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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

Listening To God

In today's readings we hear stories of people being called by God. In the first reading, we hear the call of Samuel. Samuel responds to God by saying, "*Speak, for your servant is listening.*" (1 Samuel 3:10).

How well do we listen to others when they speak? Do we get distracted or daydream? When others are speaking, do we try to understand their message or are we too focused on our thoughts and can't wait to speak?

Silence is an important part of listening. In fact, the word listen contains the same letters as the word silent. Silence, both externally and internally, allows us to fully engage with the other person and to hear their thoughts instead of ours.

Just as we need to actively listen to others to understand them, we need to actively listen to God to understand him and his will for us. In our modern world finding silence can sometimes be challenging or even uncomfortable for some people, but it is an important part of listening to God.

God invites each of us to enter into a relationship with him; to be his disciples. Growing as disciples of Christ is a lifelong journey. There may be difficulties and things we do not understand, but God is always there with us. It is okay to turn to him with your fears, doubts and confusion. God is listening.

However, communication is a two way street. Just as God listens to us, we also need to listen to him. Speak to God, but also allow him to speak to you.

We may not always get the answer we want, but we have to trust in our loving Father that he knows what is best for us.



COVID-19 Update

The entire province of Manitoba continues to be under Code Red Alert until at least January 22, 2021. Please be advised that there can be NO gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. Also, this means that while the current Code Red Alert is in effect, all churches must be closed to the public...including those who wish to drop in and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

If you need to get in touch with the parish: please contact the office and leave a message, or email Sister Maria at cicarellim@shaw.ca, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Let us continue to pray for one another...and to stay safe.

May Jesus & Mary enfold you and your families with peace, joy and love.

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering.

Sundays: In English at **10:30 a.m.**

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians: youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live or on the Diocese's Facebook page at facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live.

Television Masses

While you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

Catechism News

This coming week, children along with their families will start preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Reconciliation. Children preparing for their First Communion (Holy Eucharist) will start in February.

Please keep all of the children and their families in your prayers.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 24, 2021

Every year, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, according to the will of Christ who prayed on the eve of his suffering and death "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

Our customary way of marking the Week of Prayer here in Winnipeg with a CityWide Ecumenical Service and other services throughout the week has been curtailed this year due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, we are still invited to practice a heightened "spiritual ecumenism" during this annual weeklong observance.

Events and activities:

Winnipeg Livestream Celebration for the Week of Prayer:
Monday, January 18 at 7:30 PM.

For more information and the YouTube livestream link, go to www.johnxxiii.ca

WPCU Bible Study:

A daily Bible study will be held Monday, January 18 to Monday, January 25 from 12:15 - 1:00 pm CST (except Sunday, January 24 at 1:00 pm CST). This study is free and open to all.

To register, please visit ventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721

Further Week Of Prayer Resources:

Available online at www.weekofprayer.ca

Marriage Tips

"We must pray that married couples will love their vocation, even when the road becomes difficult." (Saint John Paul II)

How can you be a spiritual and practical support for other couples and families going through difficult times?

Reflections for the Separated/Divorced

"If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon Our Lady – just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit – this prayer has never failed me." – Saint Mother Teresa

Pray through Mary to Jesus. She will help you. "In the difficult moments of life, Christians can turn to the Mother of God and find protection and care," says Pope Francis.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**

Sacraments

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Sister Maria.



St. Mary's Academy Virtual Open House January 19, 2021

Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19. Our virtual event includes a live welcome followed by 30 to 40 minutes of video, and concludes with a Zoom session where prospective families can ask questions. All are welcome!

Register online at:

<http://www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse/>

How to Donate to your Parish

1. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
2. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
3. Donations may be sent in by mail.
4. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
5. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.



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Although we have no Masses at this time, please continue to pray for all of our parishioners and for an end to this pandemic.

Feasts for January 17 – 24 2021

Sunday, Jan 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday, Jan 21 Saint Agnes

Sunday, Jan 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Agnes

Little is known about Agnes, but she was likely born in the 4th century. She was raised in a Christian home and was martyred at the age of 12 during Roman persecution. She is the patron saint of young girls. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence and a palm branch like other martyrs.



Stewardship

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"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, to live your Stewardship, by asking the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For January 2021 Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.