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Where and When God Wants

We cannot know or decide in advance where we will meet God. We cannot say, "Lord, I am going to a retreat at a monastery and I will meet you there!" We are not in charge of God's agenda! God chooses the time and place to meet us. This leaves us at a disadvantage: we must always be ready!

In the three encounters in the liturgy today, speech plays a vital role. Isaiah hears: *Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?* St. Paul hears: *Saul, why are you persecuting me?* Finally, Simon-Peter hears: *Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.* These words amazed, jostled, and brought these three to new perspectives.

Signs of a Real Encounter

The three encounters described in today's readings have this in common: the lives of Isaiah, St. Paul [Saul] and Simon-Peter take different directions after meeting God. Isaiah became a prophet who challenged and was challenged by religious and political authorities. St. Paul became a missionary whose work took place on the roads of the Roman Empire, yet he constantly met opposition from his Jewish contemporaries. Finally, Simon-Peter followed Jesus on a path that included treason and ultimately led to sacrificing his life to remain faithful to Christ. The conclusion is that these encounters changed hearts and lives. Such encounters with Christ will transform us, ensure our commitment, and send us onto unknown paths that we have been invited to pursue.

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Sunday February 10, 2019 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unpredictable encounters may bring us on different paths. We only have to reflect on our own experiences. A man and a woman may meet each other in a social setting, at work, or at a sports club. The encounter may become a relationship, then a friendship, and possibly a commitment.

Today's readings tell us of three very different encounters. Isaiah is a layman who meets God in the Temple. God's holiness disturbs him since he considers his own lips to be contaminated by evil, lies and pride. St. Paul [Saul] recalls his meeting on the road to Damascus, where he, a proud Pharisee, is overwhelmed by Jesus whose followers he was persecuting. Finally, the fisherman Simon-Peter has already met Jesus; he even welcomed him into his house for a meal. However it is not at his table that he really meets Christ. It's at work, in his fishing boat ...

The Week at a Glance

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| Sat Feb 9 | 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For Peace |
| Sun Feb 10 | 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For the people 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Souls in Purgatory |
| Mon Feb 11 | Fr Travis' day off |
| Tues Feb 12 | 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Victims of Abuse 8:00pm K of C Mtg – Zenon Park |
| Wed Feb 13 | 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For †Gilles Favreau |
| Thurs Feb 14 | 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River For Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri Feb 15 | 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park For Thanksgiving |
| Sat Feb 16 | 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Leon Marchildon |
| Sun Feb 17 | 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For Souls in Purgatory 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people |

Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Announcements and Activities

| <u>Ministry</u> | <u>Feb 10</u> | <u>Feb 17</u> |
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| Commentator | Liz | Lisa |
| Reader | Mark | Pam |
| Cup | Neil, James | Guy, Sue |
| Hospitality | Bob, Lisa | Bronners |
| Offerings | Liz, Guy | Neil, Lorraine |
| Sacristan | Sue | Pam |

Cleaning Schedule

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| Feb 11 - Feb 17, 2019 | Flo & MaryAnn Perrault |
| Feb 18 - Feb 24, 2019 | Dale, Rita & Stacey Mutimer |

Last week's collection total: \$ 312.00 **Thank You**

Attention altar servers! - We appreciate all you do to at Mass to make our celebrations beautiful. As a thank-you, you are invited to the Altar Server Appreciation Day in Melfort Feb 23rd 10am to 3pm. Lunch is provided. Please bring your swim gear for the afternoon.

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered with the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation to create the Sask K of C **Vocations**

Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment will be disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses and Eparchy to help defray the \$33,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian. The provincial launch of the Endowment will take place during a major campaign during the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd. Please view our website at www.saskkofcfoundation.com for further details and make a contribution. The Bishops, Dioceses, KofC and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous support of the education and development of Seminarians through Prayer and financial assistance.