any questions they may have about our programs.

Thank you and God bless, Michelle Russo/Principal.



Vocation de Saint Jean et de Saint André (1886-1894)  
The Calling of Saint John and Saint Andrew  
By James Tissot

*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.  
-Jn 1:35-37*

**2020 TAX REPORTS:** If you would like a printout of a report of your annual offerings to the parish for your 2020 tax filing, please call the parish office. When you call please specify if you would like us to email you the form or if you will pick it up.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING:** On Monday, 18 January, **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, the parish office will be closed. However, we will still have morning Mass at 9 am and our full Eucharistic Adoration program. Vespers and Confession are cancelled for that evening, but there will be Confession *after* the 9 am Mass on Monday morning. **Please note** that this is our usual liturgical schedule for federal holidays.



**Thank You Again:** from the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the parish for the ongoing support for the poor and those in need. We are not accepting food at this time but cash and gift card donations can be placed in the poor box or dropped off at the Parish office. We are also accepting new gloves and hats for the homeless which can be dropped off in a basket at the back of the church.

*Human life is sacred.*

DAILY GRACELINES  
WWW.WOMENOFGRACE.COM

*“Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.”*

*- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2271*

**Reflection:**

*Human life is sacred. How do we allow this Church teaching to move us forward with faith and confidence in the public square to proclaim this truth?*

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** If you know of any parishioner who has not been able to attend Church due to a medical condition *and* the inability to leave the home *and* that this person would like to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office to speak to Father Williams or Deacon Dave. We have received permission from the bishop some weeks ago that the priest and deacon may visit homes and distribute Holy Communion. The reception of the Blessed Sacrament at home will not be at this time a weekly thing as it once was due to the fact that our many number of lay extraordinary Eucharistic ministers are still not bringing Holy Communion into the community. However, Father and Deacon are attempting to fit in all our homebound parishioners into a reasonable rotating schedule. Thanks for your assistance and understanding.

**UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** - Catholic Communication  
**January 24<sup>th</sup>** - Diocesan Assessment  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Home Missions

**SFX PRAYER LINE**

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm  
Or email your prayer request to:  
[sfxprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:sfxprayerline@gmail.com)

**READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21



*“Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.”*

*-Do Something Beautiful for God,  
The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- January 17, 2021

THE SACRED LITURGY FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 17 JANUARY 2021

### **Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to his altar draw near, joining in glad adoration.*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 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. 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:** *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Co 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 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.

### **Gospel Reading: 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 to 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 to Peter.

### **Offertory Hymn: Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven**

### **Communion Hymn: Bless Are They**

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.*

### **Recessional Hymn: Let All Things Now Living**

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.*