

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will'.

In last week's Gospel, we read of the Baptism of Jesus by John, signifying the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In this week's Gospel the Apostle Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus after telling Simon that he has found the Messiah. Jesus receives them both as Apostles and then reveals to Simon that his identity will be changed. He will now be called Cephas. "Cephas" is an Aramaic word that means "Rock." In English, this name is translated as "Peter."

Simon is given the new name of "Rock" because Jesus intends to make him the foundation of His future Church. This change in name reveals that Simon must become a new creation in Christ in order to fulfill his high calling.



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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:35-42

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.



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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



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Meditation

When someone is given a new name, this often means that they are also given a new mission and new vocation in life. For example, in the Christian tradition, we receive new names at Baptism or Confirmation. When a man or woman becomes a monk or a nun, they often are given a new name to signify the new life they are called to live.

Like the Disciples, God invites us to live a new life of grace in Him. He has some new mission for us to daily fulfill and He promises to give us all we need to live it.



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Prayer: Lord Jesus, I say "Yes" to You and to the calling that You have given to me. I accept the new life of grace that You have prepared for me and I willingly accept Your gracious invitation. Help me, dear Lord, to daily answer the glorious vocation to the life of grace I have been given. Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.**

Listen to 'Here I am, Lord'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

