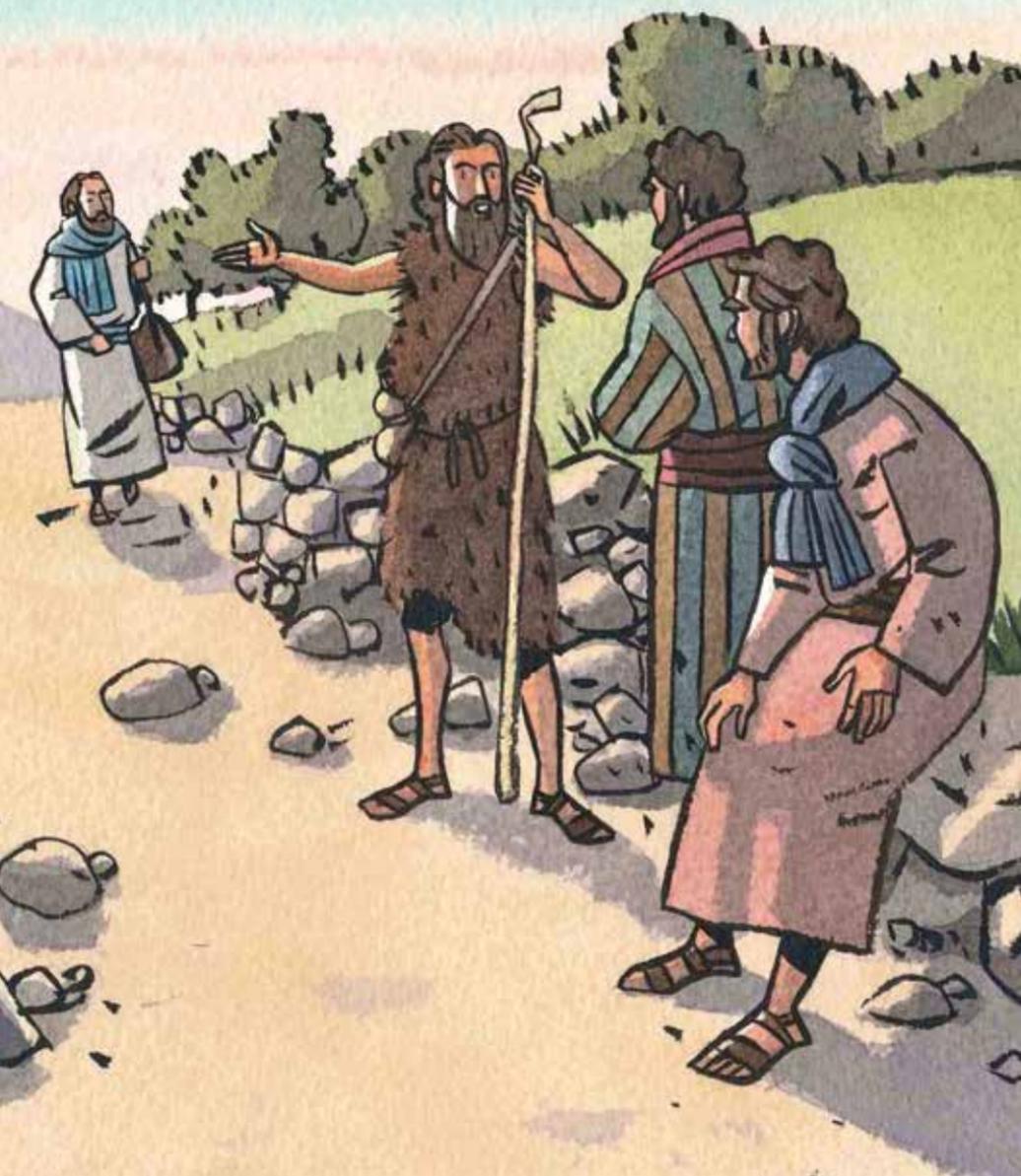


January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19)

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the **ark of God** was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel 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. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. The Lord 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 in his place, 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God. R.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come." R.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!" R.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. R.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20)

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your **body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a **price**. Therefore **glorify** God in your body.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel (John 1:35-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Key Words

The **ark of God**, also called the ark of the covenant, was a wooden box in which the Israelites stored important objects that reminded them that God was their savior. It was built to contain the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, a golden urn of manna (the miraculous bread that fell from heaven when they were living in the desert), and Aaron's staff.

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Saint Paul (first known as Saul) was a man who bullied and terrorized the first Christians. One day, he saw the risen Jesus and the experience changed his whole life. He changed his name to Paul and became a great apostle, traveling to cities all around the Mediterranean Sea and telling people about the love of Jesus. Several letters he wrote are now in the Bible, including today's **First Letter to the Corinthians**.

From the moment of our baptism, our **body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**. Because God lives in us, we should live in a way that honors God.

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Jesus paid the **price** for our freedom. He gave the most valuable thing he had—his life—in order to free us all from sin and death. He chose to do this because he loves us.

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To **glorify** means to give praise. One way we can praise and glorify God is by respecting and taking care of our bodies.

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The **John** mentioned in the gospel today is John the Baptist. He came before Jesus and had his own followers or disciples. There is another John in the Bible: he is the apostle who wrote today's gospel.

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