2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14th, 2024



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First Reading: 1Samuel 3: 3b-10,19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 40:2,4,7-8, 8-9, 10
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

Full Readings can be found here!

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video for adults with the proclamation of the Gospel, by clicking <u>HERE</u>. (YouTube, WOG, 1:13 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel adapted to children by clicking <u>HERE</u>. (YouTube, Holy Heroes, 1:29 min)

2. TALK

Gather the family in a room and ask each person to remember a time when they felt God or Jesus were asking them to do something special for others. For example, help someone in need, or make a life-changing decision, or to reconcile with someone they had previously had a disagreement with, etc.

Allow each adult and young person to briefly share with the rest of the family their story. Once everyone has shared, ask the two questions we provide next.

- 1. What feelings filled your heart as you were doing what God/Jesus asked you to do?
- 2. What feelings filled your heart after you had done what they asked of you?

Allow time for each person to answer at least one of the questions.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @OREinADLA on social media.

Note: If you have children, ask them to imagine how they think Jesus is calling them to be near to him. If desired, they can draw a picture and then show it to the rest of the family.

3. PRAY

Today's Gospel tells us the story of how Jesus called his first disciples. A disciple is someone who listens and follows the teachings of Jesus to live a happy life. All Christians have been called to



be disciples of Jesus from our baptism, including children, as we heard in the reading from the Book of Samuel.

Create a family prayer space at home by placing a Bible, a crucifix, a candle, and a small bowl with water. (You may consider asking the children in your household to help put the prayer space together.) Gather your family around the prayer space, and if possible, light the candle. (You may use a battery-operated candle if necessary.)

An adult in the family reads the following litany and invites all others to join in the response.

Leader: Lord, we have heard your call to be your disciples!

All: Lord, come and live with us.

Leader: Lord, you call us to learn from you!

All: Lord, come and live with us.

Leader: Lord, you ask us to listen to your living Word!

All: Lord, come and live with us.

Leader: Lord, you ask us to serve you in our brother and

sisters!

All: Lord, come and live with us.

Leader: Lord, today we offer our lives to you!

All: Lord, come and live with us.

Next, that same adult who led the litany prayer takes the bowl of water from the prayer space, wets his/her thumb in the water, and proceeds to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of each member present. Each person who is signed with the water responds "Amen".

To conclude this time of prayer, all recite the "Glory be..."



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