

Universal Prayer
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15

We pray for all members of the Church: that God may raise up prophets, who, like John the Baptist, show others the work of the Spirit and the person of Jesus Christ.

We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our diocese: that young people will be open to the Holy Spirit's call for discernment, and that parents and mentors will encourage them to consider these paths.

We pray for nations of the world: that Jesus, who was raised up to be a light for all the nations, may be glorified when national leaders make their decisions according to His wise and life-giving laws.

We pray for those who are weary and find life burdensome, who carry a burden of sickness or poverty: that they may find solace in the love of the disciples of Jesus and in His interior consolation.

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We pray for teachers, and administrators, and students of all ages returning to school. May they be strengthened by prayer and the Eucharist, and turn to the Holy Spirit for knowledge and wisdom throughout the coming semester.

We pray for us gathered today: that we may use these Ordinary Time weeks leading up to Lent as a time to grow in our prayer life, devotional practices, and relationship with the Lord.

We pray for our faithful departed ones: that Jesus anointed Son of God, may raise up our faithful departed loved ones, purifying them of all sin and welcoming them into His heavenly home...especially Ely Gillespie...and for

5:00	Vernon Kombrink
8:30	Marcellus Huller – and Belinda Vargas
10:30	Gilbert Derler – Virginia Woods – and Ted Gundlach

...for whom this Mass is offered.