

# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

This is my Beloved,  
in whom I am well pleased!

Saturday, January 14	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 15	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, January 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, January 17	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, January 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, January 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, January 21	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Isaiah:8:23-9:3: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.**  
**1 Corinthians: 1:10-13, 17: Paul urges unity among the dissenting Corinthians.**  
**Matt:4:12-23, 4:12-17: Jesus begins his ministry.**

### Living Catholic in the 808! Being an Evangelist in the Post-Truth World

We are living in a world of tumultuous change, leading to a dramatic shift in cultural values and a broad spectrum of moral issues. These are challenging days, taking place right in our homes, workplaces, and communities. There is your truth and my truth; there can be no such thing as absolute truth.

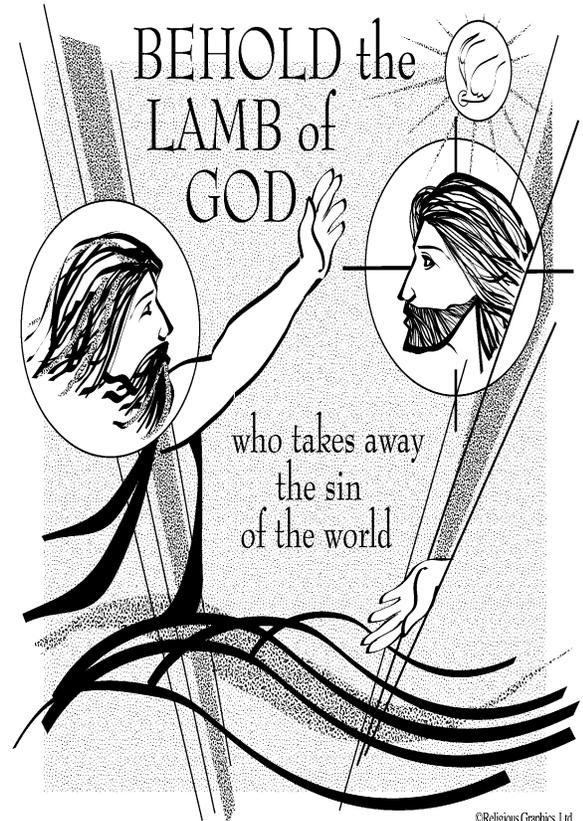
In fact, Oxford Dictionaries had selected "POST-TRUTH" as the 2016 International Word of the year. According to the definition, it is an adjective "relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief."

Evangelization must fit into this worldview!

Take heart that the early Christians faced the same challenges. They experienced what we are experiencing. As with them, we too can persevere to share the Good News of salvation. In 2 Tim 4:1-5, Paul wrote "proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths."

Over the coming weeks, we'll dig deeper into evangelizing in this "post-truth" world.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION

**COLLECTION:** Next week, our parish will take up the 131<sup>st</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Check out the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA:** Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)

**POVERTY AWARENESS:** *Today is the 2017 World Day of Migrants and Refugees.* Pope Francis ask us to reflect on the theme "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless." Learn how parishes are helping unaccompanied migrant children. During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, consider how ecumenical work for justice witnesses to our unity. "No one can claim the name of Christian and be comfortable in the face of hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice." (U. S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All)

**"MAKING ALL THINGS NEW" "STEWARDSHIP AND NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: Stewardship of the Parish Life:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish outreach or education and formation efforts. **Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others." –**Pope Francis, Misericordiae vultus, [www.goo.gl/uwk5e4](http://www.goo.gl/uwk5e4)** © Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jan 15 Sun: 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is: 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor:1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Jan 16 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:5:1-10; Ps: 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

**Jan 17 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10; Mk 2:23-28

**Jan 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:7:1-3, 15-17; Ps: 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk:3:1-6

**Jan 19 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:7:25-8:6; Ps: 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Jan 20 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:8:6-13; Ps:85: 8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19

**Jan 21 Sat: Agnes, virgin and martyr**

Heb:9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: "You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother's womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you." What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

## LAMB OF GOD

A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

## IN SERVICE OF THE LAMB

We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.



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