

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20
John 1:35-42

Monday January 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday January 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22,27-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday January 17 St. Anthony

1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51
Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday January 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3,9-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday January 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4,6,11
Mark 3:13-19

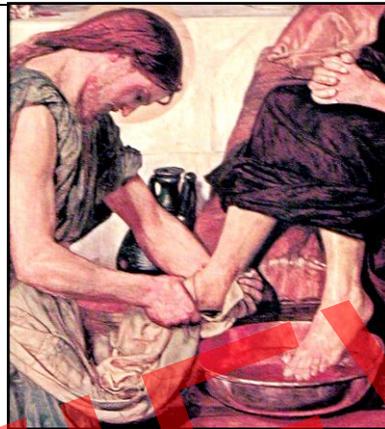
Saturday January 20

2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27
Ps 80:2-3,5-7
Mark 3:20-21

Like Jesus did to Simon Peter, he says to each of us: "What are you looking for?" When you pray, and when you look at a crucifix, or when you see a picture of Jesus, *what* exactly are you looking for?

Jesus says: "Come and see!" Come and see what? His love? His healing power? His supernatural ability to answer our prayers? Whatever we're looking for, the reason we're seeking it is because we don't yet have it.

Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise by God the Father. Jesus is the fullness of love, the provider of mercy, the divine healer, the perfect mediator of all our prayers and concerns, and everything else we truly need. So, why does it feel like something is still missing? Why do our lives feel incomplete? Why do our prayers seem unanswered?



Yet with all of this, Peter did not really find all that he was looking for (remember how easily he felt afraid or confused or uncertain) until he was on the giving end of it. He didn't discover the fullness of Jesus until Jesus was no longer present in the flesh and Peter accepted the call to continue Christ's earthly ministry.

The same is true for us who have never seen Jesus' actual eyes or heard his actual voice. We find what we're seeking when we give it to others. Why? Because then we discover that we really had it all along! This is the miracle of "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you need from Jesus that he doesn't seem to be providing yet? At the core, what is it you're really seeking?
2. How can you find it by doing the will of God? Figure out something to *do*, then do it and see what happens.
3. Describe a time when you gave away what you thought you did not have (money? time? patience? hope? love?) How were you doing the will of God?
4. What happened to your own needs afterward?

The answer is revealed in what happened after Peter began to follow Jesus. We read about it in Samuel's response to God's invitation. We proclaim it in the Responsorial: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Peter was privileged to witness first-hand the wondrous miracles of Jesus. He personally experienced God's love through the gentle eyes of Jesus, the tone of kindness in his voice, and the forgiveness that was visible in his smile.