

We have found the Messiah

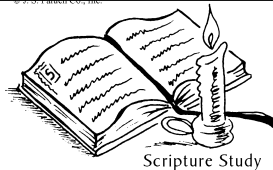
Perhaps the most profound line in all of today's readings is Jesus' question of the two disciples who begin to follow him. "What are you looking for?" he asks plainly and directly. Finding the Messiah was partly a matter of what one was looking for. If one lived with the expectation of the Messiah's coming, there would be a certain alertness, a certain watchfulness to life, and a certain openness to God's movements. The two disciples had followed John the Baptizer, but as soon as John pointed to Jesus, they were ready to follow him. It has been said that what we find in life is pretty much what we have sought. "What are you looking for?" is a challenging question for each one of us to ask of ourselves. Our honest answer to this question can reveal much about our faith and our values. Those who, like Andrew and the other disciple, are looking for the Messiah will find the Messiah, dwelling now, as then, among all the people. *"Come and see!"*



The Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25— 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 117;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

Adult Bible Study Classes with Deacon Mike Kuebler will begin on Saturday January 31 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus room across from the parish office. The classes will be held for 10 consecutive weeks. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church and the limit is 30 people. Bring your own Bible and if you don't have one we'll supply you with one.



Scripture Study

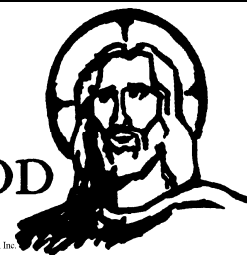
If you are interested in advertising in the back of the bulletin, please call Claudia Borders at 298-1265.

Our Calendar of Events

- Saturday, January 17**
5:00 pm Mass (The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- Sunday, January 18**
9:00 am Mass (The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ladies Club Meeting after Mass
11:00 Mass (Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario)
RE High School session 12:15-2:00 pm
- Monday, January 19**
Grupo de Oración Ríos de Agua Viva (7:00 pm)
RE Confirmation 8th Grade class 6:30-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 20**
RE Classes Grades K-1-2 (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Wednesday, January 21**
RE Classes Grades 3-4-5 (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Thursday, January 22**
Scripture Reflection Group/Smeds home at 1:30 pm
Religious Education Classes Grades 6-7-8 (6:30-8:00)
Adult Sacraments class (6:30-8:00 pm)
- Saturday, January 24**
Mass at 5:00 pm (The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- Sunday, January 25**
Mass at 9:00 am (The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Mass at 11:00 (Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario)



LAMB OF GOD



"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics would not

know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase. Some may be surprised that it appears in only one of the four Gospels, and after it is spoken two times, it never appears again. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: We must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ (could Andrew have known the destiny of his brother?), that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

“Este es el Cordero de Dios”. Escuchamos esta frase todos los domingos en la misa pero es



muy probable que muchos católicos no sepan quién la pronunció originariamente en la Biblia. A algunos les puede sorprender ver que aparece solamente en uno de los cuatro Evangelios y, después de que se dice dos veces no vuelve a aparecer. Juan Bautista es quien dice dos veces esta frase en el Evangelio según San Juan. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Juan proclama que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios y entonces dos de los discípulos de Juan siguen a Cristo. Un poco más tarde Andrés, quien escuchó a Juan y siguió a Jesús, lleva a su hermano Simón para que reciba un nuevo nombre: Kefás, es decir Pedro. Si estudiamos a fondo estos versículos de la Biblia vemos la misión de todos los bautizados en el Cuerpo de Cristo: Siempre debemos proclamar nuestra fe en Cristo, para que otros lo sigan. Quizás no sepamos de qué manera la voluntad de Dios obrará en los que llevamos a Cristo (¿Podría Andrés conocer el destino de su hermano?), pero eso no es lo importante. Lo que importa es que nuestra misión constante como Iglesia (una, santa, católica y apostólica) es llevar a otras personas a Cristo. No buscamos recibir atención, gloria, ni seguidores, toda la atención, la gloria y los seguidores son para el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo.



“Su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo.”

1 Corintios 6:19a

St. Vincent de Paul members will have a Salsa and Bake Sale on Sunday, February 2 after both Masses. Take some salsa and goodies for your Super Bowl party. All proceeds go to their Food Bank. Thank you for your support! *Miembros de San Vicente de Paul tendran su Venta de Salsa y Pan Dulce el domingo, 2 de febrero después de las dos Misas. Llévense salsa y pan dulce para su fiesta de Super Bowl. Todo lo que se recabe es para el Banco de Comida. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!*

Weekly Offering—Ofertorio

January 11, 2009 — \$4,304.00

Capital Improvement — \$1,638.00

Thank You! ¡Muchas Gracias!



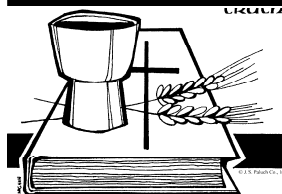
Las Lecturas de La Semana

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25— 8:6; Mc 3:1-6
 o cualquier lectura de la misa
 “Por la paz y la justicia,” nos. 887-891
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Salmo 25 (24) 1 Cor 7:29-31
 Mc 1:14-20 o para la Conversión de San Pablo
 Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Salmo 117 (116)
 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 16:15-18



The Thursday Afternoon Scripture Reflection

group will begin a study of the book of John on January 22 at 1:30 pm at the home of Russ and Debbie Smeds in Green Valley. All who are interested in reflecting upon scripture are welcome to come. Bring a bible. For further information call Debbie Smeds at 404-5706.



Tradiciones... Unos de los muchos títulos dados a Jesús en los Evangelios es el de Agnus Dei (Cordero de Dios). La imagen de un cordero no era extraña en la

Palestina del primer siglo cristiano, pues se encontraban ovejas y pastores por todas partes. El cordero es la oveja de menos de un año. Es reconocido como símbolo de mansedumbre e inocencia en muchas culturas. Fue Juan Bautista quien le dio ese extraño título a Jesús (Juan 1:36). La imagen del cordero despertaba en los judíos, incluidos Jesús, Juan Bautista y los discípulos, la memoria de los célebres eventos del Éxodo. Cada año las familias judías escogían un corderito y lo preparaban para sacrificarlo en la Pascua. La mitad de la carne del sacrificio se ofrecía a Dios y la otra mitad se la comía la familia, de esta manera establecían una comunión con Dios. Designar a Jesús como Agnus Dei, era reconocer que él quitaría el pecado y que con su carne establecería una comunión entre Dios y la humanidad.

Mass Intention/Intención Especial



January 18, 2009

(9:00 Mass) **Dora Arvayo (+)** repose of her soul
Loretta Kontz (+) repose of her soul

January 25, 2009

(9:00 Mass) **Henry Kraus (+)** special intention
 (11:00 Mass) **Rosalinda A. Flores (+)**
 on the 3rd anniversary of her death
Frank Hermann (+) on his birthday