



So [Eli] said to Samuel,
"Go to sleep, and if
you are called, reply,
'Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening.'"

1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ✦ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM

or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of January 18, 2020**

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

Special Intention

Special Intention

† Theresa Connolly

Special Intention

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 23-24, 2020

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† Leonel & Regina Pommier

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

As We Begin

This New Year

First, I want to thank everyone for their generosity to the churches over the past year! Again I know many are struggling financially. And if you can't give what you would you like, I (we) are still very grateful for your prayers for the churches! And we should pray that things will be better for you this new year!

As we begin this New Year, we need to pray for a better one than the one we just completed. So here is a prayer to pray:

"O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen."

If everybody would pray more this year, we will, with God's help, make our lives easier this new year than it was in the last!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Sat - Jan. 23 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Patrick's Chapel on southside of church.

This Week's Update

As we begin the weekends of Ordinary Time towards the beginning of Lent, we need to now, more than ever, listen very closely to what Jesus is telling us. We get so used to listening to things of this world that we have a great difficulty listening to what Jesus is trying to tell us. Jesus does something for us that no one else can do, He feeds our soul! Our conversation with Christ, our listening to the Word of God, and our receiving Jesus in Holy Communion feeds us with what our soul needs to gain eternal life.

In the first half of this year, we will have a visit to each of our three churches by our new Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka. The schedule is as follows with the following dates but times are to be determined:

February 23 (Tues) - St. Patrick

May 30 (Sun) - Holy Trinity

June 22 (Tues) - St. Thomas More

This is part of his tour to get to know our parishes and meet the people he will soon shepherd once Bishop Jenky retires.

We are entering a time in the history of the world when it is more important than ever to pray the rosary. So again I would like to invite everybody to join us at Holy Trinity to pray the rosary on Wednesday's after the evening Mass.

God has a great love for all of us! People love being with those that love them. Try spending more time with Our Lord! May God give all of you abundant blessings in this New Year!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24

Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

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