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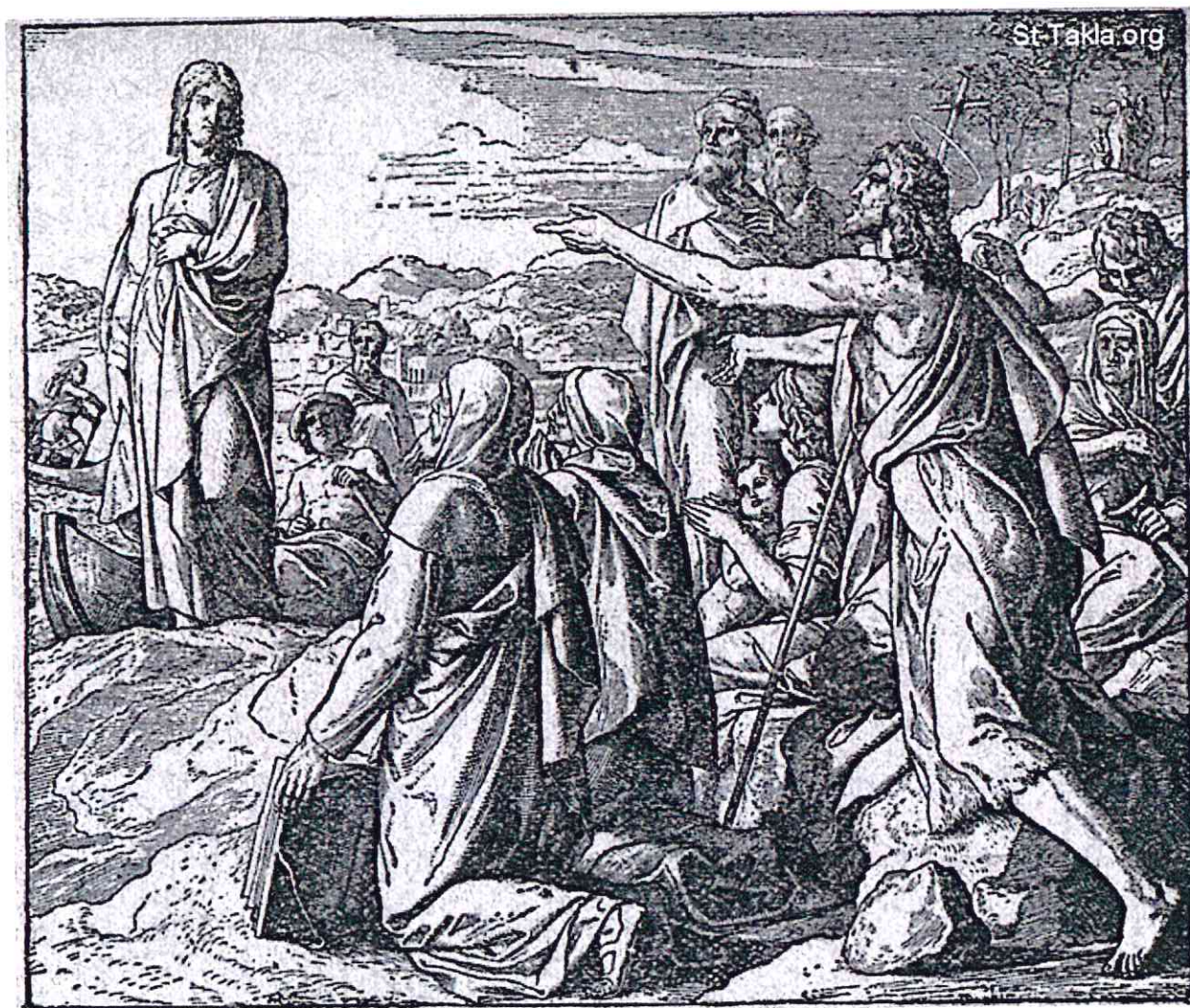
ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



Listening for God's Call

Can we hear the Lord calling to each of us today? He called Samuel. He called the first followers of Jesus. He is calling us as well. Are we listening? How are we responding?

Often we wonder how the Lord speaks to us. He never seems to speak directly, even though we may know of others to whom he seems to speak directly. We observe in today's stories of Samuel and of the first followers of Jesus that they also were not so clear about being called in the beginning. Someone had to point out to them that they were being called.

But often the Lord does speak directly to us, and we do not know it. We sometimes need someone to point it out to us. For many of us, it is other family members or members of our parish, or sometimes just a complete stranger.

In the story of Samuel, the young Samuel keeps hearing the voice of God and thinks that it is someone else calling him. We do that same thing: We sense an attraction to something, we feel a need to do something, we are given a special commission at times, and yet so often we never think that this might be God calling us. Of course, we have to be careful about identifying everything that we want to do with a direct call from God. But so often we are at the other extreme, where God seems absent in our world.

In the Gospel scene today, we too can identify with going about our own work and not wanting to hear that someone might be calling us to something else. We don't want to think that every time someone interrupts us, it might be God. But it might be....

And so we are invited today to reflect on our own lives as we listen to these stories about the lives of others. Do we ever think that God is actually calling us in the daily events of our lives? Do we think that many of the things that we do might just be in response to his call? Do we look for the divine in the daily elements of our lives?

In our new liturgical year, we are just entering into Ordinary Time, when we need to come around to thinking that God calls us in the ordinary events of our lives.

Let us ask for eyes of faith that really look for God each day. Let us ask for ears of faith that really listen for God each day.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES:

Are available for pickup in the vestibule. Please note that the boxes are in alphabetical order and some of your numbers have been changed. Those of you who make monthly credit card or pre-authorized payments will no longer receive donation boxes; you have been assigned a new 2024 number by the parish office for the sake of your tax receipt. If you do not find your box, please call the parish office during office hours. Second collections may also be added to your monthly credit card or pre-authorized payment by calling the parish office.



UNITE the NATION JOIN THE LARGEST CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION IN CANADA

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#1 ACCEPTANCE: The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive will be held after all Masses on the weekends of **January 20/21 and January 27/28, 2024.**

CWL membership is \$42/year. DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). Pay by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer

KEEP OUR BOTTLE DRIVE ALIVE: "Return-it Express"

is a simple and convenient way to return your recyclable containers. Use our clear bags in the basket on the CWL Table. They are already affixed with our coded labels and instructions. St. Pius X CWL will receive the benefit of your deposit refund directly into our account. **THANK YOU.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminster, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Learn more and register at rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations.

SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM:

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries, and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

THE GREAT DIVORCE by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives. Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world. Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10AM-1:30PM
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED.
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.
SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10.
MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.
FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR JEFF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm.
Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999