



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ
through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

Gospel Reflections

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel for Sunday, January 17, 2021 - **John 1:35-42**

Reading: 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.

Meditation¹: What does this text say to me, today, and to my life?

“What are you looking for? What am I looking for?”

- What word or words in this passage caught my attention?
- What in this passage comforted me?
- What in this passage challenged me?

Prayer: What can I say to the Lord in response to His word? I bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in me.

Contemplation²: What conversion of the mind, heart, or life is the Lord asking of me? I spend quiet time in God’s presence.

- *What are you looking for? Am I looking for things that truly matter. [Making the main thing, the main thing?]*

Action: How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Suggested action to consider: Can I contact my parish or diocesan pro-life committee to find out how I can support a culture of life from conception until natural death?

¹ Meditation Questions are from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021*. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p.49

² Contemplation focus is chosen from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021*. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p.50