

# **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

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*Deacon Leo Truscott*

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30 and 10:00 am  
& 5:00 pm

**Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses** will be posted in the  
bulletin & on the website

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or  
by appointment

**Adoration:** Every Friday  
9am-5:00 pm

**St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass:**  
9:30 am,

**Holy Days:** TBD

**10:30 am Mass every Tuesday**

**Office hours:** M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
(during the winter months)

### **Prayer Opportunities:**

**Morning Prayer:** Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

**Morning Mass:** Monday-Saturday 8:00am

**Silent Prayer:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm  
in the Seton Room

**Adoration:** Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

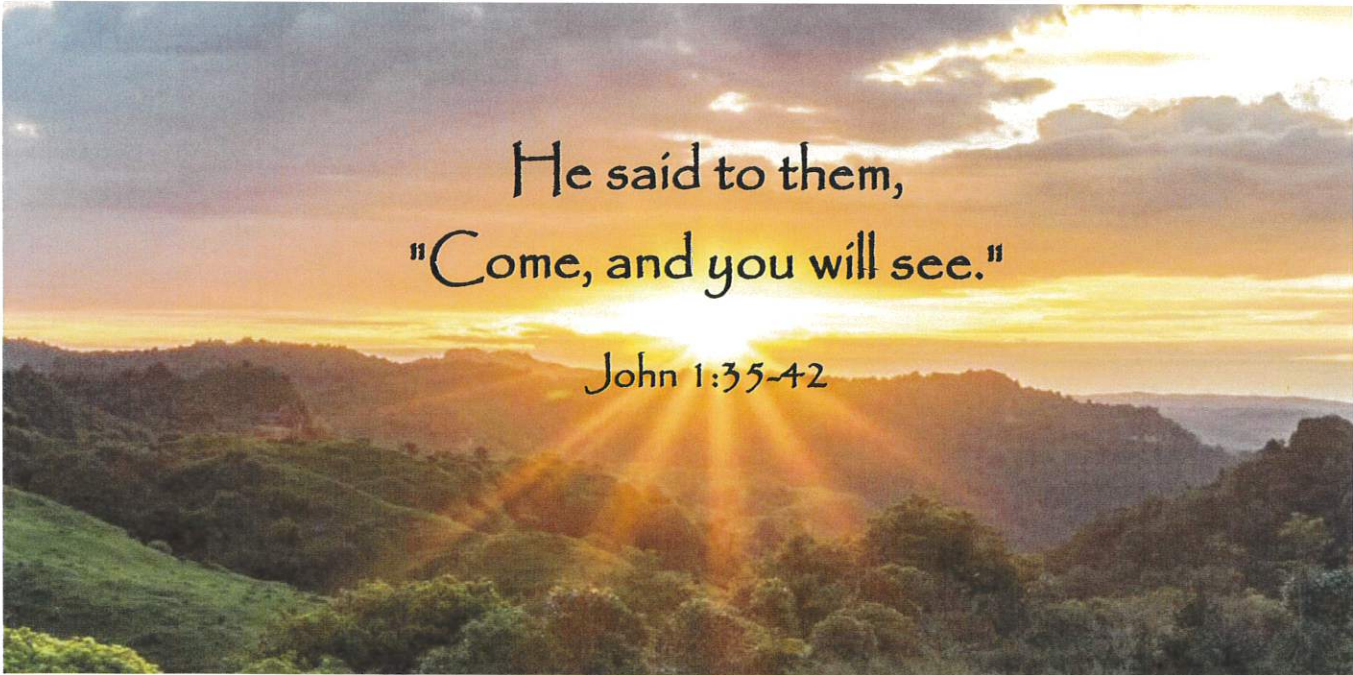
**Rosary: Every 1st Saturday** After 8:00 am Mass  
in the Chapel

**Centering Prayer:** Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00  
in the IHM Library

### **Healing Masses**

IHM Healing Mass is on the second Wednesday of every month,  
ongoing, at 12:00 noon, for all those suffering from Cancer,  
serious illness, any type of disease, healing after surgery and all  
who need healing of mind, body & Spirit.

Our next Healing Mass is January 10, 2024



He said to them,  
"Come, and you will see."

John 1:35-42

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*To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.*

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**2:00-3:30**

**Parish Office Hours**

**8:00-4:00 M-F**  
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**Bible Study**

*Please join Father Chrysogonus Wednesday evenings  
from 6-7:00 pm for Bible Study in the Library.  
Join us for an evening of spiritual growth and  
wisdom in our Catholic Faith.*



**IHM Library Hours**



Our Library is open, with entry from the front of  
the church. Sundays 4-5:00 pm Mondays 2:30-  
3:30 pm Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm Saturdays 3:4:00 pm.  
Come in and browse.

