



A Haunting Question

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“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,
for your servant is listening.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

Reflect

**When you pray,
what are you looking for?**



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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 13 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces for Terry & Rita Hart
Sun Jan. 14 Mass/2nd Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Helen Stair - CS

Tues Jan 16 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Leo Basler - CS
Wed Jan 17 Mass
7:30 a.m. †Barbara Popielak - HT

Sat. Jan. 20 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Mike, †Christine Lopez-LCL
Sun Jan. 21 Mass/3rd Sunday Ord. Time
Word of God Sunday
8:00 a.m. Graces/Jordan Willeke - JW

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Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
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Figueroa, Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan
Killip, Ray & Marcella Hottinger, Deacon
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Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Christine Lopez

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

The Mass and Salvation History

In the Sunday Mass, why do we read from the Old Testament, then a Psalm, then a New Testament epistle, and a Gospel? Why do we follow them with a homily, the Creed, and intercessory prayer? Is there something more intentional behind this?

The Apostles and early Church Fathers set up the Mass intentionally. In the Liturgy of the Word “we should hear...an echo of salvation history’s larger dialogue.” Each Sunday, we remember the ways in which God has communicated with His people throughout the ages.

1) In the first reading from the Old Testament, **God speaks to us** through His message to the Chosen People, prophesying the Messiah.

2) During the Psalm, **we speak to God**, using the language of the Israelites.

3) When we read the second reading, **God speaks to us through or about Jesus**.

4) Finally, in the Gospel, **Jesus Himself speaks to us**.

Next comes the homily, to teach us how to apply these Scripture passages. Next we recite the Creed, responding to God’s call by declaring our faith in Him and the Church He established. Finally, in the Prayers of the Faithful, we speak to God in our own words and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

At each Mass, the Church presents us with a specific series of passages that help us journey through the history of salvation. We see God’s faithful love displayed over thousands of years, and we remember the hope that Christ has brought us through His life, death, and Resurrection.

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

January 21, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Youth

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: Youth

Lector: Youth

Altar Servers: Youth

Head Usher: Tracy Samber

Euch Ministers: Terry & Rita Hart

January 21, 2024

Breakfast

Brad & Deanna Schrock

Saint Joseph’s corner:

“St. Joseph, help me to follow the example of your relationship with God, and to respond by doing His will. Amen”



2nd Sunday Adoration

Jan. 13/14

after each Mass, Exposition, short adoration with the Holy Face Chaplet, procession by Celebrant, and Benediction.

We pray for our youth as they prepare for the Steubenville Retreat.



Anointing of the Sick

January 27th & 28th

after each Mass

What does it mean for an order to be “discalced”?

It is to go without footwear or only wear sandals. This practice is a penance, as a way to demonstrate their devotion to the Faith.

Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

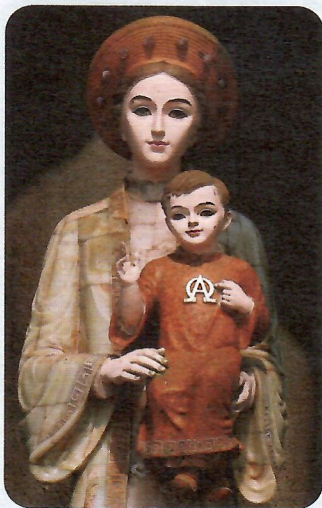
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021

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MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23

Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13

Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21

Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20