



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Revised Roman Missal: 488

Gospel Summary

John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep—to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Reflection for Families

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Help children understand the roots of "Lamb of God" in our Catholic liturgy. As a family pray together the "Lamb of God" from the mass.

Discussion Starters

1. I know I witnessed the love of Jesus to my children when . . .
2. I see the Spirit is alive in our family because . . .
3. Like John, I didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah until . . .

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and its surroundings. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES 2023**

Registration will continue today, 15th January in the Parish hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Registration fee is \$20 per child (with or without the catechism book).

◆ **CATECHETICAL SYMPOSIUM 2023**

The SJC Catechetical ministry has organised a conference from 28th January at 1:00 p.m. to 29th January. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration fee is at \$30 per person. Please register at <https://forms.gle/z4SfZ8GBvFiPWaGc9>

◆ **CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Our Chinese New Year Celebrations will be held on Saturday, 4th February at 7:00 p.m. at All Seasons Restaurant (KB Sentral). Everyone is invited to join in the festivities. Dinner Tickets are at B\$20 per person. Please register at the Parish Office by Wednesday, 25th January.

◆ **MASS INTENTIONS**

“What can we do to pray for a loved one, living or deceased, or how can we do something to honor or memorialize them at the Church?”

If you have Mass Intentions, please come to the Parish Office or contact us via WhatsApp at +6738348855. The recommended amount is \$10 per Mass, however you are welcome to give more. Please indicate if the Mass is a “Personal Intention”; “In memoriam” or “Thanksgiving”.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM

Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 16	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 5: 1-10 Mk 2: 18-22	5:30 PM
Tuesday 17	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 6: 10-20 Mk 2: 23-28	5:30 PM
Wednesday 18	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Hebr 7: 1-3. 15-17 Mk 3: 1-6	5:30 PM
Thursday 19	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 7: 25—8. 6 Mk 3: 7-12	5:30 PM
Friday 20	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 8: 6-13 Mk 3: 13-19	12:15 PM
Saturday 21	2ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME <i>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Hebr 9: 2-3. 11-14 Mk 3: 20-21	5:30 PM
Sunday 22	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)	Is 8: 23—9. 3 1 Cor 1: 10-13. 17 Mt 4: 12-23	9:00 AM 6:00 PM