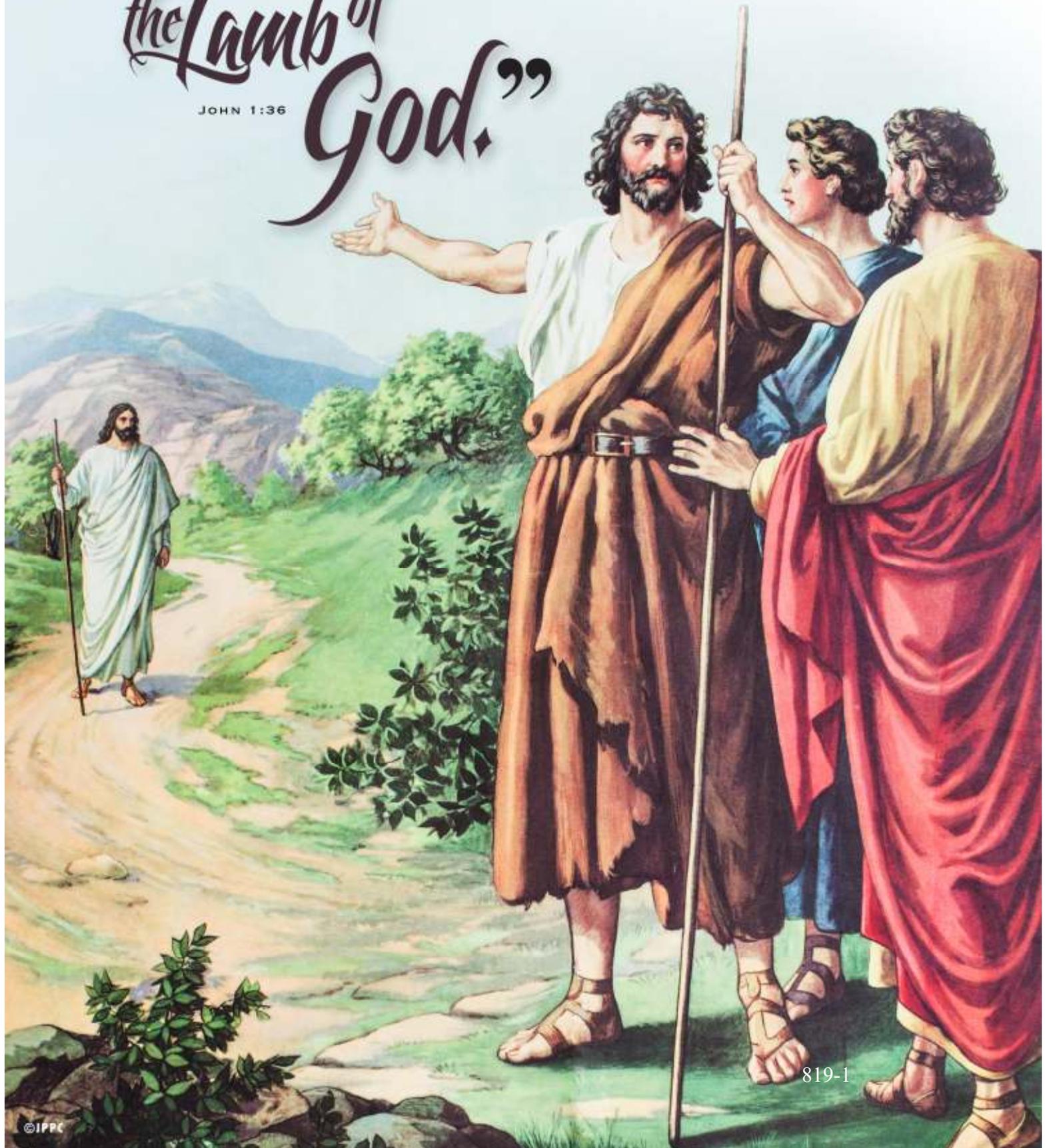


# “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36



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**Parish Location**  
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**Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
 5:00pm Mariner Sands  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am  
 Monday-Friday 7:30am  
 Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm  
 Holy Day: 7:30am & 6:00pm

