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January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Adult Faith Formation

classes resume today
9 AM in the Upper Room.
All are welcome



In Memoriam



Jason Kyle Lovell

January 18, 1975 - January 7, 2024

Please pray for the repose of his soul
and for those he leaves behind.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Next Sunday, **January 21**, is the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis. The US Council of Catholic Bishops has produced a "Sunday Seminar Series" available on line at <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit "to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Holy Rosary before all Masses

Reconciliation by Appointment

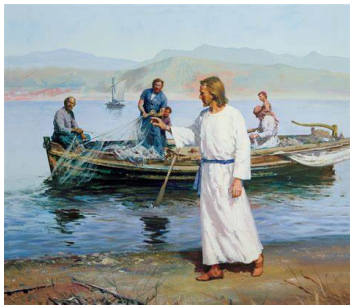
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Peter could never have become fully himself if someone had not named him all the way to his depths. The same goes for Samuel. God can call any of us by a name that reaches all the way down into our souls, to a place that we do not even know exists! Our job is hear and to grow.

Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves? Couldn't a psychologist do it, or a spouse, or a dear friend who believes in us? Yes, of course, each of these know us and beckon us to be ourselves.

But only God can know our very deepest selves, and only God can satisfy the desire that is most precious of all in us: the reaching out for that person we want most and for whose sake we love others, even our spouse. Jesus God.

Do you sense in your insides a kind voice whispering such an invitation, calling you by your real name, calling you to be an ally of the Christ of God? ~John Foley, SJ



VOCATION CORNER

Wow! What powerful Scripture readings today on God's way of calling us. The great story of Samuel being called to ministry tells of his humble response-- "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Gospel shows John the Baptist pointing Simon and Andrew toward Jesus. Jesus calls Simon to join Him and gives him his new name of Peter. Both of these powerful calls offer us examples of how we can hopefully respond to our own personal call.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday January 20:

Lector: JoElla Basler

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Cairatti, Susan Sherwin, Joe Wendling

Sunday January 21:

Lector: Jim Poletti

Servers: Jameson Marggraf, Ben Marggraf, Mac Marggraf

Eucharisti Ministers: Jackie Beatty, Jordan Jansen, Ellen Quertermous

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 13: Doris Luther
Sunday January 14: Karl Sweitzer Sr.
Saturday January 20: Jason Lovell
Sunday January 21: Paul McKenzie



WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

(respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Intercession:

For all Christians. May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life;
We pray to the Lord

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying for the protection of human life January 16-24.

Sign up today at 9daysforlife.com!



"One kind word can warm three winter months."

- A Japanese Proverb