

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3,5-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,9,10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:14a, 12a

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOGchannel, 1:30 min.)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Holyheroes channel, 1:40 min.)

2. PRAY

Gather the family around the prayer space.

John the Baptist stands by the river, calling people to conversion. When he sees Jesus approaching, he proclaims, "This is the Lamb of God," recognizing that God's promise has been fulfilled.

Close your eyes and imagine you are there. Notice the water and watch Jesus draw near. What stirs in your heart as you recognize Him? Recall your own Baptism. Give thanks for the water and the Spirit that made you a child of God and part of the Church.

Remain in silence. Ask that the grace of your Baptism be renewed and pray for those preparing to receive Baptism. Speak to Jesus from your heart. Listen in silence for His response.



3. TALK

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist stands among a crowd, calling people to conversion and Baptism. When he sees Jesus approaching, he recognizes Him and proclaims, "This is the Lamb of God," the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. John understands that God's promise is being fulfilled.

"Share as a family:

1. Do you remember your Baptism or the Baptism of someone in your family?
2. What does it mean to be a child of God and actively participate in the Church, for example, as catechists, Eucharistic ministers, in Bible studies, or other forms of service?

Take a moment to reflect and pray that God will reveal how He is calling you to serve and to participate more intentionally in a ministry of the Church.