**FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 13-14th, 2024**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel reading**

Jn 1:35-42

The next day John was there again 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 he 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 Anointed).

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).

**Intercession**

That, responding to Christ’s call to “come and see,” we might generously join in giving to our Diocesan Ministry Appeal.

**Copy for bulletin announcement**

In today’s Gospel, we heard the mysterious call of the first two Apostles, Peter and Andrew. At their first meeting, Jesus asked Andrew, *“What are you looking for?”* (John 1:38) Jesus already knew the answer —they were looking for the Messiah!

Something new awoke in Andrew’s heart when he saw John the Baptist point to Jesus and say, *“Behold, the Lamb of God”* (John 1:29). God can break into our lives and into those around us suddenly. Through our parish – an outpost of the Kingdom of God, the ministries we deliver, and the support provided by the Diocesan Ministry Appeal, we, too, can help draw people into new life in Christ.

**Copy for pulpit announcement**

Courageously give to our Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Jesus called his disciples by name. Enjoy the riches you store in Heaven. These can move Jesus to say to you, *“Well done, my good and faithful servant”* (Matthew 25:21). Help us help him save souls!

**Social media post/content**

Photo: Painting of John the Baptist pointing out the Lamb of God.

Text: *“We have found the Messiah.”* – John 1:41

Copy: We have found the Messiah right here, in our tabernacle. Christ longs to send out His fishers to help others find him. Please give generously to our Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Please help us help him!