As we move into Inauguration week, we hope and pray that there will not be further violence, and we certainly lift up in prayer our President and Vice-President Elect as they take leadership of our nation.

"Ordinary Time" begins this weekend. In the first reading we hear God's call to Samuel, and in the Gospel Jesus tells the disciples, "Come, follow me". We pray that we might follow the call and continue to be a source of peace, justice and love in all our encounters.

I can assure you that Ben is recovering well, for which we are very grateful! Believe it or not, he is taking his recovery 'slowly' and listening to his nurse, Jo! We continue to pray for God's healing and strength in all the ways it is needed, especially as this pandemic continues to ravage individuals, family and lives in so many ways!

We also remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this weekend. We pray that his inspiration be with those who serve in Congress as they work to bring God's justice to all.

Peace, Fr. Mike