**Please Pray For:**



Donna Mae Worrell, Gerald Onsrud, Lloyd Moore, Elvy Vigna, Beth Huber-Robinson, Mardi Evans,  
Mike Campbell, Samuel Smith, Dave McWilliams, Casandra & Sonny Richards, Yona & Matt Slostad,  
Wing-Garcia Baby, T.J. Morelli, Jan & Wade Enger, Dallas Mortensen, Amber Price, Marie, Paul & Ramona Blee,  
Heidi Calhoon, The Allons Family, Mallory O'Conner, Les Stefan, Leta Curry, Jan Sewell, Augustine DeFurio,  
Dorothy Alzes, Natalia Souza, Jean Sullivan, Marena Fritzler, Dick Neville, Phyllis Veale, Jenna Veale, Kelsay Shackelford,  
Shirley Armstrong, Beckett Diers, Cindy Lively, Anthony Mundschau, Sue Burns, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Dori  
Smeaton, Nancy Boggus, Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger, Veronica Cukro, Tia Hasley,  
Rich Jurewicz, Penney Barger, Karen Hernandez, Alice Bristol, Gerry Lemarr, Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram,  
Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Bob Ferencsik, Marty Olesky, and for all those written in the Red Book of Prayer.

If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy the parish Secretary in the office after receiving  
permission from the person or persons.





**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: B:**  
**THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**  
**(1Sam:3: 3-10 & 19; 1 Cori: 6: 13-15 & 17-20; Jn: 1: 35-42)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the first book of the Prophet Samuel. It is an account of the call of young Samuel by the Lord God. Samuel responded to the Lord God's call wholeheartedly and unconditionally. His response was one of total submission to the Lord God. And he said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." It was through the prophet Samuel that the Lord God guided the chosen people to become a great nation. The call of Samuel is an example of the mysterious and hidden ways in which the Lord God acts. Samuel thus became the liberator of God's people.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul wrote this letter to Christians in Corinth, a port city where people were living in much sexual immorality. Paul tells them and us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and hence we must not use them for sin but rather use them for the glory of God. Because of our call to be holy, we have to live up to the image of God and be a source of blessings to our brothers and sisters.

**The call of the first disciples**

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. John gives us an account of the call of the first disciples of Jesus. Andrew and his brother Peter had their first encounter with Jesus near the Sea of Galilee. It was not merely a casual meeting but rather a meeting of hearts. Sometimes when people meet it can be a mere formality but in an encounter people open their hearts to one another and share their innermost ideas and concerns. This encounter between Jesus and the first disciples changed their lives. For the next three years they would really know who Jesus was and they would experience His constant companionship.

Jesus invited His first disciples with the words, "come and see." He is inviting us too in the same way. If we accept His invitation He will reveal His real self and the mysteries of the kingdom of God to us. Most of us can recall some encounters with other person/persons that had a lasting influence or changed our lives or made a firm impression on our lives. The question is, are we prepared to accept the invitation of Lord Jesus?

I wish you may **Have a Lovely Weekend and a Blessed Sunday** to you all. May God bless you all. Fr. Selva.



## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

Catholic Daughters News

Catholic Daughters will meet at 2:30 p.m. on January 14, 2024 at St. Joseph's Guadalupe Room. Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby items for Birthright January 20 – February 11, 2024.



Thank you to all who help with the Bulk Mailings each month.

Thank-you to the faithful Five who arrived to do the tithing & Christmas letter bulk mailing on Dec. 13, 2023.

Our group could definitely use more hands for the tithing mailings each month. We generally meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

If you can assist with our special bulk mailing of the Christmas and Easter letters we meet on the 2nd Wednesday for those. Anyone interested in helping this dedicated group every month or even two times a year please Call Bonnie 243-4698 for information.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will host their Third Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 21. It's a great place to meet new friends and have a great breakfast. Children under 7 eat free! Breakfast consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, biscuits, and gravy, Coffee, tea or lemonade.

Adults \$8 Children 8-11 \$5  
Please support our Knights!

Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast



Please join us for  
the IHM Youth Mass

Sunday January 28, at 5:00 pm.

Each youth mass we could use Youth volunteers to be Lectors, altar servers and Hospitality ministers (greeters)!

