

# **Unsolicited Calls**

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ometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from

greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.

Reflect

Do you experience God calling you? What is your answer?

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# Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday እ 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdav

Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday

Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.: Saturday

Confession 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by

appointment

\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the

Holy Rosary\*

For more information, please contact the Church Office.



#### **ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6/months before setting any wedding

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith.' Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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# Dear Padre,

# Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early



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centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

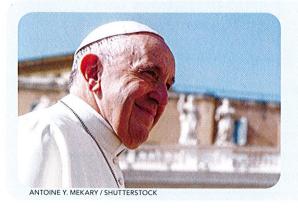
The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine."

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# Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16
St. Scholastica,	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Cyril, Monk	Weekday	Sixth Sunday in
Virgin	Gn 1:20-2:4a	Gn 2:4b-9,	Gn 2:18-25	and Methodius,	Gn 3:9-24	Ordinary Time
Gn 1:1-19	Mk 7:1-13	15-17	Mk 7:24-30	Bishop	Mk 8:1-10	Jer 17:5-8
Mk 6:53-56		Mk 7:14-23		Gn 3:1-8		1 Cor 15:12,
				Mk 7:31-37		16-20
						Lk 6:17, 20-26



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

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