

From the Pastor's Office

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

So, Christmas is over, some would say "At last!" As much as we enjoy it, lots of us are happy to move onto the next thing. It is time to go back to our ordinary everyday lives. In January, we get to battle Cedar and all its cousins. The world is as bad as ever since we saw it last. There are a bunch Wack jobs who are just dying to start wars all over the place. Their fiery rhetoric fills the news. I try not to let it bother me, but I can't help but feel anxious. At this time of the year in Church, the scripture readings tell us about the early days of Jesus' public ministry. He is calling disciples to come and follow Him. We are given various revelations about God. From Isaiah, "You are my servant, Israel through whom I show my glory. I will make you a light for the nations." At this time in our history, we need someone to show us the way. We, who are followers of Christ, testify that Jesus is the light who will show us the way out of our misfortunes. Paul in his letter reminds the Corinthian Church that we are called as a people to be holy. The Christian person in the modern world must stand out as different. Let the people say about us, you are a holy people. You are faithful to God. God is your refuge and strength. Lots of people in the world today have no idea where to turn to for safety. Just think about the unfortunate people in Gaza, Ukraine, Iraq, Venezuela. Where can they turn to if not to us. Let us be a holy people to everyone who is searching for light. John the Baptist was the first one to testify that Jesus is the Messiah. What a privilege for him that he heard the voice of God say that Jesus is His beloved Son. John could see that Jesus had destiny written all over Him. Let Jesus rise up from the waters of the Jordan and come to us with his ministry. We are the people who cry out to the Lord for protection, for safety. Dear God, can we all just calm down and sort things out. To the leaders of the world, you don't need to be frightening us with your war mongering. Enough already!



With love,
Fr. Pat