

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 14, 2018

The Lamb of God

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.



Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Parish Council

Three of the nine members of the Parish Council will be completing their terms this March. This leaves three spots open on the Council that need to be filled by parishioners willing to volunteer. The Council meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 am, and is the primary advisory board to the pastor considering all matters of pastoral concern. If you are interested in serving, please talk to Fr. Mark or contact the parish office.



Calling All Men

All men of the parish are invited to the first Men’s Club meeting of the year. We will meet for a great meal and fellowship in the hall this Tues., Jan. 16th, at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please use the sign-up sheet on the table near the church entrance.

Flu Precautions

During the cold and flu season please do not shake or hold hands, and refrain from drinking from the Communion Cup if you are feeling ill. Reception of the consecrated host in the hand instead of the tongue is recommended. Remember, you are never obliged to attend Mass if you are sick.



Mass Intentions for the Week

(Jan. 13-19)
Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Nancy Green
Int. John McGarry
+Adrian Gonzalez
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Craig Marlo
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- +Veronica Sheffel
Int. Alice Blankenship
Int. Paul McFarland
Thur., 9:00 am- Int. Michelle Apitz
+Timmie Jensen
+Guy Arbogast
Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Kathy Priebe
+Carol Nestor

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Jan. 6/7): \$2,712
Facility Repairs: \$1,241

God Bless You for Your Generosity!



Scripture Study

Consider participating in our scripture study group that meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the hall. We read and reflect on the upcoming weekend’s scriptures. Don’t miss this opportunity to enrich your faith.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

(January 18-25)

For the Unity of Christians

Lord, hear the prayers of our people and bring the heart of believers together in your praise and in common sorrow for their sins. Heal all divisions among Christians that we may rejoice in the perfect unity of your Church and move together as one to eternal life in your kingdom. Amen (The Catholic Prayer Book)

Marriage Help

As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world’s values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate, loving and forgiving with one another? Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be presenting a March 2-4 weekend at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information and to register go to their website at centralcawwwme.org.

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In Need of Prayer...

Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, John Pollock, Althea Soto, Ryan Kelez, Gloria Villalvazo, Karen Gallagher, Mike Walsh, Toni Martinez, Makayla Martinez, Nancy Green, Irene Hammond.