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**JESUS WINS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES**

John 1 : 35-51.

**GOLDEN TEXT:**—Thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Israel.

John 1 : 49.

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**Remember In Prayer**

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 14, 2024**

**SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING**

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

**.FEAST OF FAITH**

**The Greeting**

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

**JOY**

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Gospel: Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Gospel: Mark 2:23 -28
Wednesday:	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51; Gospel: Mark 3:1-6
Thursday:	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12
Friday:	Reading 1: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Gospel: Mark 3:13-19
Saturday:	Reading 1: 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

**JAN . 2024**

JAN 7th

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JAN 14th

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

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LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JAN 28<sup>TH</sup>

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The office will be closed Monday January 15th for the holiday.

No Wednesday Mass during the month of January

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