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January 17th, 2021, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dionisius Watun

- Music: Johannes Wrembek, Benilda de la Cruz, Anna Dziechciarz, Johannes Ploog, Ryan Quiming
- Karen Castellón • Greeter: Heide Doblhofer • Altar Servers: Michael Oshin •
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First Reading (1 Sm 3:3-10, 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.

Second Reading (1 Cor 6:13-15, 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.

Gospel (Jn 1:35-42)

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.

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Baptism of the Lord - God said

“This is my beloved child”

As we watched the appalling chaos in the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday evening (Jan 6th 2021), we witnessed an icon of democracy occupied and hostage to mob rule.

The procession of violent images was deeply troubling.

Particularly disheartening is that this event unfolded amid a deadly pandemic, a terrible plague that any nation should face in solidarity.

The events of Wednesday are a graphic exposure of the deep and advancing polarization in American society that has festered for years.

This divisiveness disregards faith, justice and the rule of law.

As shocking as it may be to glimpse how disordered this nation has become, the terrible truth is that no nation is immune from moral and social decay.

I say this in the beginning of the eucharist on the feast of the baptism of our Lord:

If we wish to claim it, we Catholics have a legacy that is crucial to the healing of a nation.

Our faith includes a commitment to mutual respect, dialogue, and the principles on which democracy is based.

We must come together as one humanity under God, who loves and bestows dignity on all.

The person with whom we may vehemently disagree is also a beloved child of God – “This is my beloved child” says God in today’s gospel.

For two millennia, our faith community has tried to live the teachings of Jesus.

We are at our best when we put others first, with the common good as our guiding star.

Let us join with all people of good will in a choice for peace during this arduous time.

We pray for our Savior’s protection and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us call God’s presence upon us here in All Saints, upon all the nations of the Earth.

cf. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin on <http://www.thechurchofsttheresa.org/>