### Welcome to

# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church



### January 16&17, 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our encounter with Jesus Christ brings out in us a longing for relationship with him. "Where do you live, Rabbi?" the disciples ask. "Come, and you will see," the Lord responds. In essence, today's texts address the theme of **"vocation." God calls us** in Jesus to a specific vocation in life and we must discern what that vocation is by the light of faith and by our relationship with Jesus Christ. That's what Samuel did, and the apostles, and many other men and women of faith. The danger in today's society is to confuse work with vocation; they are two different aspects of our life. We work joyfully when we live the vocation to which God calls us, but not always. This may be a good theme for parish

ministers and for all the laity, especially the youth of our community, as they need to discern their future by the light of the presence of Christ.

### Church Of God, Elect And Glorious

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Greeting - (response) "And with your spirit."

Penitential Act: "Lord Have Mercy...Christ Have Mercy...Lord Have Mercy"

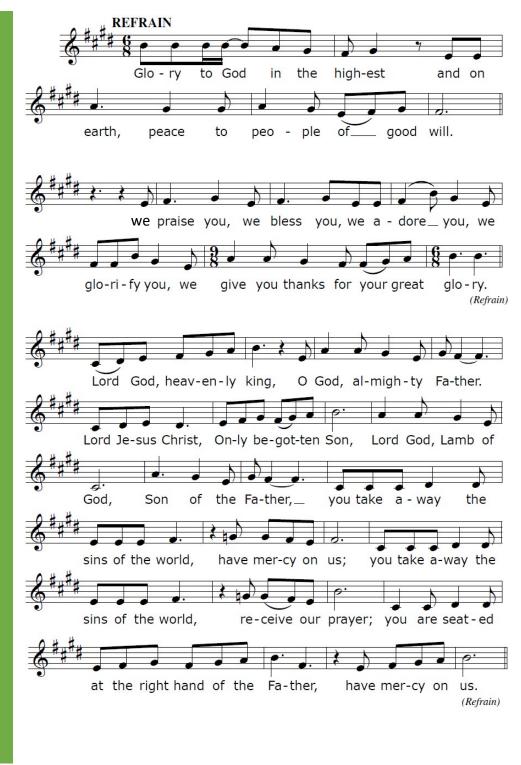
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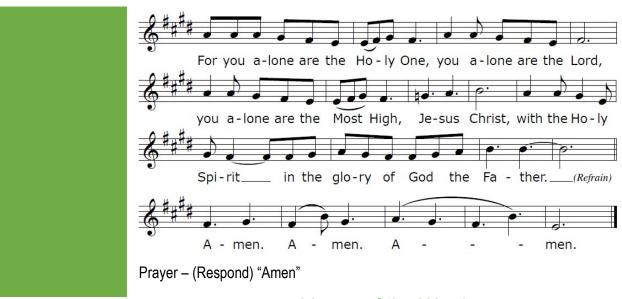
Mass of St. Alban.

St. Alban is the first British Christian Martyr.

St. Alban, originally not a believer, took in and hid a priest who was being sought to be killed for his faith.

Alban eventually converted then posed as the priest to be martyred and save the priest's life.





### Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word is the word of God shared in a "first reading" (most often from the Old Testament); a sung response to the reading (usually from the book of Psalms); a "second reading" from one of the "epistles" (letters) or the book of Revelation; a reading from one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John); a homily; the creed; and the Prayers of the Faithful.

#### 1 Samuel

**Chapter 3** 

Verses 3b-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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 40

Singing a psalm verse is our response to hearing the word of God in the first reading.

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I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

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Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R.

#### 1 Corinthians

**Chapter 6** 

Verses 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We sing with excitement for the Gospel we are about to hear.



We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

## John

Chapter 1
Verses 35-42

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.** 

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

### **Homily**

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer - the prayers of those gathered for ourselves, this community, and the whole world



Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father

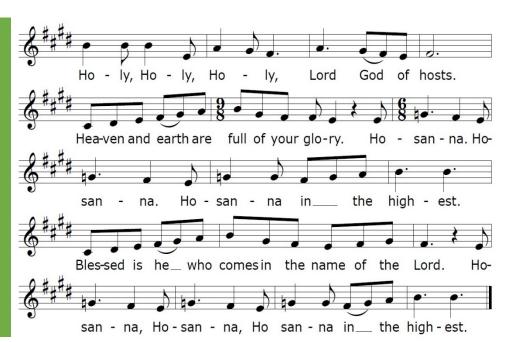
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

The Lord be with you – And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts - We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – It is right and just.

Before we sing the "Holy, Holy," the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation



As part of the
Eucharistic
prayer, we
acclaim our faith
together.

The mystery of faith



We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever



### **The Lord's Prayer**

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi Miserere nobis Dona Nobis Pacem



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A prayer for all unable to physically be here today.

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

This music plays in the background as Eucharistic Ministers receive communion Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament. Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament. What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent

#### CITY OF GOD



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