**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

Good morning we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples of John, “What are you looking for?”

Today, Jesus is also asking us, “What are you looking for?”

The answer to this question depends on how we understand truth about God and us.

Are we looking for accumulation of wealth, honor, or power, or are we looking for a deep relationship with Jesus?

The Celebrant for this Mass is

**Saturday 5.30pm -**

**Sunday 7.30am –**

**Sunday 9.00am –**

**Sunday 10.30am –**

**Sunday 6.00pm –**

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (1 Sm 3:3-10.19)**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am’. Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9)**

**(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**1.** I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.**( R.)**

**2.** You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

**3.** In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

**4.** Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

**Gospel (Jn 1:35-42)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — God calls each of us to follow and serve him. Let us humbly offer our prayers to the Father so that we may be filled with his wisdom to discern and answer his call.

**Reader:** May Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and deacons be filled with joy and strength when they feel that they are short in faith, in moral ascendancy, and even in basic necessities.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May civil and political leaders discern what is truly beneficial for our people, and may they be given the determination to do it. .

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the poor, the sick, the jobless, and the marginalized experience liberation and support from their communities and loved ones.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May married couples and those preparing for marriage draw from you the wisdom, patience, and strength necessary to make their marriage a reflection of your love and joy for your people.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May those who are discerning to enter religious life be led closer to Jesus and have willingness to detach themselves from worldly things.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May our family members, relatives, and friends who have died experience everlasting joy in the company of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, especially remembering all those mentioned in our parish bulletin.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer.**

**All:** God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more.

Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you call us to participate in the life of your Son. In this Eucharist, fill us with the joy of your salvation. Give us courage and strength to witness to your love and protection during these difficult times.

Through the Christ our Lord.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.