

# Journey OF Faith

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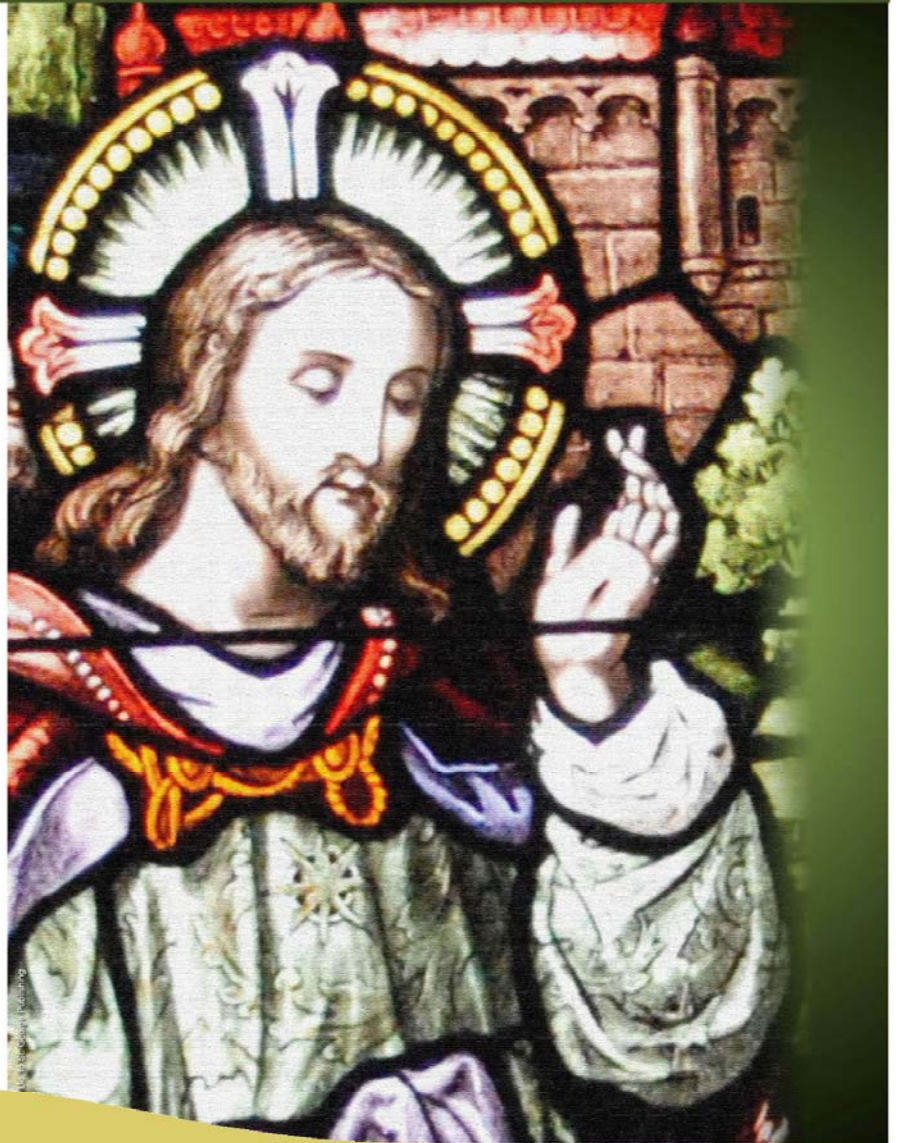
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## In Word & Deed

A favorite breakfast place in our town brags about its choice of twenty different jellies and jams for your morning toast, eight different types of coffee and at least 20 different combinations of eggs, home fries, and meat. The owners say, "If you can't find something good to eat here, you won't find something good anywhere!" If nothing else, variety is the spice of breakfast!

The Holy Spirit comes to everyone, but not everyone receives the same gifts. We are all different, capable of offering to the church a unique gift, ability or talent. God's grace allows us to make His gifts our own so that we can complete the mission entrusted to us. It is the perfect blend of divine grace and human nature, all given by God. In teaching, healing,

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The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary.

~Pope John Paul II

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday** January 17

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday** January 18

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

**Tuesday** January 19

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

**Wednesday** January 20

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

**Thursday** January 21

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

**Friday** January 22

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

**Saturday** January 23

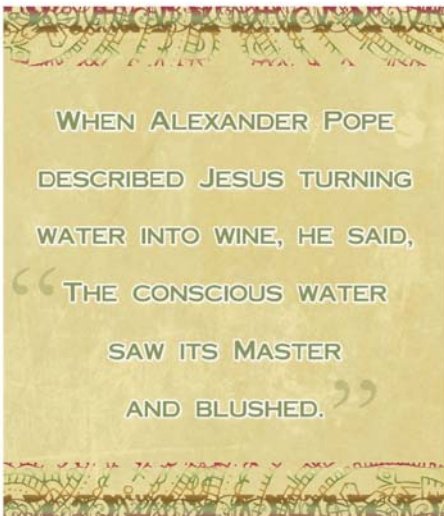
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday** January 24

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or  
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



## RESPECT LIFE



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## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE

When my five-year-old nephew and his grandmother went out for an early morning walk, they returned to find the door locked and Grandmom's keys inside. Before Grandmom could figure out what to do, Aidan ran behind the house and a moment later, the front door opened. He had crawled through the doggy door and opened the door, clearly pleased with himself for thinking of such a clever solution.

When God handed out talents and abilities, He was generous. Everyone has something and everyone can contribute. People tend to judge others or dismiss them because of some external quality that does not fit their expectations. But like any great gift, you cannot judge it by the way it is wrapped. Sometimes, when we are willing and our minds are open, we can

discover treasures in places we would never expect.



Some people are just waiting for the chance to share their gifts. When the right time and opportunity comes along, they will shine, often exceeding anyone's expectations, including their own. The family is the first place where we should be able to share, to feel important and to make a contribution. In daily routines, special events or holiday celebrations, there are lots of opportunities for everyone to contribute. With love, support and a bit of encouragement, we can all be our best!

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**For the Lord delights in you and makes your land his spouse.  
As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God  
rejoice in you.**

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forgiving and preaching, we bring the Gospel message in a unique way to all those we meet.

Community—church—can be an untidy thing. It would be easier if everything were more predictable, more stable and more acceptable. Gifted in so many ways, the Church

must reach out to all people and places, in ways and means we may not fully understand or appreciate. Let's give others the benefit of the doubt. Allow their gifts to be used so that the Gospel can be proclaimed to all people, even those who hear us.

~James Gaffney