

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am." (1 Samuel 3:5)

Learning to hear God's voice isn't always easy. Just ask Samuel. But this story has three pieces of encouraging news for all of us. First, it's okay to struggle and get it wrong. Samuel occasionally missed God's voice as well, even years after this event (1 Samuel 16:7). We're all still learning how to tune into the Spirit. Second, God was very patient with Samuel, even when he didn't catch on immediately. The Lord is patient with us too. He keeps sending messages our way, even though he knows we will likely miss some of them in the commotion of life. Finally, the last bit of news might come as a surprise. You're probably hearing from the Lord already; you just may not realize it yet. Here's something to consider: why did Samuel run to Eli when God called him? Perhaps God's voice sounded more "natural" than he presumed, so he looked for a natural source. Imagine how thrilled Samuel must have been to discover that it was God calling him all along. The same is true for us. God doesn't usually speak to us with an audible voice. Rather, he often chooses natural means, including our consciences and our imaginations. Sometimes our thoughts and feelings—even mental images we see—have their source in God. Keep that in mind as you go to Mass today. If you feel your heart being moved—even if it's by only one phrase from the homily—don't chalk it up to your own emotion. Take note. It could be the Spirit stirring within you. If a thought flashes across your mind like "That person seems anxious," it could be that the Lord is asking you to comfort them. Likewise, if the name of a coworker pops into your mind during the prayers of the faithful, you might take that as a cue to pray for them. As you keep leaning into him, trust that the Lord will give you ears to hear his voice.

"Lord, I'm honored that you speak to me. Help me to tune into what you're saying."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship Thought

*"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.

Mass & Healing Service

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass & Healing Service on **Friday, January 26, 2018** with Father Jim Clarke presiding. The celebration will begin with Praise and Worship at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please call 323.293.4877 for more information.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 3:3-19, Ps 40:2-10, Jn 1:35-42
Monday	1Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17:32-51, Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Mk3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Sm 1:1-27, Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Jon 3:1-10, Ps 25: 4-9, Mk 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 13
5:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Sunday	January 14
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Renard Gabriel
12:15 PM	Soul of James Jacobs

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 7, 2018

\$6,676.15 Tithe and Offering
80.00 Building Fund
36.00 "We Care"



PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. The next gathering will be **Friday, January 19, 2018** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish located at 1955 West Jefferson Blvd., in L.A., in the Acacia Room next to church. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. For more information call your parish representative Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

Annual Men's Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21, 2018. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, and Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM Friday. Our retreat opens at 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:00 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this time is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"Going without knowing... pitching our Tent in Faith"** For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner at 323.974.7405/ 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

You are invited to the Los Angeles Archdiocese Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Memorial Mass** at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, on **Monday, January 15, 2018** at 2:30 PM. This Mass is hosted by the African American Community for the city of Los Angeles. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles. The Homilist will be Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD, Retired Bishop; Diocese of Memphis, TN. The Knights of Peter Claver, Coordinating Councils & Courts, (CCC) will offer travel assistance by bus for those who may want to attend.

THE LOCATIONS FOR BUS PICK UP WILL BE AT:

St. Brigid Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

Holy Name Catholic Church at 1:00 PM

Buses will return passengers to their parish pickup location immediately after Mass. The cost for the first 80 passengers to sign-up will be by love offering only! After 80 passengers, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. **All are welcome to ride!** Call Sharon Agnew at 310.538.2214 or 323.974.7405 to reserve your seat.

DID YOU KOWN?

Teenagers spend a lot of time online, making them prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of the serious dangers online, and monitor what their children's online activity – sites they visit, social networks they may belong to, and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology," visit http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, or call (213) 637-7508.