

# Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

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God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously.



Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is

suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and your own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. †

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*Creator God, open our minds to recognize your call and our hearts to embrace loving service to your people.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists



# Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
January 14, 2024

## You Called?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in

the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

## A Word from Pope Francis

[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021



## Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

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

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

John 1:35-42

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Beyond My Parish" by Richard W. Thompson

To some people the Catholic Church seems "small"—irrelevant to their concerns, unimportant in their lives, disconnected from the "real" world. Catholics can be very parochial. For many, their idea of the Catholic Church is their parish or the school they attended. With such a small idea of the Church, it's no wonder so many feel as if they "outgrow" the Church. Many of us don't experience just how literally the Church extends to the whole world. Certainly, the geographical expanse of the Church is impressive as on any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in every language in nearly every city and village of every country on earth. But also consider the extent to which the Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor: science, medicine, environment, artificial intelligence, space, world peace, and more. †

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15-20

Monday, Weekday:

1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, St. Anthony:

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

Thursday, Weekday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Weekday:

1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, Weekday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,

11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mk 3:20-21

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## Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's  
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

Parish phone: 509-234-2262 Jan. 14, 2024 website: [stvincentconnell.org](http://stvincentconnell.org)

Fr. Lutakome Deo Nsubuga

Deacon Arturo Biebrich parish phone: 509-222-9223 after 5 pm only

### 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Jan. 14, 2024

Lector: Stacy Kniveton

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Maria G. & Greg H.

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Greg & Julie Hart

**Altar Servers:**

Giselle & Aubriel Shawver

### 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Jan. 21, 2024

Lector: Elida Fernández

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Marv G. & Wally G.

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Jeff & Andrea Shawver Family

**Alter Servers:**

Mackenzie & Emmett

### Pope's Prayer Intentions:

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH;

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of  
different charisms within the Christian community and to discover  
the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic  
Church.

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

2:00 pm @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Saturday:** 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Friday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917; 12 pm – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

**Breezeway Calendar:** If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like  
on the all-parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact  
Marla Goade @ 539-5354 [wmgoade73@gmail.com](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday  
bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

**Website:** To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please  
email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ [jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com)

**LIKE our Facebook** page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also  
see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on  
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at [olpollock@yahoo.com](mailto:olpollock@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

Jan. – Guadalupanas

Feb. – Altar Society

#### NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday Jan. 17th

@ St. Vincent Parish

And this Friday Jan. 19th

@ San Juan Diego

### Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Wednesdays

5 pm – 8 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

### Connell Food Bank

**Banco de Comida**

**Seniors: Tuesdays**

**3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes**

**Jan. 23rd**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**General Public:**

**El público en general:**

**Wed. / Miércoles**

**Jan. 24th**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

### Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Nov. 5, 2023

10:30 am - \$908.75

12:00 pm – \$695.00

Basin City – \$1065.06

Nov. 12, 2023

10:30 am - \$1412.25

12:00 pm – \$552.54

Basin City – \$1128.00

Nov. 19, 2023

10:30 am - \$864.00

12:00 pm – \$737.25

Basin City – \$1099.30

Nov. 26, 2023

10:30 am - \$1734.00

12:00 pm – \$641.00

Basin City – \$1043.37

### NO MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

No meeting this Monday the 15th

See everyone next week!

### High School Rel. Ed

Meets this Wednesday the 17th.

See everyone on this Wednesday!

### COFFEE HOUR

There will be a coffee hour after mass  
next Sunday the 21st. Come join us for  
some coffee and baked goods. And  
catching up on all the latest news of our  
church family will be fun as well.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR

#### GUADALUPANAS

President: Beatriz Villagomez

Vice-President: Fidelina Villalobos

Secretary: Maria Lopez

Treasurer: Alicia Amezola

### FR. LUTA'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

Jan. 14, 2024 – Jan. 21, 2024

Mon. Jan. 15:

Fr. Luta is on Vacation

There are no daily activities.

Tues Jan. 16:

Wed. Jan. 17:

Thurs. Jan. 18:

Fri. Jan. 19:

Sat. Jan. 20:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Jan. 21: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

2:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

### GUADALUPANAS MEET

Monday the 22nd @ 4:00 pm

In the parish hall.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Please note that anyone who has not  
taken their annual code of conduct  
exam, the diocese has advised that their  
volunteer account will be closed. This  
affects being able to continue  
volunteering in your ministry at your  
church.

For more information call

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