

# FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” does not mean unimportant; it comes from the word *ordinal*, referring to the numbered weeks of the liturgical year. Ordinary Time is the season of growth, discipleship, and faithful living in the rhythms of everyday life. This Sunday’s readings challenge us to recognize the presence of the “*Lamb of God*” among us, and bear witness to Him as faithful disciples.

In the first reading taken from one of the hymns of the “Suffering Servant” in the book of Isaiah, we hear God’s call to be “a light to the nations.” This unidentified figure, who prefigures Jesus, is chosen from his mother’s womb by God and consecrated to serve his people and carry God’s saving light to the world.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that all who call upon the name of Jesus are sanctified and called to be holy. Through Baptism, we are called not just to be holy, but to bear witness through our kindness, forgiveness, love, and hope.

Today’s Gospel opens with one of the most powerful statements in all of Scripture: “*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*” John’s witness does not draw attention to himself; instead, he humbly directs others to Christ. His testimony is not only a declaration of who Jesus is, but a personal and communal invitation for us to accept this call and become witnesses to the Lamb of God in our daily lives.

The title of Christ as the Lamb of God is familiar to us. John proclaims this at the Jordan and the Church repeats it at every Eucharistic celebration before we approach the altar. What was announced in the desert is made present on the altar: the same Lamb, once offered, now given as food for the life and salvation of the world. These words are meant to shape how we see Jesus and how we understand ourselves.

Every time we come to Mass and hear, “Behold the Lamb of God,” we are invited to do more than look. We are called to trust, to follow, and to be transformed by Jesus. When we approach the table of the Eucharistic sacrifice, we consume what we believe and must become what we have received: the Body of Christ. But this holy act is never meant to end with us. We’re called to bear faithful witness to Christ who takes away the sins of the world. Let us ask ourselves: “Does my life point others to Christ?”

In parish news, all parishioners are warmly invited to join us next week as we kick off Catholic Schools Week, celebrating and giving thanks for the gift of Catholic education and the formation of our students in faith, knowledge, and service. I urge you to visit our Parish School next Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and discover all it has to offer.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29**