

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Behold, the Lamb of God!



1st Reading:
Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel:
John 1.29-34
The Lamb of God

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule: Saturday (Vigil) Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

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Playing our Part in the Church

Even in today's short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of St. John the Baptist. John used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ?

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship."

As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. Secondly, by prayerfully examining our talents, let us seek groups or ministries in the parish in which we can give our gifts back to God. We don't need to be intimidated if we feel we cannot do great things for our parish, for all of us has a role to play. Let us conclude today's reflection by pondering the following words of encouragement by St. Teresa of Calcutta. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Summary

St. John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. Likewise, Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude." Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards by offering our gifts back to God and our parish community.

Mass Intentions for the Week of Jan 17 / 18, 2026

Saturday Jan 17th

5:00 pm + Deceased members of the Francis Family
 - Birthday Blessings for Adrian, Quinlan & Kareem John

Sunday Jan 18th

9:00 am + May Ong
 - Thanksgiving for the Miel Family

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
 - Thanksgiving for Blessings received from Lambert & Hyacinth Jacob

Monday Jan 19th

8:30 am

Tuesday Jan 20th

8:30 am + Purita Varona

Wednesday Jan 21st

8:30 am

Thursday Jan 22nd

8:30 am - Birthday Blessings for Fr. Anthony
 + Cresencia Miel

Friday Jan 23rd

8:30 am



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If you have already purchased your 2026 membership, and wish to attend the movie afternoon on January 22nd, please ensure that you sign up. This is a catered event, so we need to know how many members will attend. If you have not yet purchased your 2026 membership, please do so this weekend. We will not be able to provide a meal for "walk-ins".

Thank you for your understanding.

**Kindergarten
Registration**

begins January 21, 2026.

For details, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our Parish
and for those who love and minister to them.



Donation envelopes for 2026 will be kept in the Church Foyer until **Sunday February 1st, 2026**. If you have not picked up your envelope box by then, your number will be assigned to someone else.

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Sunday January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 22nd, 2026.

Available between masses at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm.

To book a seat e-mail: jason.shantz@gmail.com

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Parish Weekly fact

Why do we sing at Mass?

The Mass is the Lord's gift to us and fills us with blessings. The Mass is also us giving praise and thanksgiving to God and fosters our **relationship** with our Lord. As we seek to give praise and worship to God, music is an important part of this. Catholics express their love for God by singing, especially during Mass. Worshipping God by singing sacred music and hymns in Mass allows Catholics to join with the angels who sing a song of praise forever in Heaven.

The use of music as a means to give praise and worship to God is biblical. Singing has always been an important part of worship, even before Christianity. The Psalms were meant to be sung, and other songs and hymns can be found in the Old Testament. The Catholic Church continues the tradition of singing in the Sacred Liturgy. The **Gloria, Sanctus, Alleluia, and Responsorial Psalm** are regularly sung at Mass, in addition to **Entrance, Communion, and Recessional hymns**.

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