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 Saint Louis 

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 a temple of the
Holy Spirit
 within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a



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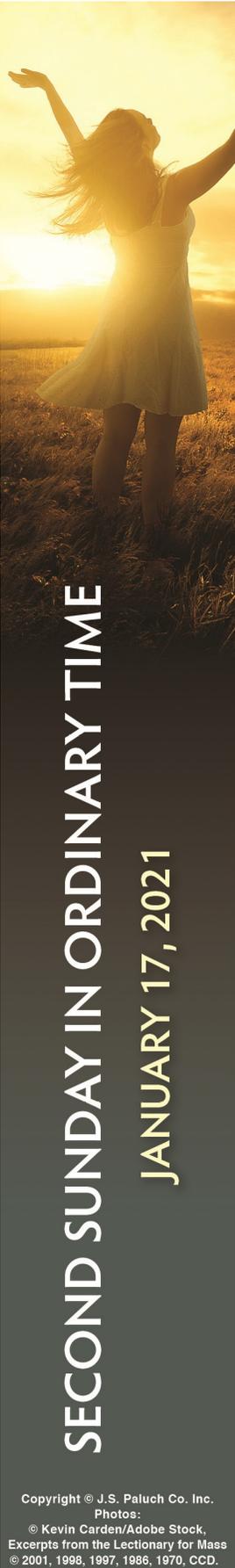
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Let's Start: 314-241-2324

We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.

We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.



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GOD’S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John’s Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God’s call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God’s intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God’s work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God’s call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus’ disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ first spoken words in the Gospel of John: “What are you looking for?” This penetrating question reverberates throughout John’s Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus’ first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can’t quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus’ words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God’s dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says “Here I am” to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say “Here I am,” but “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God’s voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God’s intentions rather than his own.

Samuel’s story helps us to remember that accepting God’s call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God’s story. Even in our smallest “yes,” God celebrates our partnership in God’s great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY’S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42

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"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them.



— St. Vincent De Paul



We are excited to announce our webpage launch for Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO). Please check it out by either going to our Parish website homepage and click on the VCO link, or just visit our website directly at:

VCO-STL.ORG

CHURCH IS OPEN!

We will have Masses on Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00am. We will not be having Saturday masses for a while. However, we have daily Mass at 12:05pm, Monday - Friday.

Masks are required before entering the Church & your temperature will be taken as a precaution. We will also have live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:

WWW.STVSTL.ORG

**PLEASE NOTE:
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

8:30AM - 4:30PM

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

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**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



**We pray for all
who are sick and
their caregivers:**

Tom Murphy
Dianna Wozniak
K.C.
Chris Kerlick
John Hermann
Dorothy McFerren

Shawn Karp
Fr. Nicholas Kaloke
Fr. Larry Asma
Perry Garcia
Maren Matsen
Mary Leimkuehler
Sharon Ryan

****NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:****

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.



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**Please pray for the
following residents
In nursing homes:**

Mary Leimkuehler,
Dorothy McFerren, & Patricia Dannenberger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 17 Natalie Cox
Jan 17 Stephanie Turek
Jan 18 Hillary Kaniecki
Jan 18 Terry Sansoucie
Jan 18 Norman Stanard
Jan 19 Dalana Graves
Jan 19 Robbie Kessel
Jan 19 Jack Linhares
Jan 19 Patrick Werner
Jan 19 Molly Burton
Jan 20 Joseph Green
Jan 20 Marian Wolaver
Jan 21 Olivia Adams
Jan 21 Michael Todt
Jan 22 Alice Janisch
Jan 23 Kaity Murphy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan 22 Thomas & Juliette Freivogel 49 yrs



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Jan 17

9:00a Harriet & Joe Cox
11:00a COVID Patients

Monday, Jan 18`

12:05p Our Volunteers

Tuesday, Jan 19

12:05p Frontline Workers

Wednesday, Jan 20

12:05p Peace in our Capitol

Thursday, Jan 21

12:05p Our Parishioners

Friday, Jan 22

12:05p Unemployed Workers

**Our office will be CLOSED
in remembrance of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day -
Monday, Jan 18**

*Let us pray for peace,
healing, & equality for all*



What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

Jesus praises the Father for favoring the little ones. It is what He Himself experiences, preaching in the villages: the “learned” and the “wise” remain suspicious and closed, who are calculating; while the “little ones” open themselves and welcome His message. This can only be the will of the Father, and Jesus rejoices in this. We too must rejoice and praise God because humble and simple people welcome the Gospel. People who perhaps lack many things but whose humility leads them to praise God. Those who do not consider themselves better than others, who are aware of their own limitations and their sins, who do not want to lord it over others, who, in God the Father, recognize that we are all brothers and sisters.

