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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 15, 2012

# dear Padre

## Do non-Christians go to heaven?

January 15, 2012

*A woman in my parish insists that non-Christians can't go to heaven. That's not true, is it?*

*Rebekah*

**Dear Rebekah,**

Of course not. The Catholic Church insists that God wills the salvation of each and every human being. Jesus says this to us and all his flock: "It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost" (Matthew 18:14). Quoting a document from the Council of Quiercy, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men Without exception: 'There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for Whom Christ did not suffer'" (605).

The Letter to the Hebrews says that it's the lot of every human being once to die and then be judged (9:27). This leaves open a broad field of play when it teaches that "anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (11:26). On Good Friday, the Church prays long prayers for all manner of believers and unbelievers, including those who do not believe in God.

Modeling ourselves on our Mother the Church, let us leave judgment to God and give ourselves to praying for everyone's peace and salvation. As it says in the Letter to the Hebrews, we pilgrims are to go "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (12:2).

*Byron Miller, CSsR  
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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

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By appointment.

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### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

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**THIS WEEK**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 14TH - 15TH, 2012**

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**Ushers' Group III**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 14**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl** request of Teresa Macutkiewicz; and Wanda Aubey; and for **+Richard Hein** request of the Hein family

**SUNDAY, JAN. 15**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for **+Walter Treschuk** request of Arlene and Mike Giglio  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for **+Cecile Lavoie** request of her daughter  
**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, JAN. 16**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

**TUESDAY, JAN. 17**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**  
**7:15 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

**3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 19** No Mass

**FRIDAY, JAN. 20** No Mass

**SATURDAY, JAN. 21**

**ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

Last week's Jan. 7th/8th offertory \$ 5,538  
Last year's Jan. 8th/9th offertory \$ 3,956

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" John 1:38*

What are you looking for? It is a question Jesus asks each of us. Are we wasting our time looking for the material pleasures of the world? Or are our hearts really longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God?

**NEXT WEEK**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 21ST - 22ND, 2012**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME**

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

**Ushers' Group IV**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 21**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl and for +Robert Gallant**

*Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea*

*Lector: Charles Luchini*

*Eucharistic Minister Patti Cinea*

**SUNDAY, JAN. 22**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino*

*Lector: Stephen Paul*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for **+Jason Bates**

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Paul Brown*

*Eucharistic Minister: James Boylan*

**5:30 p.m.**

**Liturgy of the Hours**

**MONDAY, JAN. 23**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

**TUESDAY JAN. 24**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

**7:15 p.m.** Choir rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Henry Leonard**

**3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26** NO MASS

**FRIDAY, JAN. 27** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**

**ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

A very special thank you goes out to three young members of our parish family....who by holding a cookie and chocolate sale donated their entire take of \$17.25 to the Care and Share Ministry.

Cudos to Ben Snuffer, AJ Gallacher, and LeeAnn Snuffer

*is there a lesson here?*

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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**Day and Evening Retreat, Wednesday Jan. 25, 2012  
 "Journey Within to the Place of Listening"**

**Presenter Deacon Arthur Miller**

**Day 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (includes lunch)**

**Evening 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (includes dinner)**

As your world crumbles around you, the call from Scripture is: don't flinch in faith in God. The spiritual calm that God commands does not come a lack of troubles, it derives from a steady, deep reflection on the ways God has intervened on behalf of his people. The evening session will include dinner, presentation and Liturgy.

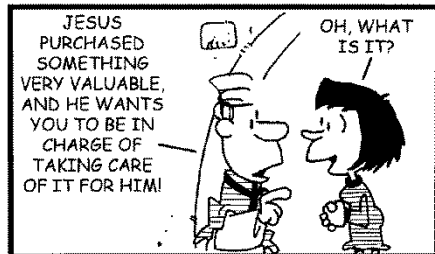
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St. Joseph School, Rockville, is having an Open House on Jan. 29th from 12:30-2p.m. You are invited to visit and explore your area Catholic school. Spend time to tour the school, meet some students and staff, explore the book fair, view our student art exhibit, and enjoy lunch! Call the school with any questions 860-875-4943

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
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will be hosting an End-of-Life Issues seminar that will be held in the parish hall on January 26, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will have a panel of experts in medicine, law, hospice care, spiritual and funeral concerns making presentations and answering questions. Fr. Brian Converse invites all from the region to attend this seminar.

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES:** January 22, 2012 marks the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Monday, January 23, 2012, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion. On Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 9:p.m. buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. for the March for Life on January 23, 2012. The first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$58 per person.

If you are unable to attend the March for Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362

**Good News!**

Jan. 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Let's translate the first reading into a more modern context: If God had called me as many times during the night as he call Samuel, I don't think my response would have as open and hospitable as Samuel's. I'm sure I'd have had few choice words for the Lord Almighty, including suggesting that he contact me at a more appropriate time.

This middle-of -night calling also reminds me of parents (my own mother included) who are gifted with ultrasensitive night hearing. They can be sound asleep and still hear their teenage children creak open the door after curfew.

Samuel in our first reading and Andrew and Peter in the Gospel reading received pretty dramatic calls from God. Most of us won't hear God calling so directly. But that doesn't mean that God isn't calling us to deepen our commitment to being disciples. He is calling, and we must hone our listening skills to hear more clearly. We must train our ears to hear during the day like teenagers' parents' ears hear during the night--able to ascertain even the slightest sound.

God calls when we feel nudged to bring peace to a tense situation between coworkers. God calls when we're drawn to a ministry at church but are afraid to try it. God calls when the sight of someone in need pulls at our hearts. As Ordinary Time begins, we're reminded that God calls us most often in completely ordinary ways every day.

But how well are our ears trained to hear?

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