



# *St. Margaret of Cortona Parish*

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**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

**Weekdays: Monday to Friday:** 12:00 p.m.

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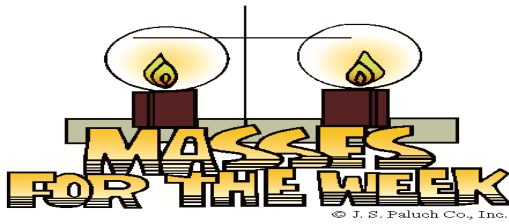
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Sunday to Thursday



**SATURDAY, January 14**

**5:30 PM Nicolò Mattessich**

**SUNDAY, January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM Dennis Stabile**

**10:00 AM Joseph Slavic Kornas**

**12:00 PM Bruno Morin**

**MONDAY, January 16**

**12:00 PM Ruby Danganan [SP]**

**TUESDAY, January 17**

**12:00 PM Silvestro Morin**

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

**12:00 PM Madonna Danganan**

**THURSDAY, January 19**

**12:00 PM Charles Carroll**

**FRIDAY, January 20**

**12:00 PM Maria Mattessich**

**SATURDAY, January 21**

**5:30 PM Martino Matesic**

**SUNDAY, January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM John Morin**

**10:00 AM Maria De Sario**

**12:00 PM Victor Traverso [4A]**

**Memorials  
Bread & Wine  
And  
Sanctuary Candle**

**People of Our Parish Family**

**VISION**

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

— Anonymous

**GOD KNOWS BEST**

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

— Anonymous



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." JOHN 1:29

**SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

**JANUARY 15, 2023**

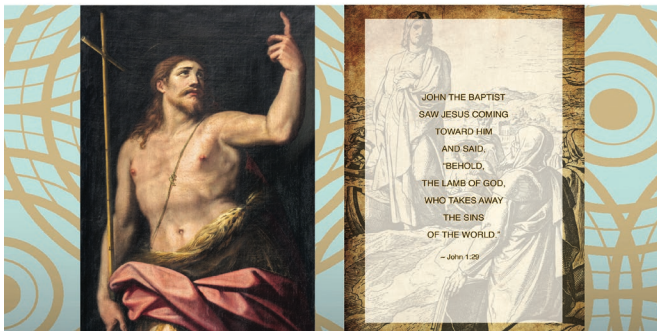


January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

JANUARY 15, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes





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**We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.**

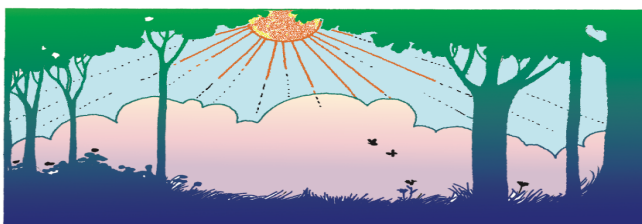
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**Anna Faustini**

Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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*December 25, 2022*

*Christmas*

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*Solemnity of Mary*

*January 1, 2023*

*\$689*

*January 8, 2023*

*\$2,756*

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

Week of  
Prayer for  
Christian Unity



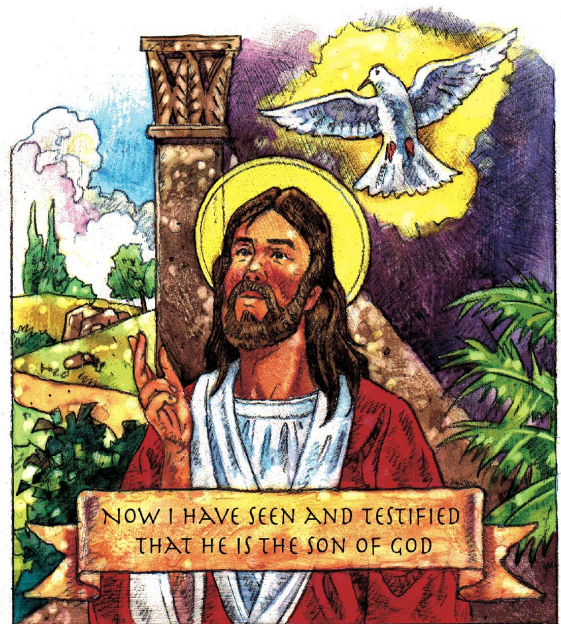
## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

### LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter." We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God.

John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

### LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God. At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.



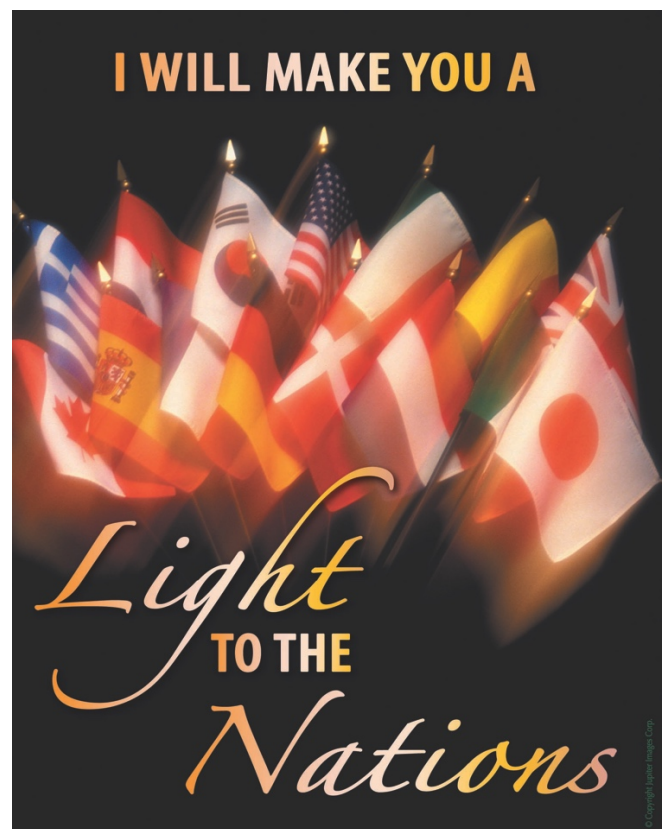
### Short Version

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus. We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally, John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others.



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