

JANUARY 14/15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “*Ordinary*” comes from the Latin root for “*order*,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “*ordinal*” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “*to be holy*.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (**John 20**). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today’s reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a “*light to the nations*,” a people proclaiming and sharing God’s love. Paul’s greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God’s sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the “*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*.” This name “*Lamb of God*” is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God’s rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God’s faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a “*lamb led to slaughter*”

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb “*of God*.” He is God’s own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb “*takes away*” our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (*which we often hide from ourselves*), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

SJSDR SCHOOL NEWS

As we prepare for the spring semester, we want to acknowledge that our parish school is celebrating two and half years of success in educating our parish children! When all odds were against us, we were able, with the wonderful support of so many of you, the parishioners of OLCG, to create this beautiful work for all of our families, passing on our Faith in the most blessed way possible to the next generation who will worship in our little church. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for the school and the students!

In looking to the future, we would like to form a school leadership team, composed of parishioners and school families, to ensure this gift can continue to grow and flourish. The most important qualification that would make you an ideal member is a desire to do something wonderful for a child that will change his life forever. If you are good at organization or problem solving, or simply want to share your love of our Faith, we would value your help. Your commitment can be as big or little as you are able to make it. Even if you have only a little time to give, but still have a desire to help, we would love your input. Contact the school directress, Kathleen Kasperson, or Father Pacheco for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder

2023 CALENDARS

We have calendars available in the church's vestibule in both English and Spanish. Please, take one.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 14, 2023– JANUARY 20, 2023

Saturday (14)	5:00pm	Katie Richards † Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Refugio Yañez † Angelina Alcalá † Inés Chávez † Carmen Garcia † Tarsicio Garcia (healing)
Sunday (15)	8:00am	Carmen Cuevas †
	10:00am	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
Monday (16)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (17)	12:05pm	Benvind & Sebastian Cavaeo †
Wednesday (18)	12:05pm	Alberta Albano Costa † Walter Costa †
Thursday (19)	12:05pm	Alex & Alan Renteria (health)
Friday (20)	12:05pm	Antonio & Maria Cabral †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 7 & 8, 2023...\$2,390

Maintenance Fund....\$591.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]