

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Mar n Luther King Day

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebas an, Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9- 10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b- 11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Mari anne Cope, Vir-
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1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Jan 18th

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass 7:30am Chaika Family offered by Sarina Cofield

Sun, Jan 18th

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass 7:30am People of the Parish



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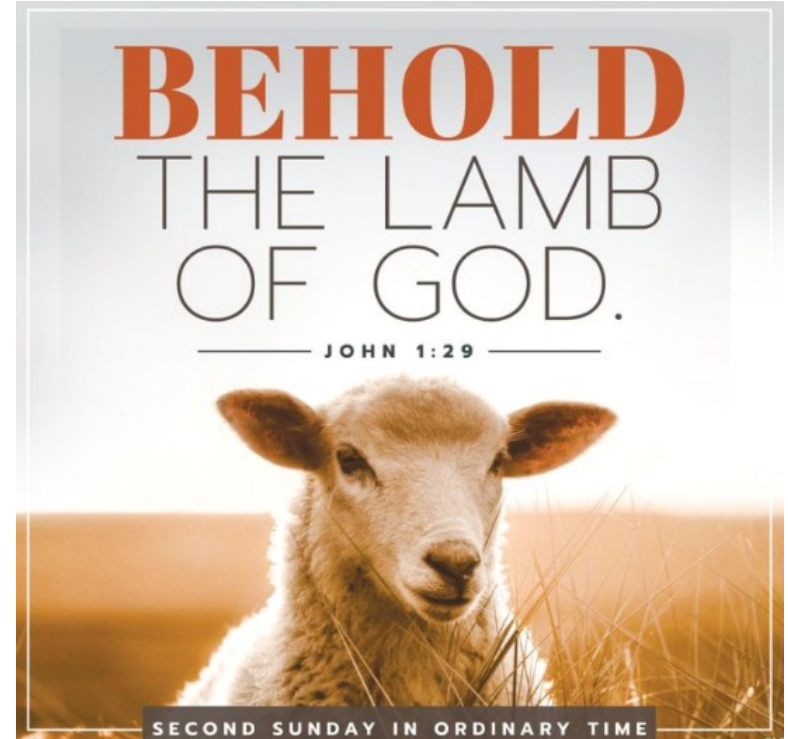
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January 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Homily

In the story of the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt, in the book of Exodus, before the 10th plague, the death of the 1st born, Moses gives the people instructions; "Go and choose a lamb for your families, and kill the Passover victim. Then take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and, with the blood from the basin, touch the lintel and both doorposts; then let none of you go outside the door of the house till morning." The blood of the lamb, from this Exodus story, saved the people from death. The Passover lamb was not a sacrifice for sin; it was a sacrifice of liberation - from fear, from slavery and from death. And so, when John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God," he's also pointing towards a new Passover - a new Exodus.

Whenever we celebrate Mass, we pray "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us." Then, just moments before the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and chalice and says, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world." These words are so familiar that they can slip past us without much thought. But today's Gospel - John the Baptist's proclamation "Behold the Lamb of God" - gives us the chance to stop, to listen, and to ask what these words actually mean. What is the Church inviting us to see every time the priest raises the host and chalice? When the Priest at Mass says "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the **sins** of the world," - not the **sin** of the world - he's speaking to each of us personally - for we each have our own sins. But John's Gospel reveals the larger picture: Jesus comes not only to forgive personal sins but to remove the root of the problem - humanity's entire condition of alienation and unbelief. That's the "sin of the world" that Jesus lifts and carries. Sin is understood as a power, a slave master, a tyrant with absolute sway over poor fallen Adam, who is all of us.

That's why John uses the singular; "the sin of the world". Jesus doesn't come to heal merely a list of personal moral failures but the whole condition of alienation from God - the whole complexity of unbelief, blindness, and brokenness that affects every human being. This Priestly insight is why the Church places John's words on the lips of the priest at every Mass. When the Priest elevates the host and chalice and says, "Behold the Lamb of God," he stands in the role of John the Baptist. He points to the true Lamb, the true sacrifice, the One who takes away the sin of the world. The Priest today does what John did: he directs our eyes to Jesus. Every Mass is therefore a continuation of that moment at the Jordan. The Lamb is present - sacramentally, truly, substantially. The Priest, like John, points him out. And the people, like the disciples who heard John's words, are invited to draw near, to follow, and to enter into communion with the Lamb of God. May our eyes be opened today to follow Christ revealed to us everyday during Mass .

PEACE AND BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW WEEK. FR DEO

Man of the Shroud Touring Exhibit

We are excited to announce the Man of the Shroud Exhibit will be coming to Incarnation Parish. The exhibit will be on display in Soseman Hall (Princeville) from February 4th-8th. The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history. As science has progressed, so has the speculation on how the image of the crucified man of the Shroud was made. After decades of exhaustive and medical, historical and scientific research, the Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The centerpiece is a full-length canvas replica of the Shroud made by the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. In addition, the mobile exhibit contains a large crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 31 popup display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

For more information, please visit kolbeshrine.org/shroud.

**"Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see the whole staircase,
just take the first step.
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, JR.**

Weekly Collections

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in service of God..

Sunday Jan 11th

Envelopes: \$ 280.00

Loose: \$ 175.00

Electronic \$0.00