



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2026

### OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

### VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

1/11/2026  
\$1022.00

### Remember In Prayer

Martha Jo , Michaelle Box ,  
Abel Cortez, Michael Cox ,  
Pat Bowling , Deacon Jim Moss,  
Ted Bowling

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; G Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89:20,21-22,27-28; G Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10; G Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3,9-10a,10b-11 12-13; G Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Ps 57:2,3-4,6 & 11; G Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2-3,5-7; G Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3(67A); Ps 27:1,4,13-14; 1Cor 1:10-13,17; G Matthew 4:23 or 4:12-17

### SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 25TH FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

St. Andrew ladies club is having a chili lucheon on Friday Jan 23rd from 11am until 1pm .Tickets are \$8.00 either at the door or church. Eat in or take out : Chili, crackers or corn bread ,cookies bottle water for take out,coffee,or tea

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### JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> -----

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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
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