

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14-15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel reading

John 1:29-34

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said,
‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me
because he existed before me.’
I did not know him,
but the reason why I came baptizing with water
was that he might be made known to Israel.”

John testified further, saying,
“I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky
and remain upon him.
I did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,
‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,
he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’

Now I have seen and testified
that he is the Son of God.”

Intercession

That, as John was able to see God alive in Jesus, we too may witness God alive in our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

Copy for bulletin announcement

“Behold!” John says in the Gospel today. The Lamb of God is passing by. When you see him, what will you do?

He is beautiful. Will you wish to do anything except *behold*? He is spotless and radiant. John the Baptist saw past the appearance of Jesus’ humanity, into his divinity. Are you able to see past the appearance of the Eucharistic bread? Your neighbors? Family? Fellow parishioners?

John said he saw the Spirit descend on Jesus. The Spirit also descends on our Eucharistic bread at each Mass. Today, we humbly ask that the Holy Spirit descend upon our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Just as the Holy Spirit gave Jesus the direction and strength to endure the trials of the desert, so too do we ask the Holy Spirit to direct and strengthen our efforts. Join in God's purposes in our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Behold, the lamb of God is here. Help us prepare his dwelling place.

Copy for pulpit announcement

John the Baptist's mission to make known the Lamb can be accomplished in many ways. You can help our community "behold the Lamb" through the way you sacrifice to support our Annual Appeal. Join us in making him known to our community!

Social media post/content

Photo: A painting of a lovely, fuzzy white lamb, doe-eyed, harkening of Christ, the lamb.

Header: The Lamb is passing.

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Copy: The Lamb is passing by. Our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* seeks to tempt the lamb to stay with us awhile. Help us gather what we have to make an attractive dwelling place.

Please contribute to our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* as you are able. The Lamb will undoubtedly take notice of your tender heart and wish to stay with you, too.