

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
12:05 p.m. +Jerry Warrell

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
12:05 p.m. VN Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
12:05 p.m. +Jim Powell

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
12:05 p.m. +Lucille Sheahan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
4:00 p.m. +Cora Bazzle
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, January 24, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb
E. Minister: C. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, January 25, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: M. Gittrich
E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Johnny Todd Nguyen +Shirley Mendenhall
Ukraine & its Citizens Julie Munoz Deb Anton
Dee Francis +Bob Walterscheid Jennifer Glass
Manny Godsey Ciara Walsh & her unborn son
Elizabeth Mulhell Bernard and Kay Dette

Good News!

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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OFFERING

January 8, 2026

English: \$ 1,534.00
Vietnamese: \$ 4,446.00
Total: \$ \$ 5,980.00

Don't Forget

As you may recall, the monthly birthday potluck is this Sunday, January 18, immediately following the 9:30 English Mass. This is a potluck affair, and takes place in St. Elizabeth Hall (across the street, north side of the building). But if you do not have a dish to bring, come anyway! Everyone is welcome.



**CHURCH
AFFAIRS**

Our Vietnamese community continues their preparation for their New Year Festival. They will be celebrating the Festival over two days, February 13 and 14th. (The actual New Year Date according to the Lunar calendar is Tuesday, February 17.) Activities (games and food) will be in the Pastoral Center.

The New Year Raffle tickets are on sale at \$5 per ticket, and the drawing will be February 14, 2026

Prizes are as follows:

- GRAND PRIZE \$3,000.00
- 1st Place iPhone 17 Promax
- 2nd Place \$1,000.00
- 3rd Place \$600
- 4th Place \$500
- 5th Place \$400
- 6th Place \$300
- 7th Place \$200
- 8th Place \$100

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office (269-4101). Call first to be sure someone is there.

We can always use more Mass Intentions. Write your intention [using + before a deceased person's name] and drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish office (1214 E. 2nd St. (67214). There is a \$10 donation per intention.

PARISH NEWS 

Work is progressing on the Sunshine Room. Last Thursday, January 15, professional engineers Bob Hartman and Robert Fusco spent three hours installing a new, commercial basement humidifier. Its importance cannot be overstated, as its ongoing use will prevent additional episodes of mold invasion. Mold begins to grow if there is more than 50 percent humidity in a room. Damp weather or a leaking basement are prime triggers for mold growth.

The dehumidifier needed to be kept in the Sunshine Room, but also had a long drain hose which collected humidity from the Room. The temporary solution was dumping the hose water into the sink. But it definitely needed to be moved to leave the Sunshine Room open and useable for parish functions. Instead, that water needed to drain into the sump hole in the boiler room. The drain hose also needed to be on a slant so water would flow freely. The intervening wall between the Sunshine Room and the boiler room is two feet wide; the best guess was there were original basement stones also in the wall. On the boiler side of the room's wall were several breaker boxes which needed to be avoided at all costs.

A 4-foot drill was used to make the hole in the wall at a downward slant. Both Bob and Robert made three separate measurements to verify the drilling was accurate. The work had to be precise, which explained why the project took three hours. Many, many thanks to our two parish engineers who took the next step in restoring the Sunshine Room. The forthcoming step will be that the Room is thoroughly cleaned with a 50% water/ 50% bleach mixture of any lingering, invisible mold spores.
