

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan 15, 2023

Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 40; Ephesians 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

A witness testifies to facts, not only to their existence but also to their significance. How often do we reflect on the implications of the facts that are observed? We see an act of kindness and almost take it for granted, failing to appreciate the goodness of that kind person. Today's readings talk about the importance of being God's witness. They stress the importance of being a witness to God and, in turn, revealing God to others.

Isaiah discusses the witness role of Israel. The exiles returning to their homeland will be a clear sign of Yahweh's power. Even in moments of exhaustion, their discouragement must be cast aside so that God's glory might be displayed. Yahweh will be the strength the people require.

In Psalm 40, the psalmist sings of release from death -- the "death" of serious illness and of attacks from enemies. Aware of Yahweh's intervention, the psalmist breaks out into a new song -- one calculated to influence others. The author then notes that Yahweh's generosity did not go unnoticed. Instead, the author shared the divine intervention with others.

The fourth gospel never mentions Jesus' baptism by John. In this gospel, rather, John the Baptist is John the Witness. In today's reading, he identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, as the Preexistent One, and as the Giver of the Spirit. The final verse of the gospel reading notes, "And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God" (John 1:34).

There are abundant signs of human goodness in our world. Today's readings challenge us to observe human goodness and to see it as rooted in the Divine. Bad news will dominate the front pages until we overwhelm evil with our witness to good.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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VOCATION CORNER JAN 15 2023

“When I was in high school, I was involved in missionary activities at my parish in Asuncion, Paraguay. But the thought of becoming a missionary sister never occurred to me until after graduation, when I met the Sisters and Friars Poor of Jesus Christ. I started to go to the sisters’ house for eucharistic adoration and to help them serve the poor. Though I realized that God was calling me to do the same, I tried to ignore it. I had just begun working and going to university. But the desire to belong to Jesus and be a missionary kept growing and burning within me until I didn’t want anything else. After a discernment period, I joined the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ. I love the joys and challenges of missionary life, which help me to grow in my love for God and his people.” **Sr. Antonia of the Paschal Lamb**; Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ; *Columbia Magazine* – Jan-Feb 2022



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun Jan 15 8:00 am Mass-Terry Kirkeeng, Claudette Bergmann

Wed Jan 18 5:30 pm Mass

Fri Jan 20 5:30 pm Mass

Sun Jan 22 8:00 am Mass Terry Kirkeeng, Michelle Aumiller

BIRTHDAYS – NONE

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan. 15 J.Nelson C.Johnson	P.Widowski	M.Palmer, E. Zmuda	Vol	*M.McMahan J. Bergman

Gift Bearers V.Anderson ,L.Coleman Cantor Z. Garrett

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan. 22 E.Garrett	B.Bowers	M. Nelson	Vol	*Joe Nelson Jeremy Nelson

Gift Bearers B. Shallenberger, J. Hacker Cantor C. Ross

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Jan 1 2023

General (22)	\$2805.00
Loose	\$65.00
Christmas Offering (1)	\$20.00
Masses	\$20.00
2023 Initial Offering (3)	\$10.00
Total	\$2685.00

BLDG Maint. (8)	\$245.00
Total	\$245.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN JAN 15 8 AM MASS- Terry Kirkeeng, Claudette Bergmann

Adult Bible Study 9AM

WED JAN 18 5:30 pm Mass/ Parish Council Meeting 6pm

FRI JAN 20 5:30 pm Mass

SUN JAN 22 8 AM MASS- Terry Kirkeeng, Michelle Aumiller

REMEMBER THERESA CECCHI

Our new Office and cleaning person.

Deadlines for announcements are Wednesday at noon. Contact Theresa via email and or phone/text at spccil@frontier.com or 331-234-0658.

HELP US BE MINDFUL AS WE MEET AND GREET IN THE FOYER BEFORE MASS.

Our conversations carry into the church and disrupt what is meant to be a quiet and contemplative space before Mass. Thank you.

TODAY AFTER MASS

Mike McMahan will give disaster talk on Earthquake Preparedness.

KINGS HOUSE RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies of St. Paul we are participating in a women's silent retreat on April 14th thru the 16th at King's House in Belleville, Illinois if interested call Vickie Anderson at 618-579-3748 ASAP

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 18 Parish Council Meeting 6pm

Jan 19 6pm Faith Alive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Jan 29 Adult Bible Study

Feb 2,3 & 4 St. Paul Faith Alive Work Days

Feb 5 1st Sunday Social

Feb 21 Wellness Committee 6pm

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Thursday Jan 19- Jan 20 To Pray For An End To Abortion And Greater For Human Life.

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

9 Day of Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each days intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages.

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