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January 14, 2024 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, January 14th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in Church Hall

Monday, January 15th:

- Mass 8:00am

Tuesday, January 16th:

- No Mass

Wednesday, January 17th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour & Confessions after Mass
- 1st Communion/Confirmation Class 4:00pm in South Annex

Thursday, January 18th:

- Mass 8:00am

Friday, January 19th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, January 20th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, January 21st:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Reconciliation Class 11:00am in South Annex
- OCIA 11:00am in Church Hall

Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	1/13/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	1/14/2024	9:00am	Sister Raphaela & Sisters
Monday	1/15/2024	8:00am	Maria Gourley
Tuesday	1/16/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	1/17/2024	8:30am	Earle, Phyllis & Stan Ausman †
Thursday	1/18/2024	8:00am	Terry Smith †
Friday	1/19/2024	8:00am	Janet Osborne
Saturday	1/20/2024	4:00pm	Greg Buratto †
Sunday	1/21/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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Themes for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to hear God calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering. . The Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles.

- **Discipleship and Following:** The theme of discipleship and following Jesus is evident as John the Baptist's disciples choose to follow Jesus after his testimony. This highlights the transformative power of encountering Jesus.
- **Messiah and Recognition:** The recognition of Jesus as the Messiah is a central theme as Andrew proclaims, "We have found the Messiah." This emphasizes the pivotal moment when individuals recognize Jesus' divine identity.
- **Invitation and Relationship:** Jesus' invitation to "come and see" underscores the theme of forming a personal relationship. This highlights the importance of encountering Jesus firsthand and developing a personal connection.
- **Name Change and Identity:** The theme of name change and identity emerges as Jesus renames Simon to Cephas (Peter), which means "rock." This symbolizes Peter's future role and underscores the transformative impact of encountering Jesus.
- **Personal Testimony:** Andrew's excited testimony to his brother Simon introduces the theme of personal testimony. This highlights the significance of sharing one's personal experiences with Jesus to invite others into a relationship with Him.
- **Response to Jesus' Call:** Simon's immediate response to Jesus' call showcases the theme of obedience. His willingness to leave his nets and follow Jesus reflects the radical nature of responding to Jesus' call.

See the Homilies and Reflections section and the More Thoughts section for further expansion on these readings and some reflection questions for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.

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SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

Is our Blood Drive on your calendar for January 18th?

I challenge each family to find at least 1 person who can contribute to the Blood Drive! You can start giving at age 16, so if you know high school kids, share this with them as well. (minors need parent permission) Thank you to the many who have signed up!

This Blood Drive not only helps to save lives when the need for blood donors is critical, but also helps our students benefit by contributing to our STEM grant opportunity. We have used these funds to update our science curriculums. Thank you for helping save lives and contributing to

education! To qualify for this grant opportunity, we need 60 good donations between our two drives. Can you help by sharing this link with family and friends? It is on our school Facebook page if you want to share it that way as well. Thank you!

Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/give1-24> or call the school office, 509-758-6621



Our Love the Wine You're With event is coming up Friday, February 2 at Basalt Cellars. We hope you will join us for this fun event!

Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Parents & staff are selling the tickets for chances to win 4 delightful prizes!

Event tickets are available at the school office for \$30 each.

If you would like to pre-purchase wines, we will get 50% of each sale! Watch for the flyer in next week's bulletin.

Horrigan Match Endowment:

With the generous backing of the Irene Horrigan Trust, HFS is delighted to introduce the Horrigan Match Endowment program through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington. This unique opportunity is designed to support our school's endowment, leaving a lasting legacy of perpetual support. What makes this opportunity even more impactful is that your funds will be matched dollar for dollar, with our school eligible for a matching grant of up to \$8,500. As these funds grow, they will play a crucial role in providing future tuition assistance. Your participation in this program is not only an investment in our school's future, but also a direct contribution to shaping the educational journey of students to come. To make a contribution to the Horrigan Match, you can write a check to The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington, with memo: CFS00119, (drop checks off at HFS) or donate online: <https://catholicfoundationspokane.org/horrigan-match>. Be sure to select Clarkston, Holy Family. We are grateful for your support in this impactful opportunity.

Volunteers needed:

- Lunch recess duty 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Donations needed: Thank you for the great response to our needs!