Please contact Bernadette in the parish office to sign-up!  
970-242-6121 ext. 204

Women Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday January 18. Set-up at 6:00 pm with prayer beginning at 6:30 pm, then fun & games in the friendship room. Park in the handicap parking lot. This is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic women. We will support and make friends through praying and playing. You are not alone as a faith-filled catholic woman. We look forward to seeing you.

Financial Report - December Collections:

Monthly Envelopes : \$ 76,322.50

On Line Giving: \$ 23,176.34

Loose Donations: \$ 10,877.32

Total: \$ 110,376.16

Building Fund Totals: \$2224.00



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" We should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage. Discover those graces by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Dillon - April 26-28; Elk Mountain, WY - April 12-14; Colo Springs - June 28-30; & Dillon - Nov. 1-3 For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



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**Minister Schedule for Jan. 20/21, 2023**

**All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.**

**8:00 am Jan. 20, 2024 (I) IHM Parishioners**

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**4:00pm Jan. 20 (†) Diane G By Richard G.**

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic: T. Chapman, K. Jarrell, K. Sassano & 5 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: S. Mills & 3 Volunteers**

**Servers: 2 Volunteers**

**Lectors: E. Hoy**

**7:30 am Jan. 21 (†) Barbara Lundeen by Family**

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic: J. Snoddy, C. Ulman & 6 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier & 2 Volunteer**

**Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott**

**Lectors: K. Porras**

**9:30 am Jan 21, 2024, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**10 am Jan. 21 (†) Mary Bell by Mardy & Dick**

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic: 8 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: 4 Volunteers**

**Servers: P. Jones & 1 Volunteer**

**Lectors: R. Jones & M. Jones**

**5:00 pm Jan. 21 (†) Michael Herrera by Cheryl Morelli**

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic: R. Thibault-Lloyd & 7 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: B. Bianchi, M. Simpson & 2 Volunteers**

**Servers: 2 Volunteers**

**Lectors: 2 Volunteers**

**Readings for the Week of January 14, 2024**

**Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

**Jn 1:35-42**

**Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22**

**Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28**

**Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37 40-51 Mk 3:1-6**

**Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12**

**Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19**

**Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 MK 3:20-21**

**Calendar of Events Week of January 14, 2024**

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

NO CLASSES

4-5:00 pm Library Open

5:00 pm Mass

**Monday, Jan. 15**

8:00 am Mass

9:30 Robert & Anna Hiller Funeral

12:00 pm Mary Bell Funeral

2:30-3:30 Library Open

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Bulk Mailing

6-7:00 pm Bible Study

6-7:00 pm Faith Formation, 1st yr. RCIC,

Sac Prep & Parent Class

6-7 Middle & High School Youth Group

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

8:00 am HFS Mass

1:30-2:30 Silent Prayer

2:30-3:30 pm Library Open

6-9:00 pm Women Faith & Fun

7:00 pm 4th Degree Knights

**Friday, Jan. 19**

8:00 am Mass

9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

**Saturday, Jan. 20**

8:00 am Mass

2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

3-4 pm Library Open

4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday Jan. 14**

7:30 am - (I) IHM Parishioners

10:00 am -(†) Donna Haynes by Ralph & Marie Cerbone

5:00 pm-(†) Rita & Lawrie Fernandes by Menon Family

**Monday Jan. 15**

8:00 am -(†) Anna & Robert Hiller by Family

**Tuesday Jan. 16**

8:00 am - (†) Naomi Thompson by Family

**Wednesday Jan. 17**

8:00 am- (I) Fr. Selva

**Thursday Jan. 18**

8:00 am-(I) Fr. Chrysogonus

**Friday Jan. 19**

8:00 am- (†) Bill Cutshaw by Joan Wasinger

**Saturday Jan. 20**

8:00 am - (I) IHM Parishioners

4:00 pm - (†) Diane G. by Richard G.

## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

**INCENSE****The Use of Incense Before the Catholic Church**

continued from last week...

Incense was used in the Jewish tradition, as recorded in Exodus 30:34-38.

*"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each. With it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. You shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you; it shall be most holy to you. The incense which you shall make, you shall not make in the same proportions for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for the Lord. Whoever shall make any like it, to use as perfume, shall be cut off from his people.'"*

They continued to use incense on their way from Egypt under the leadership of Moses, Aaron and later Joshua, and in the Tabernacle and Jerusalem Temples. Burning incense was a sacred daily ritual performed by the Levitical priests. A specific blend of eleven spices, known as Ketoret, was offered twice a day on a dedicated altar of incense. And they believed that the rising smoke of the incense was to symbolize prayers ascending to heaven and carrying divine blessings back down. It also functioned as a way to purify the Temple space and create a special atmosphere for worship.

