

# Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

## GOD'S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

## OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

## YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING:** In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening." God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** see bulletin cover.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

#### **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (1/18-1/24)**

**Monday:** Helen Brady & Bob Barber

**Tuesday:** Joe Cambron

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday 5:30 PM: Gerald & Barbara Fogle

Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only): Wheatley & Mudd Families

Saturday 8:30 AM: Tony Begley

Saturday 4:30 PM: For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 AM: Melvin Graves

10:30 AM: Reba Hamilton

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Belle Sutton, (Tues.) Katie Simms, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Mary Ann Hale, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Hamilton Simms

Weekday Sacristans: (Mon.) Martha Ann Hardin, (Tues.) Deacon Rick Fagan, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Cheryl Mattingly, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Jerry Mudd

Weekend Liturgical Roles for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, Healthcare Workers, U.S. Military, Anonymous, Bill Smith, David Smith, Perry Carrico, Betty Boone, Paul "Pat" Mudd, Lauraetta Smith, Tommy Bartley, Johnathan Bradshaw, Kenny Peterson, Doris Purdom, Stephanie Bueschel Warner, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Ted McNeal, Edwin Thompson, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Margaret Faye Martin, Corbin Noel, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$9,962.00

## MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

9 Days for Life (January 21-29) is a 9-day novena for the protection of life. Each day's intention is accompanied with a short reflection. To receive the daily prayer/reflection for the protection of life, go to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) > learn more.

Masses: Call ahead (**Monday through Thursday**) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-

3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized at 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

**2021 Collection for Opportunities for Life:** The four Kentucky dioceses will take up a collection this weekend, **January 16-17**, the Sunday in the week of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22), as part of the Kentucky bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in our Commonwealth. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, funds from this collection will provide resources to pregnant women and new families in crisis, including material assistance and grant support for programming at Catholic Charities and other organizations providing support to pregnant women and families. Please use one of the white envelopes found in the pews or any envelope marked Opportunities for Life, if you plan to make a donation.

**Martin Luther King Day:** Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, is a holiday for parish office staff, the office will be closed.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:** Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on Sundays from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Adoration at 4:00 p.m., Vespers at 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Music &/or Liturgical Prayer at 6:00 p.m., Closing with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.)

**Possibly interested in joining the Catholic Church?** Contact Fr. David at 336-3569.

**IGA Receipts, BOXTOPS for Educations & Campbell's labels** are all fundraisers for our school. We ask that you continually save them and drop them in the wooden boxes in the back of church.

**2021 Black and Indian Mission Collection:** The weekend of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, we will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. This Collection exists to help diocesan communities preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native people of God. Your donations help fund parish-based catechetical programs, support teacher and catechist professional development, encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and create diocesan structures, such as our own archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, that support ministry and evangelization in these diverse cultural communities. An envelope for this collection can be found in parishioner's tithing packets.

### **FEAST OF FAITH**

**The Greeting:** At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old

Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—“And also with you,” soon to be “And with your spirit”—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord’s presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord’s presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God’s presence transforms us. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.