Sunday of the Word of God / Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin for 21st January 2024



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • Psalm 25 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20 •

He called them. (Mark 1:20)

What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he "called them" *Mark 1:20*? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, "Come after me" *1:17*? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They "left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" *1:20*. How did Jesus call you? It doesn't matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him.

The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do.

Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples.

But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor.

Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It's not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there's no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have! *the Word among us, Jan 2024*

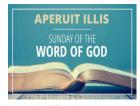
"Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you."

Sunday of the Word of God – 21st January

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

Pope Francis, Aperuit illis, 2



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2024

For the gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	

Sunday

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains Monday to Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton

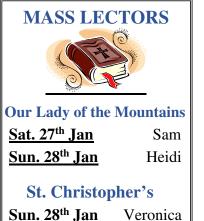
Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

Bible Study Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm- all welcome **Holy Hour** Fridays 6:30-7:30pm- all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux

Cell: 778-257-4203

1:00 pm



St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 28th Jan Volunteer please

There is the story of a fundraiser who stood up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news.

> The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets!"



Prayer for Christian Unity

We are entering the final days of the Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. However, we invite you to continue to pray throughout the whole year that the full unity, which is Christ's will, will be restored.



"The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism." (The Canadian Conference of the Catholic Bishops) Resource materials, adopted for the Canadian context, may be found here: www.weekofprayer.ca

Let us clothe ourselves with concord and humility, ever exercising self-control, standing far off from all the whispering and evil-speaking, being justified by our works, and not our words. St. Clement 1

Adult Faith Formation - Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Do you wish to learn more about your faith, are you waiting to be baptized or confirmed?



Fr. Andrew will be holding catechism classes for **adults** wishing to be baptized into the Catholic faith, or furthering their faith through confirmation. They will be held at Our Lady of the Mountains starting this Tuesday at 6:30pm. If you are interested in attending the course at Our Lady of the Mountains, please contact Fr. Andrew on his cell: 778-257-4203, email: alheureux@rcdk.org or the Parish office.

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The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? Luke 16: 10-11

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm In important or urgent matters, call: Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203



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