



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Revised Roman Missal: 488

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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 . . .

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Church and its grounds. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

The Holy Hour next Wednesday, 21st January after the daily Mass will be offered for prayers for the sick. We invite all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit to come and spend some time with the Lord.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES 2026

Registration for Religious Classes will be on **Sunday, 1st February** after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Registration fee is at \$25 per child. This will be followed by Parents' General Assembly.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to request a Mass Intentions, please come to the Parish Office or contact us via WhatsApp at +6738348855. The offering is \$10 per Mass, though you are welcome to contribute. Kindly specify whether intention is for a "Personal Intention"; "In memoriam" or "Thanksgiving".

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

We are delighted to announce our seminarian, KAREL ANAK TINGANG, will be called to the Order of Deacon (Transitional) on **Monday, 23rd February, at 5.00pm** at our Parish.

Karel has completed his ecclesiastical studies in Philosophy (2016-2020) at San Carlos Seminary, Makati, Philippines and in Theology (2021-2025) at St Francis Xavier Major Seminary, Singapore.

Let us offer our prayerful support as he continue his sacred journey of service to the Church in the Apostolic Vicariate in Brunei Darussalam.

DATE	TIME	READINGS
19 January—Monday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	1 Sam 15: 16-23 Mk 2: 18-22
20 January—Tuesday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	1 Sam 16: 1-13 Mk 2: 23-28
21 January—Wednesday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) 6.15pm (Holy Hour)	1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37: 40-51 Mk 3: 1-6
22 January—Thursday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	1 Sam 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7 Mk 3: 7-12
23 January—Friday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	1 Sam 24: 3-21 Mk 3: 13-19
24 January—Saturday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) 6.15pm (Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)	2 Sam 1: 14, 11-12, 19: 23-27 Mk 3: 20-21
25 January—Sunday THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday of The Word of God</i>	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	Is 8: 23—9: 3 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17 Mt 4: 12-23