

Father Jim's Weekly Bulletin Article for January 7 2018

Thank You: Thank you for all the many cards and gifts I received through the Christmas Season. I really do appreciate your generosity and the care, affection, and love these gifts represent.

Fr. Jim

Readings for next week: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1 35-42

Reflection: Eli was a priest whose eyes and ears were so closed that God could no longer reach him. Eli could, however, hear the voice of his young servant, Samuel, and so God chose this simple way to reach him. Eli's life, which had been growing dim, suddenly reaches its fulfillment. It is surprising how often another's voice or a new relationship can spark significant changes in our lives. Andrew reacts to John's comment about Jesus with curiosity, and embarks on a new path, one certainly beyond all expectations. Simon's life is so changed by his introduction to Jesus that he requires a new name. Our words and actions have the power to transform lives. Almost every conversion and vocation begins with a human voice. If we listen, and allow it to happen, it will be God's word we hear and speak.

1. Take time to sit in church or some other holy place. Listen for God's voice.
2. Share with another person an experience of God you have found in prayer.

Prayer: Father, you have called us into holiness, both in our thoughts and in our deeds. May our sharing in your life lead us to the work you have called us to do. May our work give you praise, and the joy with which we serve inspire others to answer your call.