

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**FOCUS:** The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: *Speak, for your servant is listening*. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** Trusting in the Lord, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions for ourselves and for the world.

- 1) For all of us in God's holy Church, may the Holy Spirit grant us courage and confidence in living as humble and holy disciples, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the conversion of all sinners, may the Lord lead all hearts to seek him and repent of their sins, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all families who are wounded by division, separation, or divorce, may Christ bring them healing and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all members of this worship community, may God strengthen us in faith and help us grow in charity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in the hope of eternal life, may our Savior welcome them into the joy of his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** Loving God, hear these prayers we have brought before you and answer them, we ask, in accordance with your divine providence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.