

Living the Word

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

January 14, 2018

Like Samuel, John's two disciples and Simon Peter, we are meant to be open so we can recognize God's voice. Perhaps these first weeks of Winter Ordinary Time will afford us the time to take a few minutes each day to be still and recognize the voice of God in our life! In this new year of grace, how might we be open to discovery and obedience so that we can listen, behold, hear, follow, come and see? These action words can be used to help us recognize and discern God's call and will in our life. This is an ongoing spiritual process. Saint John Eudes (d. 1680) wrote, "I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head, and that you are one of his members. He belongs to you as the head belongs to its members; all that is his is yours: his spirit, his heart, his body and soul, and all his faculties. You must make use of all these as of your own to serve, praise, love and glorify God."

How might we move to a deeper and more engaged dedication to God each day? If you think you are entirely dedicated to God, check out #650, *These Alone Are Enough*, in our hymnal. This song is based on the familiar prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. "Take my heart, O God, take my hopes and dreams... Give me nothing more than your love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me... I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold..."

Cathy Hoffman, fellow member of Christ's body and temple of the Holy Spirit!