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Sunday, January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

READING I - 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher -, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah"—which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"—which is translated Peter. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Gather Your People"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen
ENOUGH LIGHT FOR THE NEXT STEP**

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, "How will next year be for me? Where will I be five or ten years from now?" There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step: what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day. The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all shadows away.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

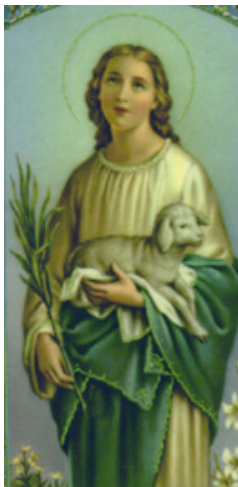
Monday, January 15th, commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929 - 1968, a U.S. clergyman and leader in the black civil rights movement.

ST. AGNES (d.304) January 21

Toward the end of his reign, Emperor Diocletian, fearful that Christians were causing the gradual decline of the Roman empire, began a general persecution of the Church in the year 303. For about two years, the Christians of Rome lived in fear.

Agnes, born into a wealthy family, was a beautiful young girl of thirteen. She was brought before the Roman governor by some young men who were incensed by her refusal to marry them. They thought the ordeal of a trial would shake her belief in Jesus Christ and bring her over to their sensual style of life.

At first, the judge tried to coax her to renounce her faith by promises of a luxurious and comfortable life. When Agnes remained firm, he tried to terrify her by showing the instruments of torture she would experience if she did not yield. Agnes was then sent to a house of prostitution. Upon her release, she angered the governor when she bravely defended her vow to give herself only to Christ. As a result, he had her executed by the sword. Christians honored this young, defenseless girl for her invincible faith and celebrated her memory by building a great shrine in Rome over the place she was buried on the Via Nomentana. Her prayer: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.



—Ps. 22

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice - MY BURDEN

Lord, don't let me falter, don't let me lose my way,
don't let me cease to carry my burden day by day.
"He says. "I removed the burden from their shoulders;
their hands were set free from the basket. In your
distress you called and I rescued you."

—Psalm 81:6-7

Today with God's help, carry your burdens and seek solutions!

BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Andrew opens this tradition to all those interested in having their homes blessed for the New Year 2018, during the month of January. On Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, chalk, incense and myrrh are blessed in church. The chalk is used in the blessing of each home and used over the main entrance of doorways to write the initials of the Three Kings, separated by crosses, thus, 20+K+M+B+18, with each advancing by one over the previous year. The sign remains until the end of the year. The priest writes the letters on the doors as he visits the homes and pronounces the Christmas blessing of your home. Please contact, Fr. Andrew if you are interested in such a visit. God's Blessings!

THIS WORLD

This world can often be a sad and scary place. From bullies in a playground to the horrors of war, the suffering I see can sometimes be overwhelming and weigh me down. But Lord, Your love and mercy are so much greater than the tragedies and heartaches of this life.

For every act of hate in this world. There are even more acts of kindness and love. Help me to not live in fear, but instead grow in me a heart of courage and conviction. Walk with me through my own struggles, then send me, Lord, to be a light in this dark world. Let me help those in need and encourage those who are ready to give up. Remind me of all the beauty that outweighs the ugliness, the goodness that surpass the bad, and the love in You that has overcome the world.

—Karen Valentin

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