

January 18, 2015



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REPENT: Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers, James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus' public work. We hear the same call: "Come, follow me" into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness?

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Pastor's Note(s):

Moving Right Along: Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. We are familiar with this title for Jesus. We hear it weekly at Mass.

For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. Jesus asks Andrew, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

That All May be One: The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Sunday January 18. While the current focus of the Church is on union with the Eastern Orthodox Church, we pray also for full union one day with communities of the Lutheran faith. Thankfully,

cooperation with us on social issues, such as the dignity of human life, has grown with several of these Churches over the years. Witness for example the excellent work of our Neighbor to Neighbor Program in Two Harbors, owned and supported by many of the communities of the Christian faith here. So, please keep the goal of full union in your prayers. Blessings! *Fr. Michael*

Parish Finance Council: Meets Tuesday January 20 at 7 pm in the Education Center. Agenda: Approve Financial Reports; Develop Funding Plans for painting the Church and for other major needs; Updates.

Annual baby bottle fundraiser to benefit the Crib Club at the Women's Care Center in Duluth starts this weekend (Sanctity of Life Sunday). Proceeds will go toward helping at-risk Moms who are in need of material assistance to care for their babies. The mission of the Women's Care Center is to support women in any way necessary to help them choose life for their babies. Please take a bottle home and fill with change, bills or checks made out to the Christ Child Society and return on Sat. or Sun. the 7th or 8th of February. On behalf of the Christ Child Society whose task it is to stock and maintain the Crib Club, thank you so much for your generosity.

Men's Conference — The Duluth Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Marshall School Auditorium in Duluth. The featured speaker is Deacon Ralph Poyo, from North Carolina, a sought-after speaker for Franciscan University Steubenville Youth Conferences and a founder of New Evangelization Ministries.

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Saturday	SAINT ANTHONY	01/17/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Theodore Joseph Wisniewski	
	Reader: To be assigned	
	Chalice: Shawn & Kathy McMahon	
	Servers: Karly Fleischer & To be assigned	
Sunday	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	01/18/15
11:00 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Shannah Groothausen	
	Plate: Dave Hendren	
	Chalice: Shari Hendren & Jeannie Shaw	
	Servers: Sid Hendren & Jasmyn Uremovich	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	01/19/15
Tuesday	SAINT FABIAN & SAINT SEBASTIAN	01/20/15
5:45 P.M.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT AGNES	01/21/15
8:15 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Ilene Hasty	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN	01/22/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
Friday	SAINT VINCENT & SAINT MARIANNE COPE	01/23/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Carol Burger	
Saturday	SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES	01/24/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Shirley Wurster	
	Reader: Nadine Uremovich	
	Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Carol Anderson	
	Servers: Mary Uremovich & To be assigned	
Sunday	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	01/25/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Michelle Thewis	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Chris & Gina Lemke	
	Servers: Ariana Sitra & Kaitlyn Underdale	

Archbishop Schwietz will mark 25 years a bishop:
 Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI will be celebrating his 25th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary with a Mass on Monday, February 2nd at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth. The Mass will begin at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joann Ostendorf and Ron Kor.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Craig Fallgren, Jane Griesy, Patty Harrison -Isakson, Jim Kioski, Ray Weeks, Shawn & Tom Wisniewski and Theodore Joseph Wisniewski.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

Women's Conference — The Third Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be on March 7, 2015 from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Marshall School in Duluth. This year's theme is *The Joy of our Faith* and the first 400 registrants will receive a copy of Pope Francis book, "Joy of the Gospel." The day will include 8:00 A.M. with Mass celebrated by Bishop Sirba, talks by two nationally renowned keynote speakers, Kelly Wahlquist and Hallie Lord, vendor tables and opportunities for Confession and Eucharist Adoration. The cost which includes lunch and materials is \$30 for those who register by February 20th. This price increases to \$40 beginning February 21st and will not guarantee you lunch or program materials. Those interested should register now by going to <http://tinyurl.com/wconference2015> or contact Grace Romanek at 218-724-9111.

"COMING HOME BASKET": The basket sitting to the right of the Sanctuary is a "Coming Home Basket." If you know of someone who has drifted away from their Catholic faith, write their name on one of the sheets provided, fold it, and place it in the basket. As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the people whose names have been placed in the coming home basket as well as to encourage those we are aware of to return.

<i>Last Week's Contributions</i>	
Weekend Collection.....	\$1,607.79
Bldg. Fund.....	\$315.00
UCA	\$73.00