On the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, one of the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, the High priest would enter the Holy of Holies, the innermost sanctum of the Temple, carrying burning incense and coals. While in the sanctisimum he would offer prayers and supplications for atonement of the people. This ritual was believed to atone for the sins of the people and achieve reconciliation with God.

**How does incense tie into the Catholic Church?**

The Catholic Church adopted the use of incense from Judaism. Having Incense burners, called censers (or thuribles), became standard liturgical instruments, used by swaying them through the air during Mass and other ceremonies. Catholics believe the smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven, while the fragrant offerings represent Christ's sacrifice. Incense enhances the sense of the sacred at Mass. Some members of the faithful easily transform to full active participation through the use of a sacramental such as incense. Incense adds to the sacredness of the Mass.

To be continued...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

**Knights of Columbus News**

There is an attempt to restart The 4th Degree Assembly 1519. They will be meeting Thursday Jan. 18 in the IHM Library at 7:00 pm. (Please use outside entrance to the left of the main church entrance) If you are a Knight and want to become a 4th Degree you are encouraged to attend. For information contact Bob Bianchi at 970-822-1147 or 970-773-4935



## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Kids Corner-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

## Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.  
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he 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. Then the same thing happened again. The voice 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, 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.

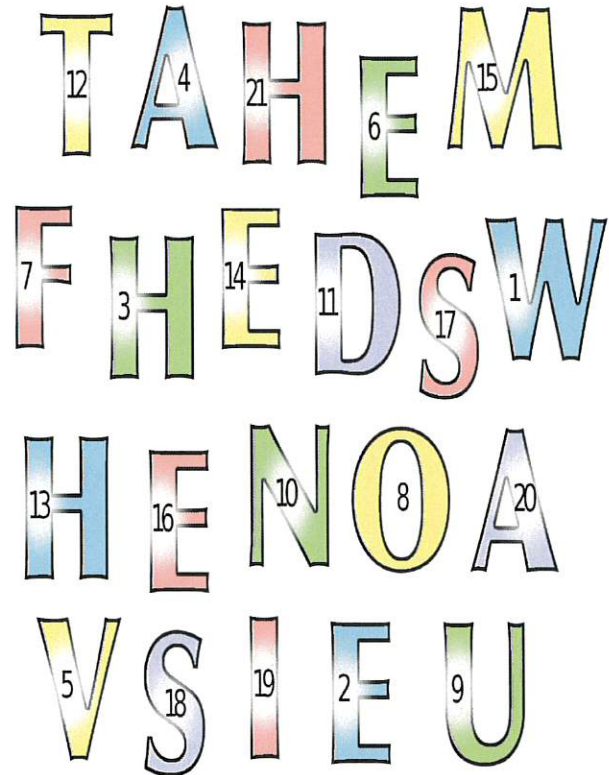
What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?

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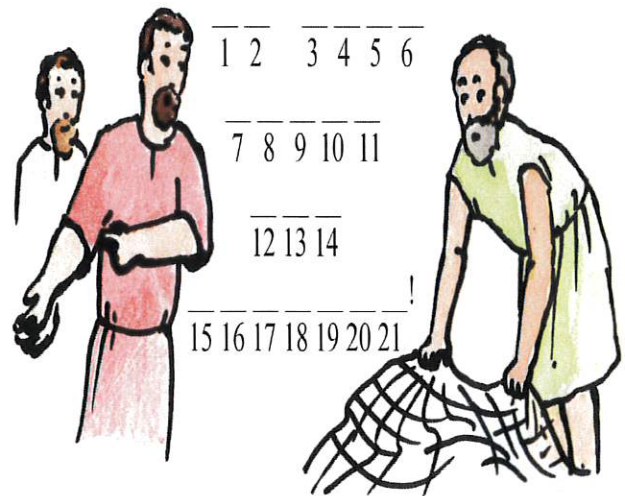


## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14th, 2024



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Answer to Samuel's Cross word: his vocation  
Answer: We have found the Messiah!

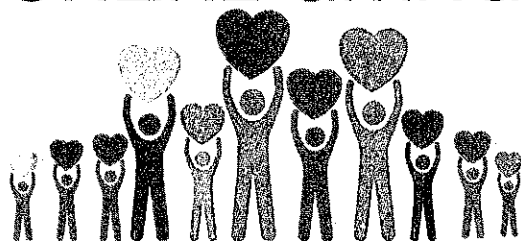


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Fr. Nicolas Bertrand Assembly 1519

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