Christmas Weekday: January 5th

Gospel text (*Jn* 1:43-51): Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him.” Nathanael... answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.” Jesus answered... Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

The simplicity is God’s mark

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Today —in the middle of the Christmas’ season— Nathaniel appears, Jesus’ disciple, an uncomplicated man, "there is no duplicity in him". Simplicity! God’s mark is simplicity. The sign given by the Angels during the Holy Night is neither prodigious nor spectacular: they will only see a baby, wrapped in cloths, needing mother care; a baby born in a stable and lying down in a crib.

Simplicity is God’s mark: God’s sign is the Child: He makes himself small for our sake. This is His way of reigning. He doesn’t come with external power and grandiosity. He comes as a defenseless child, who needs our help. He doesn’t want to overwhelm us by His strength. He avoids our fear in front of His grandeur. He wants nothing but our love, by which we spontaneously learn to penetrate His feelings, His mind and His will.

—O Lord, you made yourself small so that we can understand you, welcome you and love you! Let’s learn to live with Him!