

January 19, 2008
Saturday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:
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1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mark 2:13-17

"Follow me."

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

The world is full of many temptations. The media alone seduces us with false promises. I passed a sign at the mall today that read: "where all your wants turn into needs." We believe these lies. We might all believe a different lie, but we all believe the lies to some extent. We all have an Achilles heel. If we know what it is, then it does not have to rule us. But if we remain deaf, dumb, and blind to the lie then the lie has the power. That is what addiction really is—a lie that tells us that we cannot live without whatever it is that we crave. We are healed only by grace. A life rooted in Christ is the way. It is so much simpler than we make it.

"Abide in me as I abide in you."