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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



## SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.  
(Church &  
On-line)

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Rectory &  
On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

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"We must learn to live  
together as brothers  
or we will perish  
together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**JANUARY 14, 2024**

## ON THE WAY....

May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Before the liturgical reforms of Vatican II we used to count the Sundays between Christmas and Lent by how long it was until Easter – Quinquagesima Sunday (50 days), Sexagesima Sunday (60 days) and Septuagesima Sunday (70 days) anyone? Old timey Catholics might remember this as Shrovetide, also known as the Pre-Lenten Season, concluding with Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras. (The word “shrove” is the past tense of “shrive,” to go to confession. This indicates the practice of sacramental preparation before Lent by believers.) During the season of Shrovetide, it is customary for Christian to ponder what Lenten sacrifices they will make for Lent. Another hallmark of Shrovetide is the opportunity for a last round of merrymaking associated with Carnival before the start of the somber Lenten season; by traditions such as eating pancakes after attending church.

The liturgical reform wanted to respect the season of Lent in its particular place in the Church’s year. Shrovetide was looked upon as kind of a “mission creep” where Lent was starting before Lent. As a result, these Sundays lost their orientation to Lent and are just called “ordinary time.” (Ordinary in this context does not mean, well, ordinary but counted time as in the English term “ordinal numbers.”) This year we will count from the 2nd to the 6th Sunday in ordinary time before we begin Lent. After the Easter/Pentecost celebrations we will pick up counting Sundays again with the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We get that number by counting back from the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time – which is before Christ the King which is in turn before the First Sunday of Advent. Confused? Just look on liturgy as one of the mysteries of Catholicism! So how should we look on these weeks of “ordinary time” in our own spiritual life? We who live in the northern hemisphere have a little advantage in that the weather during this weeks encourages contemplation. While some enjoy going “over the river and through the woods in the white and drifted snow” most of us think the snow looks just fine through the window as we stay in our warm house. Let’s use these weeks as an opportunity to develop a rhythm of prayer. Let me suggest a way of praying with scripture that I have found helpful in my own life. I call it “praying the five P’s.”

Passage: find a part of the Bible to pray with. This could be a suggested reading from the Church, from a particular devotional that you use, or simply going chapter by chapter in a particular book of the Bible. Place: have a particular place where you like to pray, an easy chair, a seat by the window, a quiet nook where no one will bother you. Maybe a candle or flowers will help to make your place a sacred space. Posture: Kneel, sit, stand, prostrate, walk. Since we are bodies what we do with our bodies matters. Find the posture that works to help lessen your distractions and concentrate on the prayer. Perusal: read the passage you have chosen several times. Notice what word, phrase, idea strikes you. Pray: offer that word that strikes you up to God and wait on the Lord’s response. Silence is a good thing! Developing this prayer rhythm will help not only during these weeks but throughout life.

In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

<b>Sun</b> 1/14	<b>2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> <b>2nd Collection Food &amp; Toiletries For the Pantry</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</b>
	11:00 a.m.	LGBTQ+ Ministry (Rector)
Mon 01/15	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Daniel Weems by Sheila Gaiter</b>
Tues 01/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 01/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Brenda Matthews by Sheila Gaiter</b>
Thurs 01/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Pauline Hayden by Turner/Moore Families</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 01/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
<b>Sun</b> 01/21	<b>3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>For the people of St. James</b>

This year we are celebrating the African American Heritage Sunday a bit earlier than usual.

It is being planned for Sunday February 4th, following mass which will be at 10:30 am. to allow time for our guests from St. Edna's to arrive.

There are sign up sheets in both vestibule's and downstairs. Please make sure to let us know how you are able to participate.



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

### Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

## Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
**Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

## Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,  
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



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 Dina Williams  
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 Yvonne Christmas  
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