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Sunday, January 17, 2021



2ND 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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SUNDAY: English Masses - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7:30 PM; Vietnamese Mass 5 PM; African: Last Sunday 12:30 PM (Mass in English with African Choir)

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

First Friday
 After the 8 AM Mass - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00 noon Benediction
 6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

SUNDAY MASS REGISTRATION
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE TO ALL MASSES IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our parish is adopting a new system of attending Sunday Mass, once we are allowed back to celebrate mass with a public congregation. The first step is filling out the form you received in an email from our parish 'Flocknote' called 'Sunday Mass Preferences Survey'.

If you have not received it, check your junk folder OR sign up by going to our parish homepage and clicking the button with the picture of a blue sheep.

- * Only one response per family is allowed.
- * If you or your family members serve in a ministry, your response does not affect your involvement. Your ministry head will give you further details.
- * Since we have to move all our communication online, an email is required in order to attend Mass, so please sign up for Flocknote!



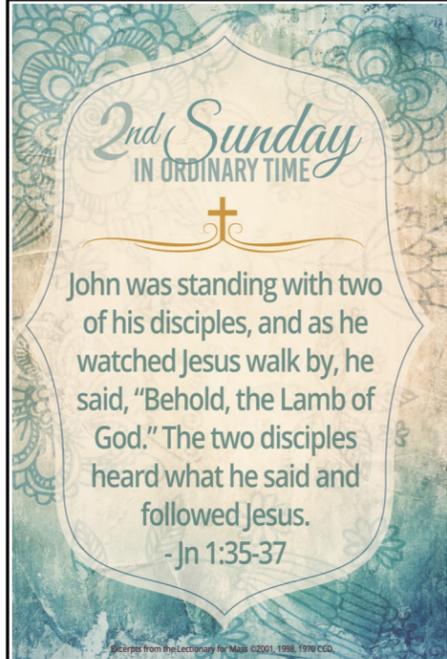
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ATTENTION NEWCOMERS AND NON-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:
 Please take the time to fill out our Parish Registration Form found behind the counter by the Parish Office, if you have not done so yet. Thank you.

BAPTISM: By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 6 months' notice with one of the parties registered in the parish and practicing his/her faith. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for "Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage".

FUNERALS: Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help

us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when He says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

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Stewardship Reflection

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when He said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

*— Tracy Earl Welliver
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from January 18 to 25. The 2021 theme – Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation. Sign-up for daily prayers at rcav.org/unity

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Classes have resumed via ZOOM January 13th. Catechists may use existing meeting links or may send out new ones prior to the 13th. Please watch your emails for any changes and or instructions that might occur.

We will continue with ZOOM classes until further notice.

Please continue to watch the bulletin weekly on the parish website for more updates and sign-up for Flocknote on the website.

Mass is being live streamed each week please tune in off the parish website! Instruction for receiving Communion and Confession are available on the website as well!

Gr. 2 & CIC2 – PREP & SME – a Parent Meeting re: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, January 28th @ 6:30 via ZOOM a link will be sent out to parents only prior to the meeting.

Gr. 2 & CIC2 Sacrament of Reconciliation – PREP Only will be held on Saturday, February 20th. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Gr. 2 Sacramental Fee cheques dated January 1, 2021 will be deposited next week. The PREP office will contact you if they are still outstanding.

Gr. 7 -Mass Journals have begun.

Saint's Projects can be dropped off during parish office hours or put into the mailbox. They were due at Inter-views on December 9th. Some are still outstanding. Please submit as soon as possible.

A Proposed Schedule will be available after Provincial Health orders are revised on February 8th.

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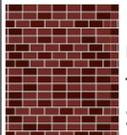
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Please recite the Holy Rosary daily

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St. Matthew's Prayer Group



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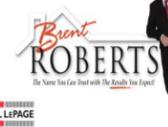
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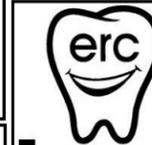
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Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

As you know, public Masses have been suspended in our parish church in order to comply with the directives and guidance of the Premier and the Health Authorities in British Columbia. Archbishop Miller made this difficult decision after much prayer.

As your pastor, I continue to offer Mass each day, praying for each and all of you and asking the Lord to quickly bring an end to this pandemic, to heal the sick and suffering, to strengthen all our medical personnel, and to guide the minds and hearts of our researchers. As a parish, we continue to care for the spiritual and emotional needs of our people in person, by phone and internet, and through Sunday Mass on-line available through our website, Facebook page and YouTube.

As you will understand, parishioners have been asking how to continue to support the parish and make their regular contributions. The Archdiocese has set up a simple way for you to give online. This will make it easy for parishioners to support their own parish through a weekly or monthly gift made by credit card or direct debit. The funds will go directly to our parish.

To reach the donation site: www.rcav.org/sunday-offering

I am appealing to you to make this now your preferred way of continuing to fulfill your support to our church. Although you cannot attend Mass at this time, on-line giving will allow you a simple and easy way to demonstrate your commitment to the Parish.

Some of you have already made this or similar arrangements and I am grateful. I know that this is a difficult time for many of you financially and so I am especially mindful of your generosity, your sacrifices and your faith.

Let us pray that all may be made well soon and that we can meet again around the Altar of the Lord's Sacrifice in our beautiful parish St. Matthew's.

With my blessings,

Fr. Tien Tran