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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

Saturday ..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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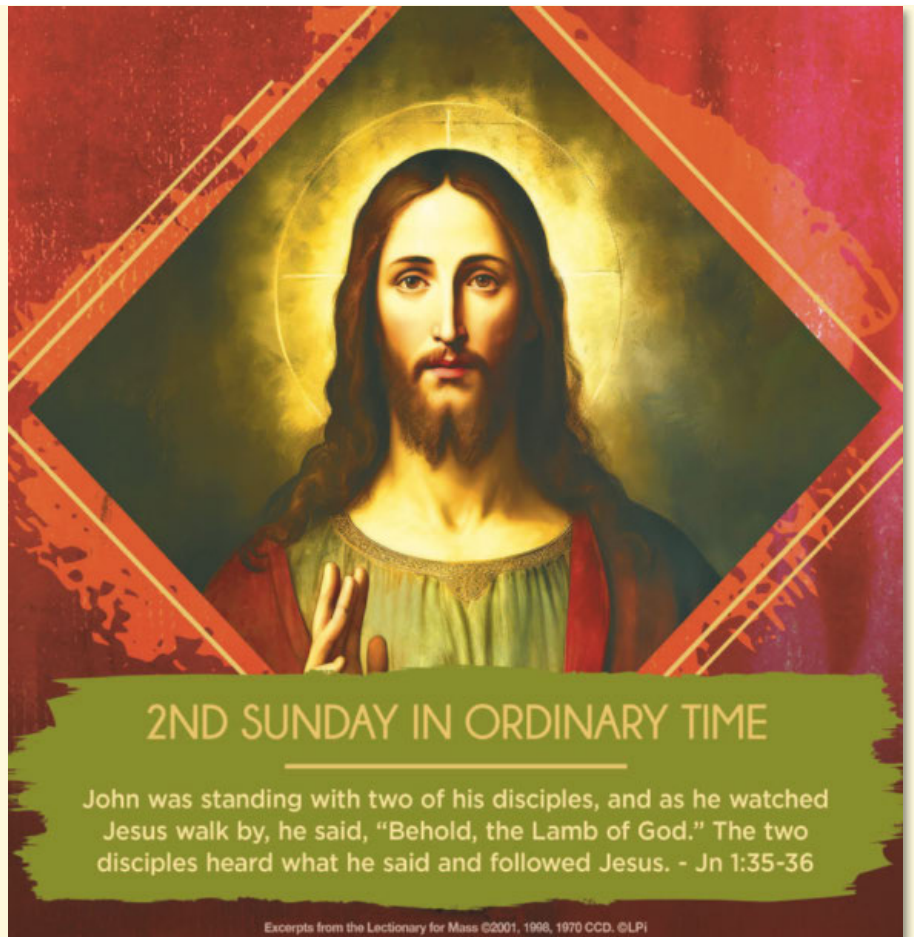
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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you. ©LPI

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 15

8:30 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, January 16

8:30 am Special Intention

### Wednesday, January 17 • St. Anthony

8:30 am Special Intention

### Thursday, January 18

8:30 am Special Intention, Anne & Raphael Vanasse

### Friday, January 19

8:30 am Zulma Williams

### Saturday, January 20 • St. Fabian • St. Sebastian

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Tommy Duhe, Sr., Ellis J. Torres, Christopher Nguyen, Special Intention, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel

### Sunday, January 21 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Eula McMurry, All Souls, Doris Beadle, Karen Angelo, Kim Loan Francis Xavier Nguyen, Long Francis Xavier Nguyen, Special Intention, Gioan Phan Binh, Paul Williams, Marie Williams, Phan Thi Au, Peter Quang Pham, Peter Khan Pham, Jamie Brady, Marva Lumar, Special Intention, Shirley Soleto, Valentine Kirkpatrick, Joseph "Joe" Songy, Sr., Clara Pineda, Lidia Espinal  
10:30 am Special Intentions  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners  
7:00 pm Special Intention



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In memory of Rory & Jourdan Growl

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

The Holy Priesthood



The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, January 15th  
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"We must learn to live  
together as brothers  
or we will perish  
together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading

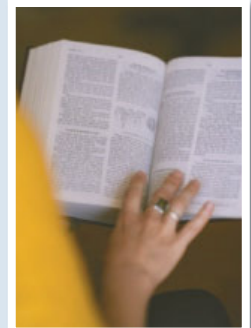
In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

### Second Reading

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

### Gospel

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for? ©LPI





## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award program is open to **all Louisiana high school seniors who are practicing Catholics**. For information or to apply, scan the QR code or visit [louisianakc.org/programs/cyla](http://louisianakc.org/programs/cyla) to fill out the online application. **Deadline to submit your application is January 25th.**



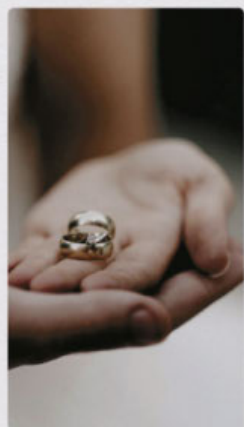
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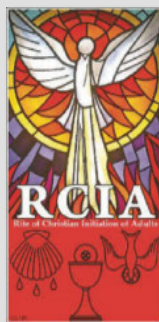


### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
at 3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Catholic Church in New  
Orleans

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1994 - 1999. To register, please contact the parish office before **Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**



### RCIA Class

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in Piovan Parish Hall

TOPIC: Happiness and the  
Christian Moral Life

Anyone interested in learning more about their faith or curious about a particular topic is invited to attend.

### March for Life in Baton Rouge!



**OPEN TO ALL!**  
LIFE MARCH SOUTH  
10am Saturday, January 20  
Meet at the Louisiana State  
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[LaLifeMarch.com](http://LaLifeMarch.com)  
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## 9 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO END ABORTION



[9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)

**JANUARY 16-24**

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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, January 15 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Parish Office Closed; No School; No PSR

#### Tuesday, January 16

7:00pm RCIA - Piovan Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, January 17

1:00am Silver Crusaders - Piovan Parish Hall

6:30pm KC General Meeting - KC Home

#### Thursday, January 18

8:30am School Mass - Church

#### Friday, January 19

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

#### Saturday, January 20 • Team 3

Legacy Sunday

Pro-Life Baby Diapers & Wipes Campaign at all Masses

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Legacy Sunday

Pro-Life Baby Diapers & Wipes Campaign at all Masses

8:30am Altar Society Monthly Mass - Church



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**The Adoration Chapel is  
open every day from  
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“He remains among  
us until the end  
of the world.”**

**Go to your Adoration  
as one would to  
heaven, to the  
divine banquet.**

### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

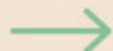
#### Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

#### Sharing the Gospel

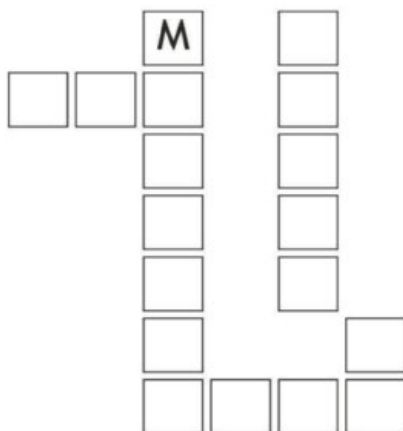
Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

**Now color  
the picture!**



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...**they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives.* Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p.m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real. ©LPI

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Up-on-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20 ©LPI

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