



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 16	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	Hebr 5: 1-10; Mk 2: 18-22.	5:30 PM
Tue 17	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Anthony	Hebr 6: 10-20; Mk 2: 23-28.	5:30 PM
Wed 18	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	Hebr 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mk 3: 1-6.	5:30 PM
Thu 19	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	Hebr 7: 25—8, 6: Mk 3: 7-12.	5:30 PM
Fri 20	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Fabian and St Sebastian	Hebr 8: 6-13; Mk 3: 13-19.	12:15 PM
Sat 21	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Agnes	Hebr 9: 2-3, 11-14; Mk 3: 20-21.	5:30 PM
Sun 22	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III	Is 8: 23—9, 3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23 (<i>or</i> 4: 12-17).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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15th January 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6;
 Responsorial Psalm: 39: 2, 4, 7-10;
 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3;
 Gospel: John 1: 29-34.



Revised Roman Missal: 488 (Bahasa 867)

REFLECTION

We just finished celebrating the joyful and extraordinary season of Christmas. Today we start what the Church calls "ordinary time," in other words, a long series of Sundays in which we will recall the public life of Jesus, we will listen to his teaching, his parables, the story of his cures and miracles. We will follow his life from the Baptism he received in the Jordan until the start of his Passion. **Jesus will become our teacher, showing us how to think and live as children of God.**

Sisters and brothers,

To encourage us to start knowing Jesus better, John the Baptist asks us a fundamental question, "Do you know Jesus well? Do you know who he is?" And he himself tells us a secret, "I didn't know him."

1. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It's hard for us to understand these words, but for the Israelites it was very simple, since every year they used to recall the episode of the flight from Egypt, in which every family made a mark on the door of their homes with the blood of the lamb they were eating. And so year after year, during the celebration of Passover, parents would tell children about the night of liberation. Jesus also ate the lamb with his Apostles, but at this new Passover, Jesus is the one to offer himself as the true lamb that sheds his blood for all, to obtain God's pardon and make us children of God.

2. Why does John not speak about "sins," but rather "the sin" of the world? Because it refers to a reality that goes beyond what each of us does. He is speaking about evil itself, what we would call "original sin." When a child is born, he doesn't enter a clean world, but one that is wounded by the presence of evil, that will affect him in one way or other. None of us is free of this wound; we all suffer from it. There is an evil that tarnishes the existence of the world. Sin is basically darkness, shadows, the denial of the truth. It is a trap, hypocrisy, falsehood, and it leads to egotism, lack of love.

3. The most frequent sin in our Christian life is the sin of omission. As baptized faithful, we have all been called to be light of the world, and we do almost nothing. Nevertheless, we urgently need to give good example in our Christian life to those who have chosen the path of darkness in our times. Jesus' fight against the sin of the world is love.

Today St John the Baptist appears not only as the precursor who prepares the ways of the Lord, but also the one who gives testimony of the Messiah, and who will one day give his life to defend the values of the Gospel. We should make known the good news of salvation in word and deed, starting with those who are closest to us, our family, our neighbors, our colleagues at work.

Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund.

Gotong Royong (15th January)

There will be Gotong Royong today at 10:30am. We would like to invite the young adults and the not so young also to join this community cleaning activity as a sign of us "walking together" as one Body of Christ. Lunch will be provided.

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Coin Boxes

If your child is still holding on to the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Coin box please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. We thank all parents for your child participation in this universal collection.

Call for Catechists

We would like to request parishioners to volunteer as Catechetical Teachers / Assistant Teachers. Materials and teaching guides are provided. Please contact Albert (+673 8962273) or the parish office for more information.

Sunday School Registration

This January, Sunday School Registration is open for both New Joiners and Current Students, either online at rcvbd.com or via the parish office. The registration fee is \$15 and the book fee is \$5 per child. Classes will commence on 5th February with a Family Open Day.

Sunday of the Word of God (22nd January)

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* (He opened their minds) in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

Catechetical Symposium (28th –29th January)

A Catechetical Symposium has been organized for the Vicariate on January 28th—29th at St. John's Church. We would like to encourage all catechists, RCIA teachers, parish group leaders to join this symposium. To register online, please visit rcvbd.com and go to the Vicariate Announcement page.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18-25th January 2023

Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)



Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another's lived experiences?



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Watch and Reflect

A 2 minute Taize meditation on "Agnus Dei", we reflect the words of Pope Francis:

John the Baptist proclaims "Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," This "taking away" is literally Christ's "lifting up" the sin of the world, "taking it upon himself."

The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a creature weak and fragile, a symbol of obedience, docility and helpless love, who comes at last to sacrifice himself. A lamb is not a ruler, but is docile; not aggressive, but peaceful; it shows no claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but it suffers and is submissive. And so is Jesus! So is Jesus, as a lamb.

Angelus, 19 Jan 2014