His prayer also leads us, the readers of the Gospel, to judge our personal defeats in a different way, to judge differently the situations in which we do not see clearly the presence and action of God, when it seems that evil prevails and there is no way to stop it. In those moments Jesus, who highly recommended the prayer of asking questions, at the very moment when He would have had reason to ask the Father for explanations, instead begins to praise Him. It seems to be a contradiction, but it is there, it is the truth.

To whom is praise helpful? To us or to God? A text of the Eucharistic liturgy invites us to pray to God in this way, it says this: “Although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness, but profit us for salvation” (Roman Missal, Common Preface IV). By giving praise, we are saved.

The prayer of praise serves us. Paradoxically it must be practiced not only when life fills us with happiness, but above all in difficult moments, in moments of darkness when the path becomes an uphill climb. We learn that, through that ascent, that difficult path, that wearisome path, those demanding passages, we get to see a new panorama, a broader horizon. Giving praise is like breathing pure oxygen: it purifies the soul, it makes you look far ahead so as not to remain imprisoned in the difficult moment, in the darkness of difficulty.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE STARTING JAN 11th!

Apply online for scholarships for the 2021-22 school year to families seeking tuition assistance at:

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic High Schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Applications are available online at: TTEF-STL.ORG

***For questions contact the TTEF scholarship office at:
(314) 792-7777 or email: TTEF@ARCHSTL.ORG**



MERCY TAKE ME AWAY

Spend the day at Mercy Center

Are you looking for a quiet
work space? Somewhere to
be by yourself for a few hours?

You can spend the day at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center where you will have access to a private room and bathroom for the day. Each room has a desk and chair, as well as a comfortable chair/rocker for relaxing and reading. Guests will also have access to free WIFI, the chapel, the grounds (including the Labyrinth and Cosmic Walk).

This is a chance to spend some quiet time reading and relaxing, praying and meditating or just having a safe and quiet place to work other than home for a day or two. Guests are encouraged to bring their own laptops and reading materials.

A brown bag or box lunch will be provided to each guest. You may purchase anywhere from 1 to 5 days to be used over the course of any 30 day period.

Go to www.mercycenterstl.org for details and to make your reservation.

Cost:
1 day - \$40.00
2 days - \$77.00
3 days - \$111.00
4 days - \$146.00
5 days - \$170.00

Check-in 8:00 a.m. or after
Check-out by 4:30 p.m.

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314-966-4686
WWW.MERCYCENTERSTLORG



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** are Monday - Saturday, **8:30am - 4:30pm**
- ⇒ **CHURCH IS OPEN!** We will be having Mass on Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00am. No Saturday Masses for now, but we are having weekday Masses on Mon-Fri at 12:05pm. Masks are required before entering Church & we will be doing temperature checks at the entrance. If you have been exposed to COVID in the last two weeks, we ask that you please stay home. Our 9:00a Mass will be live-streamed on our website at www.stvstl.org
- ⇒ **Our Parish Hall is still closed for Meals.** We are only able to serve our guests through the lunch window, as WE MUST follow city guidelines until further notice. Having to serve our guests this way has driven up our costs a great deal. If you would be willing to help with these costs, please use our We Share link to donate now: <https://qr.go.page.link/hUzD7>
- ⇒ **FOOD DONATIONS:** Because of our limited availability, all food donations must be approved first and scheduled in advance prior to drop off. Please call our parish office at (314) 231-9328 to make arrangements. Thank you!
****NOTE: Our food pantry is in dire need of JELLY - any flavor will do.**
- ⇒ St. Francis Cabrini School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 10:00a - 1:00p. This event is for new families interested in enrolling their children for the 2021-22 school year. For more information, call (314) 776-0883.