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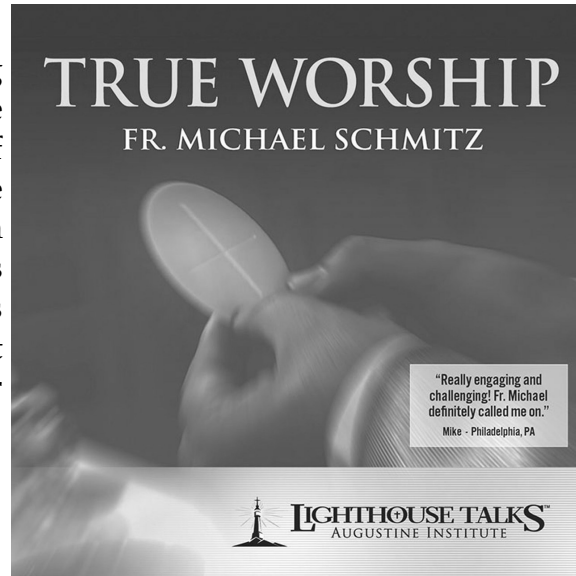
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This week’s topic at OCIA will be “The Four Last Things”

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church, our OCIA program has started in the church hall at 11:00am after coffee and donuts. Please join us!

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” Martin Luther

Young Adult Bible Study Group

When: Wednesday’s, Alternating All Saints and Holy Family. (Email: claira.osborne@gmail.com for more information)

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: All Saints study rooms or Holy Family gym/parish hall Age group: 18-25 years old.

Activities include: learning more about the Catholic faith through books and discussions, sports (open gyms), and dinners.

Come learn and meet other Young Catholics!

Do you have a child who is in 3rd grade and has not yet received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**? Classes will start this Sunday, January 14th, 2024 after Mass. Please call the parish office to register.



Planning for Lent 24-Hour Retreat

Presented by Charles F. Fink III M.S. on January 26th – 27th. Please register in advance at 509-448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net.

Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday January 20th 4:00pm	Linda Kazda	Lynette Ausman	Addy Aceveda Ella Miller	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday January 21st 9:00a	Don Tuschoff Marvin Entel	Linda Wolf	Anna Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Ron Gosselin Pat Wolf



Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like someone to be added.

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Stapleton Family
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Sue Buratto
Russ Bashore
Nick Menegas
Linda Entel
Betty Eggleston
Jo Caetano
Nancy DiMeo
Kelly Evans
Evelyn Nanik
Liz Samayoa
Manya & Bill Bebiff

Week 2

Pat & Melva Boyle
Sheila McDougall
Wessels Family
Dave Massaro
Kauffman Family
Michael Cheek
Yvonne Pecora
Dick Jacobs
Lisa Carey
Tina Flerchinger
Vivian Piatt
Gayle Williams
Mike B
Mary Gocke
Zach Paris
Reid Wagner
Tony & Dylan Twisleton

Week 3

Sherry Domaskin
Marty & Cherie
Nelson & Family
Mary Ellen Hill
Caitlyn Graves
Christian Morgan
Verla Day
Thelma Fales
Melanie Stellmon
Joel Babino
Jo & Leonard Castle
Bill Dahmen
Tim Wanta
Lisa Heath
Renee Ellis
Blake Pieksma
Shannon Dee Tuschoff

Week 4

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Eileen Jeffreys
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks
Mike & Ann Elsensohn
Joy Nye
Keela Carter
Vivian France
Courtney & Adeline Paterson
Gene Breeding
Theresa Swartz
Richard Fanning

Ash Wednesday this year is February 14th. Starting next weekend we will have a place in the south entry to bring in your old palms so the school can burn them for their Ash Wednesday service.

Holy Family Church and School giving statements for 2023 will be out next weekend in the south annex. Please make sure you stop and pick yours up.

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*“I do not pray for success;
I ask for faithfulness.”
Mother Teresa*

Letter from Father

14 January 2024
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Of Stanley and Eucharistic Cups

Greetings,

I was asked what I thought about the recent Stanley Cup craze currently sweeping the nation. My first response was that I was pretty sure that the National Hockey League championship was quite some time off and that I didn't really follow hockey anyway. I was then informed that there is a particular insulated cup, manufactured by the Stanley Tool Company, that has become all the rage. I did a little research and found out that people are actually getting into fist fights at Target and other stores over these cups.

Not only are people fighting over them, some people have even camped out in front of Target and Starbucks all over America in anticipation of special versions of the cups to become available. There are people who own dozens of these cups. Apparently, Stanley has started making them in a great variety of colors and patterns and they have become the latest "must have" commercial thing. I am reminded of the frenetic activity surrounding things such as pet rocks, Cabbage Patch Kid dolls, and the ever-popular Beanie Babies. For whatever reason, these things have captured the imaginations and hearts of the American people, causing a desire from within to possess.

I get it. Some things are just cool. I have given in to the desire for things myself, even when it didn't make sense to others. This last Christmas was the 39th Christmas in a row that I didn't receive the G.I. Joe aircraft carrier that I wanted so much. Sometimes the things of this world take hold of us and become the focus of our desire and reason, hijacking our ability to think clearly about anything else. This condition is a symptom of our fallen, sinful state, our only hope for deliverance in Jesus Christ.

