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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The timing of *our* call to discipleship is *unpredictable*, but it comes as surely to us as it did to Samuel or Andrew. In today's celebration, we follow the marvelous chain of events that starts when God calls us by name.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 SAMUEL 3:3-10, 19

At an unexpected time, the young Samuel is called to greatness. God leads him along a way he never imagined. So God calls us all.

PSALM

40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

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

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15, 17-20

The apostle Paul reminds us of our dignity: We have been ransomed by Christ. Lewd conduct is beneath us because now we live for the Lord who abides in us.

JOHN 1:35-42

John the Baptist directs his disciples to follow Jesus who asks them a question we must all answer.

ENTRANCE RITE: Isaiah 43:1b, 4a; Jeremiah 15:16

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

ALLELUIA: Psalm 40:9

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To do Your will, O my God, is my delight, and Your law is within my heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – January 14th

2nd Sunday Ordinary time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – January 21st

3rd Sunday Ordinary time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich offered by Father Senior Donald and Danielle Wunderlich.

SUNDAY – January 28th

Septuagesima

Pre Lent 1

ONE MASS ONLY!

ANNUAL MEETING!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – February 4th

Sexagesima

Pre Lent 2

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – February 11th

Quinquagesima

Pre Lent 3

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY – Feb. 14th

**ASH WEDNESDAY
LENT BEGINS**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Blessing and distribution of ashes to the faithful

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

Blessing and distribution of ashes to the faithful

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Toni Wiswesser, Peggy Smith and family, and Chi Koch. **Our Father...**

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 14th; Oplátky Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. Adults \$12.50, Under 16 \$9.00. Complete sit down ham dinner with sides, desserts and door prizes. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and sign the sheet if you are planning to attend so that we know how much food to prepare. Please see Tom Schalata after Mass to purchase your tickets if you have not already done so!

Wednesday, January 17th; The Book Club will meet in the library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, January 21st; Regular monthly meeting of the parish committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. All committee members should plan on attending to prepare for the Annual Parrish Congregational Meeting.

Sunday, January 28th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

KOLEDA– BLESSING OF HOMES

Father Senior Donald will be blessing homes this Epiphany Season. He will be happy to bless any home at your request. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date. He will be happy to see you and more than happy to bless your home.

COFFEE, DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after each Mass in the Fellowship Hall downstairs beginning today. Have a cup of coffee, a donut and some Christian Fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

DONATION ENVELOPES 2024

The Donation Envelopes for 2024 are available on the table in the Library. Please remember to pick up yours so that you are ready to faithfully support our beloved Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish in the coming year.