

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world.



Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14/15 January 2023

*This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins
of the world.*



THE LAMB OF GOD

Jesus is the servant of God
who brings salvation to the
ends of the earth.

He is the lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the
world.

He reveals the compassion of
God who stoops down to
hear the cries of those in
distress.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down
before you, O God, and shall
sing to you, shall sing to
your name, O Most High!

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

PSALM 39:2, 4, 7-10

**R: Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my
mouth, praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice
and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust
and victim. Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it
stands written that I should do
your will. My God, I delight in
your law in the depth of my
heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be
an apostle, together with brother
Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the
holy people of Jesus Christ, who
are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere
who pray to our Lord Jesus
Christ; for he is their Lord no
less than ours. May God our Fa-
ther and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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LOVE HEALS

Rosters for 21/22 January 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten, Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Sandy Mazzarolo, Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	-
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo, Sandy Mazzarolo, Terry Pickering,
Altar	25th Dec to 22nd Jan Sarita Ingham Bronwyn Gleeson
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	7/8 JANUARY
First Collection	\$ 521.45
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 558.00
Open Plate	\$ 320.45
TOTAL	\$ 1,399.90



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

We don't have to wait til we are perfect to bear witness to Jesus; our proclamation begins today, right where we live. And it does not begin by trying to convince others, but by witnessing every day to the beauty of the Love that has looked upon us and lifted us up.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell

Anniversary of death: Concettina Pace

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention:



Australian Cardinal George Pell died Tuesday in Rome at age 81 after suffering a cardiac arrest following a routine hip replacement surgery.

Church leaders in Australia reacted with sadness and shock at the news of Pell's death. "May eternal light now be his, who so steadfastly believed in the God of Jesus Christ," Comensoli wrote on Twitter.

At his general audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis praised Pell's dedication to the Church.

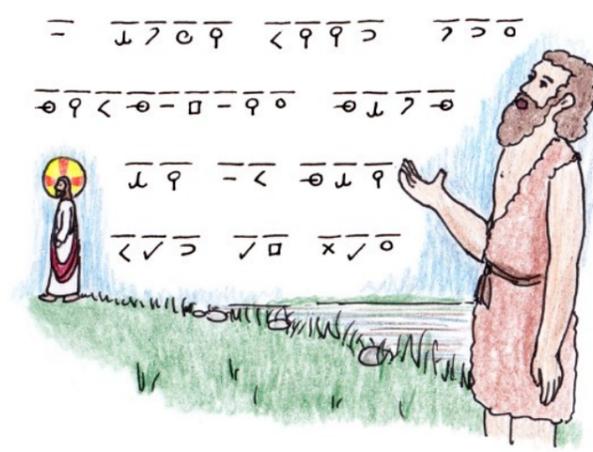
"I offer sentiments of heartfelt condolence," the pope said in a Jan 11th message, "remembering with a grateful heart his consistent and committed witness, his dedication to the Gospel and the Church, and particularly his diligent cooperation with the Holy See in the context of its recent economic reform, of which he laid the foundations with determination and wisdom."

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The Kids' Bulletin

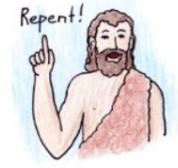
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15th, 2023



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?
Use the code to figure it out!

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John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Repent!

Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Parish Announcements

Rosters for Volunteers 2023
Our office will soon be preparing the rosters for the volunteers (Commentators, Readers, Counters, Flowers and Altar teams) Please let us know if you can no longer participate or if you want to join any of these teams this year.

The Southern Cross – No January Edition
As usual, there will be no edition of The Southern Cross published in January. Our first issue for 2023 will be available in parishes on the weekend of February 4/5 and online from February 6

Australia Day Mass at the Cathedral
The Therry Dramatic Society, Catholic Women's League and Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to Australia Day Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral which will be celebrated at 9am.

DISCERNMENT GROUP - "Follow me"
A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood. Saturday February 4 at 10am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St. For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 82108122 or at vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick
February 11, 11.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. For more info, particularly regarding the needs of those who are ill and require special arrangements please contact the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Synodality and Mission: Sr Nathalie Becquart in Adelaide
February 1 2023, Grange Golf Course 5:30pm (dinner) 6:30-8:30pm (presentation)
Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary for the General Synod in the Vatican which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality RSVP essential, register online at www.trybooking.com/CEUOA by January 27. Visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org for more information.

Festival of Hymns
On Sunday February 19 at 1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Walk for Life
Saturday 11th February 2023 at Pennington Gardens 10am-12pm Free tickets available from www.loveadelaide.org.au
We join in this noble endeavour to speak for those children in the womb that cannot speak for themselves, we decree Let Them Live!



Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety