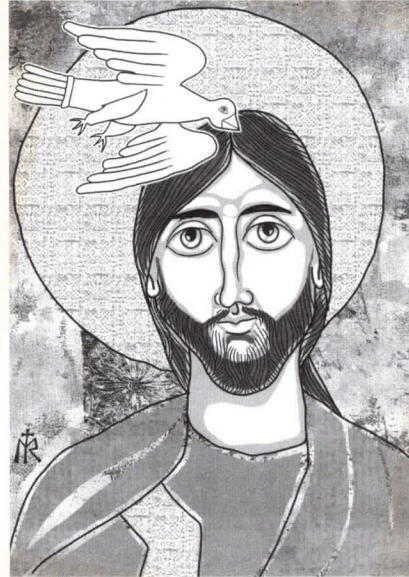


SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023



Gospel

John 1:29-34

John the Baptist 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 heaven

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.”

Readings for the week:

2nd Sunday

in Ord. Time

Isa 49:3, 5-6

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8,

8-9, 10

1 Cor 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Monday

Heb 5:1-10

Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20

Ps 111:1-2, 4-5,

9 and 10c

Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Mark 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25-8:6

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,

10, 17

Mark 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13

Ps 85:8 and 10,

11-12, 13-14

Mark 3:13-19

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Mark 3:20-21

3rd Sunday

in Ord. Time

Isa 8:23-9:3

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Matt 4:12-23 or

4:12-17



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In today's gospel, we meet John the Baptist, who knew his place in salvation history. He sees Jesus coming toward him and points him out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Those listening to John, including those sent from the Pharisees (John 1:24), would be sensitive to the Hebrew biblical, cultic, and liturgical symbol of the lamb, which recalled both the messianic Suffering Servant tradition (Isa 53:7) and the Passover lamb (Exod 12:1-13) in the history of Israel's deliverance. Gathered as a eucharistic assembly, we affirm our faith in the One to whom John pointed, who is coming to us not on the Jordan's banks but as the center of our liturgy: the Lamb of God who, by his life, death, and resurrection, has taken away the sin of the world.

The evangelist introduces us to John the Baptist in his Prologue (John 1:6-9) because the vision of the Prologue is what we hear John is sent to proclaim: Jesus as the preexistent Word, the Spirit-filled one, the Son of God. Today's reading suggests that John recognized Jesus when he came to John for baptism, unreported in this gospel. At Jesus's baptism, explains the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on him and still remains with him. John the Baptist's mission was always to point to Jesus, never to himself. The last words that the Baptist speaks later in the Fourth Gospel sum up his calling: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). Our discipleship, too, without possessiveness, without blocking the view of Jesus, must point others to the One who is "coming toward" them. We all need the humility of John the Baptist that recognizes that when we are acting prophetically, it is not our cause, our actions, our self-image, but God's about which we are witnessing.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. May we, like John, recognize your presence in our midst and testify to you. As we behold the Lamb of God, may we remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- When we think of "God's will" we often focus on big decisions like our state in life and our career. But God's will is more often lived out in the small, ordinary choices we make every day. Where might God be calling you to greater holiness amidst the mundane realities of your life?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

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In Church	\$	1702.00
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Fr. Ace will host Catechesis Nights on the Mass every Wednesdays starting January 11 - February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the church.

Join us for the Wednesday nights and come with curiosities, questions, and comments on the Mass. See how we can deepen our love and faith in our worship on Sunday. Moreover, this Eucharistic Revival is of the Church to help us grow in love of WHO we come to worship at Mass.

Bread Day, Tuesday January 17th. Order sheet still available at back of church. Pick up from 8:00 a.m. to NOON. Should you be available to HELP volunteers start as early as 3:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon. Dinner is provided; come join in for camaraderie and fellowship. Please kokua after Sunday mass to configure the hall for this endeavor. Mahalo!

2nd Collection next week for Church in Latin America and Black Indian Missions.

Open House @ St. Anthony for all grades, Saturday, January 28th; 9 a.m. to Noon.