

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year B**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Readings: 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19    2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20    3) John 1:35-42**

## **Sunday Liturgy**

**The focus for today's Mass is: Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives.**

**There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: *Memento Mori*, or, *Remember, thou art mortal*. Today's Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death – a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.**

**At God's command, Jonah goes to Nineveh, prophesying destruction. The citizens of Nineveh repent and are spared. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act in a way that reflects the passing away of this world. In the Gospel, Jesus arrives in Galilee, proclaiming the *time of fulfillment* has arrived, and that all are to *repent, and believe in the Gospel*. The Apostles Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave their lives as fishermen to follow him.**

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayers we offer in faith and hope.**

**For the Church throughout the world,  
may we through God's grace, continue to grow in the likeness of Christ.**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For world leaders, may the Holy Spirit inspire them in promoting justice for all.**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,  
may Christ's healing presence be with them.**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.*

**For all who have passed away,  
may Christ's eternal light shine upon them.**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For the members of this community,  
may God bless us and protect us in this New Year.**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).**

*We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**PRIEST:**

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will.**

**We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**