

The reflection today is on the Readings of the day.

Kings 19: 9, 11-16.      Jn 10:27      Mat 5: 27-32

We live in a frantic world. We are bombarded by the media and affected by all that modern living has to offer. Rocked, at times by what goes on around us, we can be drawn to ask the question, “Where is God in all this, and what does he want of us?”

In today's Reading Elijah is desperate to promote God's desires for the people. The only prophet left, and in fear for his life, he takes refuge in a cave, waiting for God's word. Where will he find him?

In the Gospel, Jesus presents his followers (and us) with some stern warnings. Life was not easy then and it isn't easy now. We too can be tested, face difficult choices from which tough decisions must be made. We too need God's word.

The Gospel Acclamation declares, “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me.” Well, as Christians, we know that God knows us through and through and always loves us. We are called to follow him, no matter what the cost.

In order to belong to Jesus' flock, we are required to listen to his voice, and to follow where he leads. How do we do that? How do we find the direction we need? We will hear God's voice, as Elijah did, in the silence of our hearts.

Chris Burger, 12/6/20