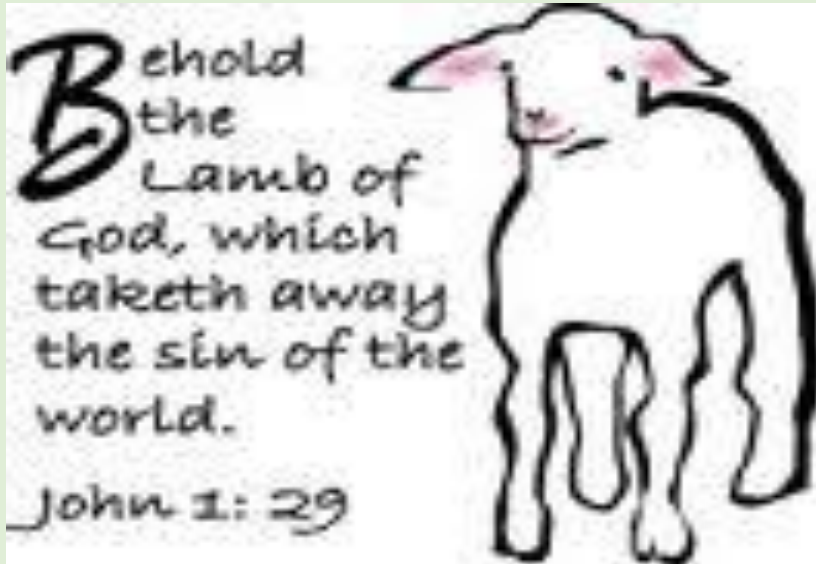


Getting Ready for Sunday!



The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34



Lambs were sacrificed to God in thanks and as a way of asking for what people needed.

Jesus is the new sacrifice!
Jesus sacrifices Himself for us becoming the new lamb.

The Lamb of God

Ordinary Time

The Season of Christmas ends with the Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord which always occurs on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany on 6 January.

As with our lives in general, all time cannot be highpoints of celebration; otherwise we would not appreciate the difference.

In our lives we grow through our everyday and ordinary experiences to grow each year from birthday to birthday.

In church time the season of ordinary time is a time of growth in all aspects of our lives, our families, our parish community – all as part of our belonging with and in God – as people given a great purpose in life as we build the kingdom of love right where we are.

The colour marking this season of growth is GREEN – the natural colour of growth and new life!



Liturgical Colour for Ordinary Time

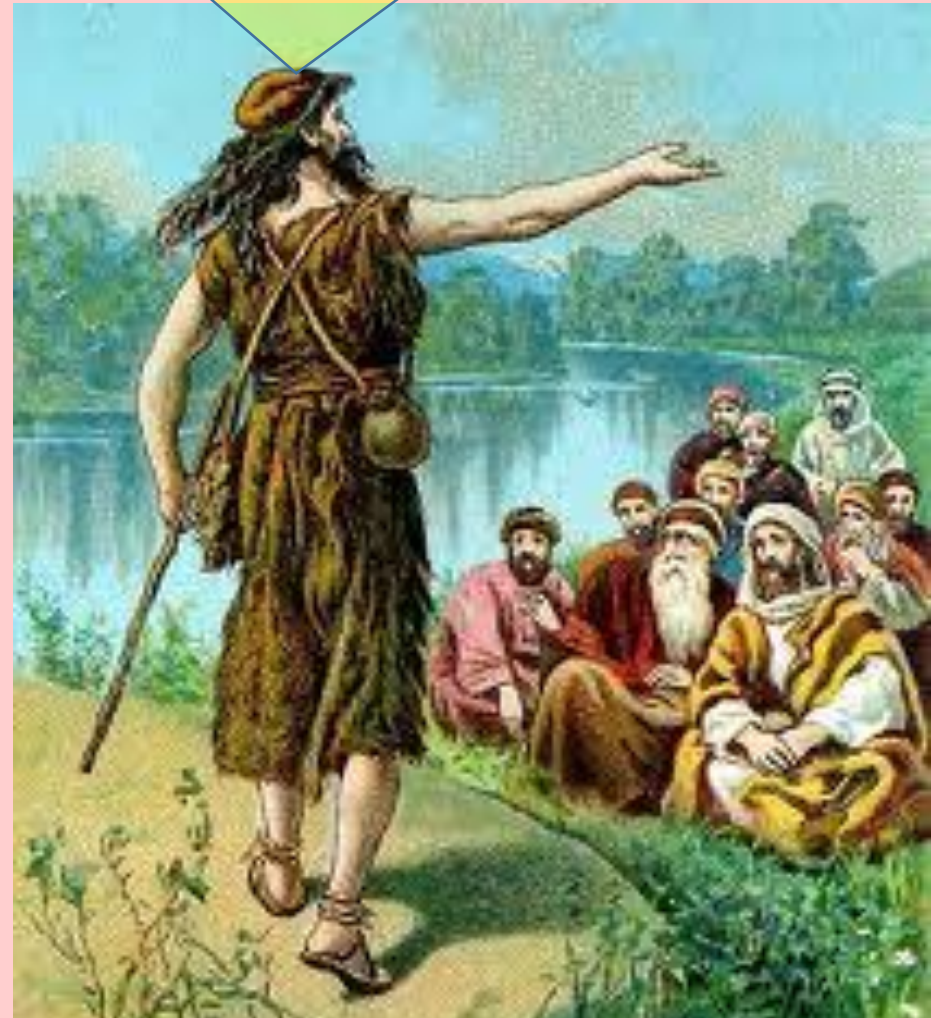


The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.”

**Jesus does not use animals
for sacrifice in order to
bring about what is great.
Jesus sacrifices Himself!**

**If we follow Jesus we must
be willing to sacrifice our
time, our energy, our
talents, etc. for the good of
all – just like Jesus does!**



I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.



And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'



I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, *“He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.”*

God speaks to our hearts through the Spirit in our hearts, letting us know what is right and how to be truly the best we can.

What is God asking of you today?



And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’*

We see proof in the world of God’s presence in people who are unselfish, creative, caring. Where do you see God today?



Activity in preparation for Mass on Sunday



**Draw a picture of some people who love you and care for you.
They are each a precious gift to you from God.**

**Bring that picture with you to Mass and leave in front of the altar
during Mass.**

**Bring it home afterwards and put it up where you can see it for
the week.**



Bible Search

Read **John 1:29-34** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



Where do you see God present in the world today?

Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to be open to God's Spirit
speaking in your heart.**

