

**January 14th 2024 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – John 1:35 - 42**

<sup>1-35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.	➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do.

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In this week's gospel we see Jesus inviting the disciples to 'come and see' where he lived. He welcomed them into his home and they stayed with him for the rest of the day. The encounter between the disciples and Jesus is simple and down-to-earth, but also very deep. He met them where they were at and not where he wished them to be. He welcomed all without judgement.

Who were the people in your life who invited you to 'come and see' and in accepting their invitation you received many graces and blessings?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for people who guided us but did not try to possess us, parents, teachers, friends. They like John the Baptist pointed us in the direction of the Lord who would be our companion on the journey of life.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we judge people in a negative way because of their, colour, class, creed or sexual orientation. We did not give them the opportunity to see that Jesus welcomes all into his presence.

**Help us Lord** to be like Andrew not keeping the Good news to himself but inviting his brother to follow Jesus. Let us show our appreciation for the Good News by bringing it to all people.

