

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 14, 2018

Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
Corinthians 6: 13c-15a
John 1: 35-42

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. In Jesus he saw the true and only sacrifice which can deliver us from sin. John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his disciples to the Lord Jesus. Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true and everlasting. It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his grace, mercy, and help we could not find him.

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."

~Don Schwager



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 21, 2018

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Corinthians 7: 29-31
Mark 1: 14-20

What is the *gospel of God* which Jesus came to preach? The word "gospel" literally means "good news". When a king had good news to deliver to his subjects he sent messengers or heralds throughout the land to make a public announcement – such as the birth of a new king or the defeat of an invading army or occupied force. God sent his prophets to announce the coming of God's anointed King and Messiah. After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit he begins his ministry of preaching the gospel – the good news that the kingdom of God was now at hand for all who were ready to receive it.

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that *the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand*.

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). "Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others." ~ Don Schwager

CWL News:

The Joint North Ward meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on **Tues. Feb 6/18** at Corpus Christi church beginning with **Mass at 6 p.m.** A guest speaker will follow along with fellowship & refreshments. All CWL members are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday February 13th at 6pm

Our Lady of Loretto

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come and join us for pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee, tea, dessert and good company in the church hall.

A monetary donation of your choice will be gratefully appreciated and collected at the church hall entrance.

Proceeds are in support of the Our Lady of Loretto elevator fund.

EVERYONE is welcome ...bring a friend

See you there!

God bless

The fundraising committee

Elevator Report:

June Gaw, chair of the Elevator Committee, will present a financial update at both masses the weekend of **January 20th & 21st.**

Women's Cursillo

Cursillo is a short weekend course that enhances your experience of Christianity and builds Christian community. The next women's Cursillo is scheduled for **February 8 – 11, 2018** at Eagle's Nest Retreat Centre. It is not too late to apply! For application forms, go to www.cursillo-thunderbay.org or contact anyone you know who has made a Cursillo.

Meditation Prayer Group

Mondays: 7:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please notify the parish at least 1 year in advance

Visits to the Sick

Please call the parish office for visit or communion to the sick

Reconciliation

Is offered at Our Lady of Loretto 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, 4:00-4:30 pm on Saturday or by appointment

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and the Shut Ins:

Sandy Boucher

David Elliot

Garrett Galvin

Roger Gaw

Bas Gionet

Paul Gollat

Frieda Kreutz

Beatrice Lyrette

Doug Malcolm

Marian Masnica

Murray McCuaig

Kathy Sporic

Stella Stakiw

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF Jan. 16/18—Jan. 28/18

Tues. Jan 16/18 - Fri. Jan. 19/18

No Masses

Sat Jan. 20/18 OLOL

5:00 p.m.—+Ana Retar (Ivan & Barbara Kolic & Family)

Sun Jan. 21/18 OLOL

10:00 a.m.— +Anton Kolic (Nick & Mary Prsa)

St. Mark's

12:00 p.m.—For the Intentions of all Parishioners

Tues. Jan. 23/18– Fri. Jan 26/18

No Masses

Sat Jan. 27/18 OLOL

5:00 p.m.—+Frances, Frank & Ralph Sdao (Rita)

Sun Jan. 28/18 OLOL

10:00 a.m.—All members of CWL of OLOL

St. Mark's

12:00 p.m.—All members of CWL of St. Mark's