

**DEACON TONY'S JANUARY 14TH HOMILY
FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

What are you looking for?

Some things that we are seeking is a closer walk with Jesus. We might want to use our gifts to be better at our craft. Maybe we wish to help others who might not be able to help themselves. For some reason you have come here to church, **in order to worship God and listen** to what He has to share with us. We might be here to understand our mission in life. We come to be closer to Jesus and to carry out our baptismal vows. Maybe we need to understand our roles as parents as well as our own vows. When you entered the church, you blessed yourselves with Holy Water which reminded you of your baptism and your first mission to speak for God. As an adult you were called to be the first teachers of your children and the best of teachers. We become united with Jesus when we confess our failures and seek God's forgiveness. When we listen to what He teaches in the Scriptures.

You are able to put yourselves in the Gospel stories and receive **God's direction for your life.** Like the person of Samuel who couldn't figure out who was calling him in the night. Even Eli couldn't figure it out the first few times. But the Lord was there to guide Samuel and God

Did not permit any word of his to be without effect. Did you ever stop to see the effect that you have on your spouse, your children and on others?

In the Gospel we see Jesus gathering His Apostles to carry out His mission when He returns to His Father in heaven. John the Baptist was the first one to point to Jesus and proclaim: "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD". John, guided by the Holy Spirit, said the right words because his followers immediately left to follow Jesus. Jesus asked John's disciples: **WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?** When they asked Jesus where His home was, (or where His heart is) He told them to **"come and see".**

Just as Jesus wants us to figure out where our heart is, He wants us to come and build a **deep personal and exclusive relationship with Him.**

If the Lord calls you to sacrifice some of your time to help someone in need, and you are not sure of where to start, try going to your

APP STORE to get: **Volunteer Network OC** and they will point you to Jesus followers doing the Lord's work.