



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 14, 2024



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." - Jn 1:38-39a

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"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.  
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### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday                    5:00 pm  
Sunday                     8:30 and 11:00 am  
Monday-Thursday      5:00 pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday                   4:00 pm



### January 13 - 21

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

|       |          |                            |
|-------|----------|----------------------------|
| Sat   | 5:00 pm  | Jackie Collins             |
| Sun   | 8:30 am  | Parishioners of St. Paul's |
|       | 11:00 am | Marian Groenfelder         |
| Mon   | 5:00 pm  | Liturgy of the Word        |
| Tues  | 5:00 pm  | Liturgy of the Word        |
| Wed   | 5:00 pm  | Liturgy of the Word        |
| Thurs | 5:00 pm  | Liturgy of the Word        |

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat | 5:00 pm  | Tom Spencer                |
| Sun | 8:30 am  | Gloria Mathis              |
|     | 11:00 am | Parishioners of St. Paul's |
|     | 5:00 pm  | Kermit Brown               |

### Sunday Gift Offering

**January 7 including electronic donations:**  
**\$18,112.40**

10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,811.24**

*"He raises the needy from the dust; from ash heap he lifts up the poor..." 1 Samuel 2:8*



### Welcome New Parishioners

We are happy to have you with us at St. Paul's Newman Center and value your presence and participation. Let us get to know you better. Stop by the parish office during office hours to ask questions regarding our ministry or visit our website at

[www.newmancenter.org](http://www.newmancenter.org).

To register, simply go to

[www.newmancenter.org/membership-signup](http://www.newmancenter.org/membership-signup)



**Parish Offices are closed on Monday, January 15.**

## Upcoming Events

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
January 15 - Parish Offices are Closed

**UW Spring Semester Begins**  
Tuesday, January 16

**Free Legal Clinic**  
Wednesday, January 24

**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**  
January 25

**Southwest Liturgical Conference**  
January 24 - 27 in Oklahoma City or Virtual

**Blood Drive**  
Monday, January 29

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
Liturgies at 7:00 am & 5:15 pm  
Ecumenical Worship at 12:15 pm  
at St. Paul's Newman Center

**Resident SEARCH**  
Friday - Sunday, February 23 - 25

**First Communion Preparation**  
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm  
February 27, March 5 & 19



### First Communion Preparation

Children who have completed and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are ready to prepare for their next sacrament of initiation, **First Communion**. Preparation dates and times are Tuesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 pm on February 27, March 5 and 19. Those who have not completed formation for reconciliation, not to worry! Contact [lillie@newmancenter](mailto:lillie@newmancenter) to make that happen.



### Southwest Liturgical Conference

Musicians, liturgical ministers, and anyone wanting to enrich your faith, plan to attend the Southwest Liturgical Conference. This year's conference is January 24 - 27. Participate in person in Oklahoma City or virtually. To find out more about this study week, check out the website [here](#).

**Fr. Rob will be away most of the month of January. On January 13 -14, we welcome Fr. Dan Gonzalez who will be our presider for the Sunday Liturgies.**

### Free Legal Clinic

Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

*Equal Justice Wyoming and the Wyoming State Bar* are offering FREE 20 to 30 minute consultations with volunteer attorneys on civil legal inquiries such as divorce & custody, landlord/tenant disputes, debt and consumer problems.

This service is provided to Wyoming residents. Income restrictions apply.

Check the flier on the Current Events Board for restrictions and additional information.



### Blood Drive

Kick off the New Year with a good deed by donating blood. The Newman Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, January 29, 2024. To make an appointment click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



### Ash Wednesday is only a month away! February 14, 2024

This year, liturgies will be held at the Newman Center  
Liturgies: 7:00 am & 5:15 pm  
Ecumenical Service: 12:15 pm  
(Liturgies at St. Laurence: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm.)



### Resident SEARCH 2024

**Friday - Sunday, February 23 - 25**  
**Vee-Bar Ranch**

Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, SEARCH offers you more. Applications available in the entryway or scan the QR code fill out an online application and due February 9. We hope you are able to join us! If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the directors Zach Parsons, Aimee Gray, or Nick Staiano.





# Bringing Home the Word

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
January 14, 2024

## You Called?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in

the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

## A Word from Pope Francis

[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021



## Sunday Readings

**1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19**

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

**1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

**John 1:35–42**

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

*Maybe we need someone  
to open our eyes  
to God's presence  
in the ordinariness of life.*



REFLECTION  
QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO?  
REFLECTION

- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?



# Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

Michael Brehl, CSsR

God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously.



Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is

suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and your own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. †

From "It Still Begins with the Word,"  
Liguorian, March 2013

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Beyond My Parish" by Richard W. Thompson

To some people the Catholic Church seems "small"—irrelevant to their concerns, unimportant in their lives, disconnected from the "real" world. Catholics can be very parochial. For many, their idea of the Catholic Church is their parish or the school they attended. With such a small idea of the Church, it's no wonder so many feel as if they "outgrow" the Church. Many of us don't experience just how literally the Church extends to the whole world. Certainly, the geographical expanse of the Church is impressive as on any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in every language in nearly every city and village of every country on earth. But also consider the extent to which the Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor: science, medicine, environment, artificial intelligence, space, world peace, and more. †

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*Creator God, open our minds to recognize your call and our hearts to embrace loving service to your people.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15–20

**Monday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 15:16–23 / Mk 2:18–22

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 16:1–13 / Mk 2:23–28

**Wednesday, St. Anthony:**

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 / Mk 3:1–6

**Thursday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 / Mk 3:7–12

**Friday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 24:3–21 / Mk 3:13–19

**Saturday, Weekday:** 2 Sm 1:1–4,

11–12, 19, 23–27 / Mk 3:20–21