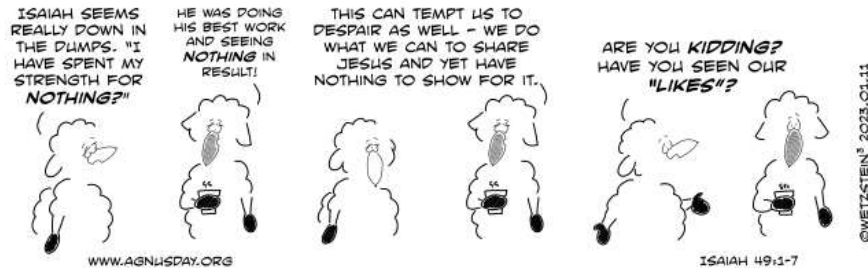


## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to

read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

### Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34. Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **St. Dennis Bingo Concessions Sign-up | Bingo starts 1/25**

Our next season of Bingo will be starting up on Wednesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. We have a new sign-up sheet for volunteers to do the concessions in the foyer, or you can contact us by phone/email to get on the list. Volunteers are asked to bring a main dish to sell, while the church supplies everything else.

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

If you've served as a Eucharistic Minister before the pandemic or you would like to become one, please see one of the priests. We'll be arranging a training session for those interested in this ministry.

### **Sacraments of Initiation Classes**

**Classes have resumed this month on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45pm at St. Dennis** for the Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, & First Eucharist) and will run through the first week of April. If you'd like to register your child, please talk with one of the priests or with Brother Jerry.

### **Infant Baptisms – First Sat/Sun of Each Month**

Additionally, there's a mandatory class for parents and godparents on the first Saturday at 10:30 AM at Saint Dennis Parish Hall. **The next class is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, followed with Baptisms for those families who request it.** Please contact any of the priests to register before the class. More info at [crowcatholicparishes.com](http://crowcatholicparishes.com)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:**

Are you tired of making New Year's resolutions that fade into the sunset? Consider a resolution this year to do something positive for your marriage – one thing – a weekend alone together, a private and prayerful experience with your spouse. \$100 Application fee. You need only show up Friday night and we will take care of everything else. Feb 3-5 in Billings, MT and April 21-23. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare: 406-697-3275 or visit our website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

## Opening Song:

Ad to John Well Known, c1920

E - HE-LA YA-HE - HE-LE Baa - ku-kkoo-lak HE - HE-LE  
*He is in heaven.*

Je - sus baa - ku - kkoo-lak. HE HE-LE  
*Jesus is in heaven.*

Bii kux-shih. WE E\* - HE-LE Bii kux-shih. WE E\* - HE-LE  
*Be my protector. Be my protector.*

Baa baat-chaa - che iis - chii - saa - lee - tak. HE-LE  
*Almighty one, before whom there is no one.*

Bii kux-shih. WE E\* - HE-LE (Optional ending here)\*  
*Be my protector.*

Bii kux-shih. WE E\* - HE-LE  
*Be my protector.*

## Closing:

Ak-baa-tat-dí - a I - láax baax-peesh a-lá-kaa - ssaa - la-htaa  
*God's Holy Spirit, even if you don't see Him,*

Dáh- ka - la-tche-lak ii baa koot-kaá-sheesh koók. HE HE-LE  
*If you believe in Him, then all things are possible.*

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### Sunday Mass Schedule:

9:30am – Saint Dennis  
10:30am – Saint Charles Borromeo  
12:00pm – Our Lady of Loretto  
4:00 pm – Saint Francis Xavier

### Daily Mass Schedule:

6 PM @ Saint Dennis – Tues/Wed/Thurs  
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