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Catholic Center

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Family Prayer Service

Presider: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(striking your breast, say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then continue with:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer:

Presider:

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a and 9a)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia

John 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John:

John 1:35-42

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”—which translated means Teacher—, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” —which is translated Christ—. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas”—which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection/Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:
by Fr. Richard Sunwoo

Our celebration today is nothing but “ordinary.” Rather, our Gospel today speaks of something remarkable! Jesus invites us to follow him, but with greater clarity. He invites us to “come and see.” Jesus is not the god who sits idle or far away. He is the God who loves and fully embraces all that He loves to the point where this love is communicated through an invitation from one person to another: “Come and see.” Jesus wants to engage ALL of ourselves and not just our minds!

When we speak of “following” these days, it begins with the mind, but then quickly follows into actions. When given the directive of “follow the directions,” we first read the directions (hopefully!) and when we understand them, we put them into action. So too is Jesus’ invitation to us today. Come! In order for us to “follow” Him, we must learn to listen with understanding. Then, we must put into action what we understand. Sounds simple enough, huh? Usually, the simplest of directions are hard to enact! As Catholics, we aren’t in the regular habit of reading the Gospels, but I would encourage you to start! This is one way for us to follow Jesus. Through our reading of the Gospels, may we read with open hearts and minds—eager to understand BOTH Jesus’ lessons as well as Him as a person. Then, we can make concrete resolutions each day to put into effect whatever we have learned/understood.

Jesus’ invitation to “see” is a bit trickier in that it will require us to exercise patience. The act of “seeing” is not a physical function, but more along the lines of “inspiration” or “epiphany.” For example, one of the reasons we love the beaches and oceans is because of the sunset. Yet, how old were you when you were able to really appreciate it— “see” it with meaning? Why did it take us so long? Sometimes, it takes some time to really “see” the meaning of something and appreciate it. So, when we are open to learning and listening to Jesus through our exploration of the Gospels, and after we have put into practice what we have understood, then we must also exercise patience to “see” with growing depth the wellsprings of meaning in Jesus’s teachings and example. The beauty of that transformation is that once you see, you cannot unsee it ever again.

2021 Action Plan Pre-Lent

1. Commit to slowly reading the Gospels.
2. Jot down a few notes about what you have learned or understood.
3. Make one or two concrete resolutions/actions and pray for the grace to put these all into effect.

Nicene Creed:

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(raise from bow)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Presider: To God the Giver of all life and Lord of peace, let us pray:

Intercessions:

That the Our Savior Parish community may respond with open hearts to Christ's call to be His disciples:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That the pastors and teachers of our Church, like Samuel and John the baptizer, may proclaim with courage and conviction, the presence of the Lamb of God among us:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That society and public policies may uphold the dignity of every person as a temple of God's Spirit

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That children and young people may hear the voice of God calling them to lives of joyful service to others:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That the sick and the suffering, especially victims of physical and sexual abuse, may be assured of our complete and unconditional help and support:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

That the souls of our deceased relatives and friends may be raised up by God to the life of the Resurrection:

(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

Presider:

Father, hear our prayers. May we give voice to the presence of your Son, the Lamb of God, who is in our midst, by seeking his peace and justice in our time and place. In his name we pray.

Our Father:

Presider: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All:

And with your spirit.

Presider:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

Spiritual Communion:

All: I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Closing Prayer:

Presider:

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen