

Reflection on the readings from 21 January 2018 by C. A. Riley OP

First reading from the book of Deuteronomy 18:1-22

Moses speaks to God's people, telling them that God has chosen the tribe of Levi as his priestly people. Moses also tells the Israelites that when they do reach the promised land that they will not worship like the people who are there but they will follow God's laws and Commandments, because anything else will be an abomination against God.

Moses told them that God would send a prophet, who be from their own kin and they will listen to him. He also told them how to tell if the prophet is false, "if the oracle is not fulfilled or verified, then its false."

John The Baptist was the last prophet of the Old Testament and after Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies, there was and has been no need for any more prophets. God was preparing his people to follow his will and not their own. By trusting in God and establishing a personal relationship with Him, we can know God's will without a prophet.

Second reading from the Constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

Christ is present to us in his church, we have his teachings in the scriptures and his body and blood in the sacrifice of the mass. I love the promise that Christ made to us when he said "where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst."

So I have a few questions that I would ask you to silently reflect on:

This reading solidifies that God is omnipresent, everywhere all the time. Jesus called the Apostles, who were fishermen to spread the word of God. God chooses the most unlikely candidate's to do his will. Do you feel God's presence in your life calling you to do something?

As Lay Dominicans we follow the four pillars which are "Prayer, Study, Community, and Mission" Our mission is the work of Jesus, from the initiate formation on prayer. Are we using all the tools we have been given to do the work that we have been called to do by God?

As Lay Dominicans we will be professing our obedience to the Master of the Order, Are you ready to give up yourself and follow without question?