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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.
— Isaiah 49:6b



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



January 14th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Mary Lee Gobert McZeal (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; Thaddeus, Hazel & Joe Sanders (RIP) by Johanna Lewis; Normand Fontenot (Happy 57th Birthday-Living) by The Fontenot Family; Gus Roy (1yr. Death Anniversary-RIP), Gussie Roy (16yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) & Gloria Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton

January 15th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

January 17th 6:00PM Daisy & Harrison Hill, Sr. (RIP) by Jasline Sebile.

January 18th 8:00AM

January 19th 8:00AM

January 20th 8:00AM

January 21st 4:30PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by Jasline Sebile; Mary Lou Sam, Mary Lee McZeal & Barbara Williams (RIP) by Johanna Lewis



January 7th & January 8th

9:00AM	**$2,420.00**
4:30PM	**$1,632.00**
Mail	**$1,790.00**
Totals	**$5,842.00**



Installation for newly elected Pastoral Council members will be on Sunday, January 15th, at 9:00am Mass. First council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, at 6:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



It's Mardi Gras time and we need your help! Mardi Gras SETX will be held on February 16th to 19th in Downtown Beaumont and we need volunteers. The more volunteer hours we work, the more profit the church earns. There are several areas that need volunteers. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Crystal Williams at (409) 365-3790.

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).***

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.



The Golden Age would like to place it's First Meet & Greet on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Please come join us as we fellowship with one another. Thank you and have a Blessed Day in the LORD.

Mildred Hayes & Ms. Wanda Thompson
Coordinators



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

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

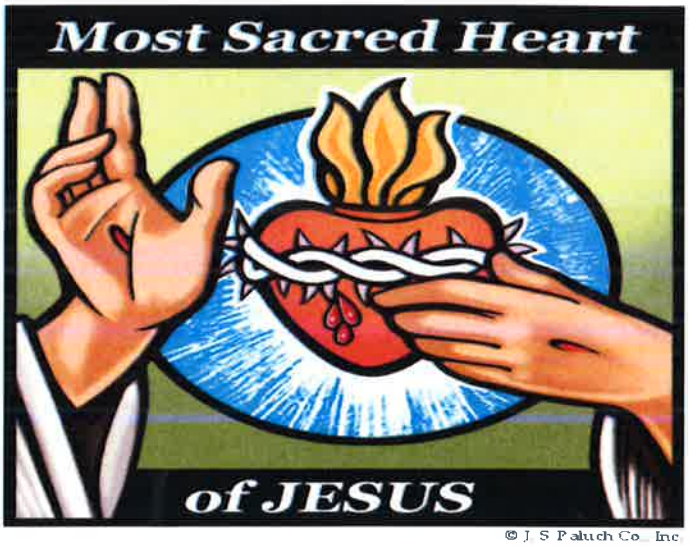
In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. 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.



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Happy Birthday
Vivian Sneed
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Happy 72nd Birthday
Ellen Jones

Behold the Lamb of God

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.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a birthday in January.

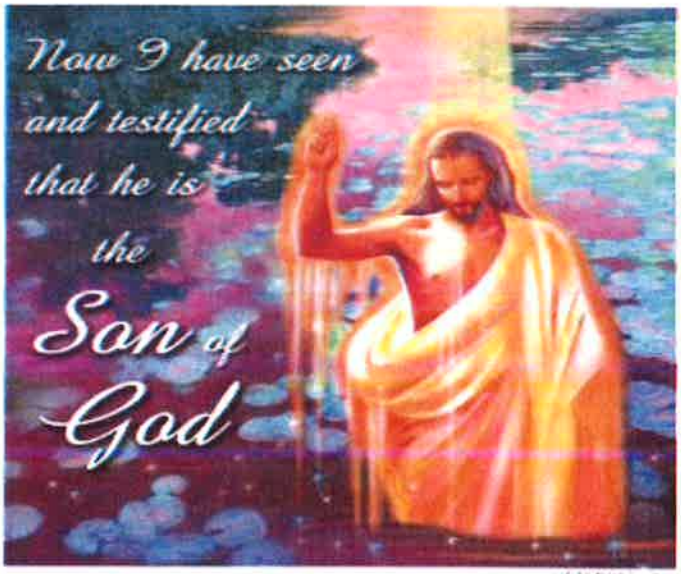
Meeting

-***BICCAC*** will meet Saturday, January 21st, at 2:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



SAVE THE DATE
Bishop David Toups & the
Diocese of Beaumont Vocations Office
invites you to a
St. Andrew Dinner
Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00pm
Holy Family Retreat Center
9920 North Major Dr., Beaumont

Join us for a evening of Prayer, Fellowship, and Ministry as we share our stories of Priestly Life and Ministries. All young men considering a Vocation are invited between the ages of 16-35.
RSVP to: lmartinez@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4310 or kdelarosa@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4360

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
January 21st & January 22nd

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM	**Delores Yeggins**
	Margaret Taylor
SUN. 9:00AM	**Midge Jacobs**
	Leo Carmouche
	USHERS (ANY)