I would probably have a stroke of surprise if I were to walk up to the church door on a Sunday and find a crowd of people waiting in line to receive the Eucharist. Wouldn't it be amazing if we prioritized the Mass in the same way we prioritize the things of the world? I have had so many conversations with people who want to know why we have to go to Mass on Sunday and why, if we don't, it is a mortal sin. My answer is usually something in the spirit of asking them why they have to go to work or school every day. They usually answer that if they don't, there will be negative consequences such as losing their job or getting bad grades. If our jobs and grades are so very important, how much more so than our life in Christ?

What do we lose when we fail to prioritize Christ, especially Christ in the Eucharist, over other things? First, we begin to lose our faith. Just as practice in a sport or skill is vital to maintaining our proficiency, so to is practice vital in maintain our ability to live our faith in an effective way. It is not enough to want to practice your faith, or to pay lip service to it, we must be present in order to be nourished and strengthened by Him. Next, we lose our connection to the community of the Church. I always tell people, no matter what you've done or how sinful you feel, the Church is always better when you are here. By neglecting your relationship with the Church, you lose out on opportunities to reconcile those sins and have a beautiful experience of Christ's love in the world. Finally, you begin to lose yourself to the world. Each one of us is special in the eyes of God and of the Church. When we abandon our life in the Church for other things, we abandon the beauty that God provides, even in our darkest times. Thus, just as the Church is always better when you are here, you too are always better when you are here.

When we focus our energies on the Cup of the Eucharist, the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, we gain a certain perspective on earthly things. Sure, a Stanley cup will keep your water ice cold for two days, but the Cup from which are fed the source of Salvation will keep us living and full for eternity. It is never too late to review priorities and to make a new start in the life of Faith.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi..., where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:35-37).

Mass Readings for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B:

The First Reading is taken from the First Book of Samuel 3:3-10; 19 and gives an account of Samuel's vocation to take over the leadership of the Chosen People.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 in which St. Paul makes it crystal clear that justifying fornication as part of Christian liberty is an incorrect interpretation of his preaching and that the body must be preserved from all immorality.

The Gospel is from the Gospel of St. John 1:35-42 and gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided instead to let men co-operate with him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

Christ, as God, could deal directly with every human being on earth. He could teach the infallible truth; he could pardon sins; he could give all the graces needed to travel successfully to heaven. There would then be no need for a Church with its teaching magisterium, no need for the sacrament of Baptism, or of Penance, nor of the Holy Eucharist itself or of any other such aids. Christ could do all that his Church does for the salvation of mankind, and more successfully, of course, but yet he chose the way which divine wisdom saw was best.

We mortals know that God can speak directly to our hearts, and actually has done so to many men in the past. We know that he can do directly all that is done by his Church, to whom he gave the power, with its teaching magisterium and sacraments. If he were to act in this way we should be open to continuous doubts about the source of our inspirations and the objectivity of the graces we thought we were receiving. It was to remove such doubts, and the possibility of self-deception that Christ left to us the external visible kingdom to which he gave all the powers necessary for men's salvation. It was for the security and peace of men's consciences that he set up a visible Church founded on the Apostles, men like ourselves, but transformed by his assisting grace.

Another momentous fact in Christ's choice of the Apostles on whom he was to build his Church, is that he "chose the lowly and the humble to confound the wise." The first four Apostles, as well as the other eight, were simple, lowly fishermen from Galilee. They may possibly have been able to read and write a little, but they were certainly not men of education or any social standing in their communities. He could have converted and chosen some of the more highly educated scribes of Jerusalem, or some of the Roman centurions then in Palestine, or some of the many philosophers in Greece, or even Roman senators whose influence as Christian teachers would carry such weight with the educated elite of the empire. But he did not. The instrument he chose to carry his message to all men was not dependent on human ingenuity or on the educational or social standing of his witnesses. Rather it was to stand on the power of God, of which it was the expression and proof.

We can see clearly the divine wisdom governing Christ's choice of Apostles! Had his message of salvation been spread and promulgated by men of learning and social standing, the cry would soon go up on all sides: "This religion is the invention of philosophers; it is a clever plan of the upper classes to keep the poor and humble workers in subjection." But it was the poor and working classes who spread Christ's message, and who suffered imprisonment and death itself at the hands of the educated and upper classes for so doing.

Today, let us thank our blessed Lord who provided so humanly—and yet so divinely for our eternal welfare. In the Church, which he founded on the lowly but solid foundation of simple fishermen of Galilee, he erected an institution against which the gates of hell, the power of all the enemies of our salvation, cannot prevail, for his divine guidance and help will be with it forever. It has had enemies and opposition from the beginning; they may be more numerous and more destructive than ever today. But the promise of Christ still holds good, his word cannot fail. Therefore, neither the opposition of materialistic enemies from without, nor the even more insidious attacks from faint-hearted and worldly-minded members from within, can affect the safety and permanence of the building which Christ built on the Rock. "If God is with us," it matters not "who is against us."

—*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

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