



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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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. George is available through the week during this time. Please contact him by using his cell phone number if immediate assistance is needed. **Francine** - No formal office hours during this time. Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbrieuxparish.ca

COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE:

Dispensation continues for those who are not yet ready to attend Mass. Bulletins are available online only. You are expected to be respectful and follow the guidelines.

Masks are now mandatory.

St. Brieux Parish: Phone-in registrations are being taken for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Any space left will be on a first come first serve basis. Our parish is following the 30 person limit.

EVENTS THIS WEEK & UPCOMING EVENTS**Jan. 19-22:** Weekday Masses at 10:00 a.m.**Jan. 22:** Mass Registration from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**Jan. 23:** Mass at 7:00 p.m.**Jan. 24:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Brieux.**Jan. 24:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino

UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! St. Brieux Parish has exceeded the goal of \$10,935.00 set by the Diocese of Prince Albert. As of Dec. 30, a total of \$13,280.00 was given by parishioners of St. Brieux Parish

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 19	10:00 a.m.	Sam Farthing for his birthday by Percy & Roseann King
Wed Jan. 20	10:00 a.m.	Aubrey Hicks, dying of liver cancer by Percy & Roseann King
Thurs Jan. 21	10:00 a.m.	Nicholas Nunes (5yr old) and his health struggles after a tick bite by Percy & Roseann King
Fri Jan. 22	10:00 a.m.	+Brad Drechsler, and for his wife & family by Percy & Roseann King
Sat. Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	+Joan (Allan) Oracheski by Jeanne & Gilbert Creurer
Sun. Jan. 24	9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 24	4:00 p.m.	+Cecile Hunt Sr. by the Mike Rybinski family
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Collections**St. Brieux:** Jan. 10: \$960.00**Mary, Mother of God:** Jan. 10: \$160.00

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Our Prayer for the Week:

God of whispers and windstorms, open our hearts and our ears to hear you speaking. May we keep seeking you when you nudge us until we can hear you clearly. May your words take root in us so that your life grows in us with each whispered word. Amen.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Prayer of the Faithful: For open ears and hearts to hear God speaking his Word into our lives, we pray to the Lord.

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Vocation Corner: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

Prayer: That like Samuel, all baptized Catholics will be faithful to their call to follow Christ, especially those chosen for the unique consecration of priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: SPIRITUAL EXERCISE and food (reading, daily prayer) are just as important to the spirit as physical exercise and food is to the body! Is your spirit being fed – or just your body?

Live Streamed Celebrations on the Diocese

Website. These celebrations will be live-streamed on Facebook and later that same day at www.padiocese.ca

• January 17, 2020 @ 10:00 am Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day
www.clicktopray.org

Virtual Bible Study: A virtual Lenten bible study with Christine Taylor and other members of the Evangelization and Catechesis Commission will be offered Thursdays during Lent from February 18 - March 25 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. To register, email catechetics@padiocese.ca



A pre-Lenten virtual evening with Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ on Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. helping us consider our Lenten Journey... "What are We Hoping For?" (Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday)

For more information contact Christine Taylor at 922-4747 extension 227. To register,

"Sunday of the Word of God: 'A day of awakening' A note issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments provides instructions for the celebration of The Sunday of the Word of God. By Vatican News staff reporter

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" issued on 30 September 2019. The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

Importance of Sacred Scripture in our lives

A note released on Saturday by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and signed by the prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah, explains that The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God." 19 December 2020"

Have a great week everyone!

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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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.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

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