

**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John
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THE JOURNEY

At the end of the Christmastide, we began a new liturgical cycle: Ordinary Time. In this cycle, we will hear the gospel account of Jesus' public ministry. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus was presented by God the Father as his Son: Son of God, full of the Holy Spirit. From that moment on Jesus begins his preaching, through words and works. We will reflect on some of these moments until the beginning of Lent. Today, on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the readings tell us that to be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him, that is, to follow his journey. Jesus was a man who walked from one place to another, traveling many places. For him, the notion of journey is very important; after traveling to many settlements, he went up to Jerusalem to complete his mission with his passion, death and resurrection. In these Sunday Gospels, we will go through this journey of Jesus. For us too, this notion of the journey is important: life is a journey, the Christian

life is a journey to fullness, to the Kingdom, a journey to follow Jesus. Today's 1st reading and the gospel of are two examples of the Lord's calling and the response to follow him. Each of us will be able to frame your life in these two biblical episodes.

On the journey at your service in our Lord,

Father John Carlos