**Confession:**  
 Saturday: 2:30pm  
 Those wishing to receive the sacrament should be here at 2:30 or by appointment

**First Saturday**  
 7:30 Mass followed by individual confessions

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Mon-Fri. 8:00am-8:00pm  
 Saturday: 8:00am-2:00pm

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 Monsignor James Moore

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 Deacon Richard Venezia  
 Deacon Louis Romero

**Deaconate Candidates**  
 Andre Boucher

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 Saturday 2:30—5:30pm  
 Sunday 9:00-12:00noon

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**Religious Education/Youth Activities**  
 Donna Hernandez

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**Annulments**  
 John Ginnetti

**Men of Saint Andrew & Prayer Shawls**  
 David Olio & Norma Olio

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
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 by appointment

# January 14, 2018

## The Second Sunday

### In Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions**



**For the week**

Jan. 11	Thurs. 7:30am	Joseph Dragoni +
Jan. 12	Fri. 7:30am	Lynn Kiefer
Jan. 13	Sat. 4:00pm	Julia Gonnello +
Jan. 14	Sun. 7:30am	Ruth Arata +
Jan. 14	Sun. 9:00am	George & Russell Badame +
Jan. 14	Sun. 10:30am	Jeanne Schiavi +
Jan. 15	Mon. 7:30am	Scott Malone
Jan. 16	Tues. 7:30am	Brigid Banasiewicz (liv)
Jan. 17	Wed. 7:30am	Joseph & Maria Del Prete +
Jan. 18	Thurs. 7:30am	Shawn Malone
Jan. 19	Fri. 7:30am	Joseph Oreiro +
Jan. 20	Sat. 4:00pm	Steffie Faddish +
Jan. 21	Sun. 7:30am	Lallie McManus +
Jan. 21	Sun. 9:00am	Jennie Salustri +
Jan. 21	Sun. 10:30am	Bob Lanza +
Jan. 22	Mon. 7:30am	Leslie Frankenheimer+
Jan. 23	Tues. 7:30am	Patricia Towers (liv)
Jan. 24	Wed. 7:30am	Joseph DeBartolomeo+
Jan. 25	Thurs. 7:30am	Agnes Geary +
Jan. 26	Fri. 7:30am	David Foley +
Jan. 27	Sat. 4:00pm	Linda Holt +
Jan. 28	Sun. 7:30am	Dolores Grabowski +
Jan. 28	Sun. 9:00am	Aloysius & Emily Bober+
Jan. 28	Sun. 10:30am	Priscilla Aponte (liv)



**Mass**

**Inten-**

Date	Intention	Time
Jan. 13	Harry Racevicius +	5:00pm
Jan. 20	Tiffany Frye Zucal +	5:00pm
Jan. 27	Eugene Walsh +	5:00pm

*“The word of God is living and effective, able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”*

Learning to hear God’s voice isn’t always easy. Just ask Samuel. But this story has three pieces of encouraging news for all.

First, it’s okay to struggle and get it wrong. Samuel occasionally missed God’s voice as well, even years after this event (1 Samuel 16:7). We’re still learning how to tune into the Spirit. Second, God was very patient with Samuel, even when he didn’t catch on immediately. The Lord is patient with us too. He keeps sending messages our way, even though he knows we will likely miss some of them in the commotion of life. Finally, the last bit of news might come as a surprise. You’re probably hearing from the Lord already; you just may not realize it yet. Here’s something to consider: why did Samuel run to Eli when God called him? Perhaps God’s voice sounded more “natural” than he presumed, so he looked for a natural source. Imagine how thrilled Samuel must have been to discover that it was God calling him all along. The same is true for us. God doesn’t usually speak to us with an audible voice. Rather, he often chooses natural means, including our consciences and our imaginations. Sometimes our thoughts and feelings— even mental images we see— have their source in God. Keep that in mind as you go to Mass today. If you feel your heart being moved—even if it’s only one phrase in the homily— don’t chalk it up to your own emotion. Take note. It could be the Spirit stirring within you. If a thought flashes across your mind like “That person seems anxious” it could be that the Lord is asking you to comfort them. Likewise, if the name of a coworker pops into your mind during the prayers of the faithful, you might take that as a cue to pray for them. As you keep leaning into him, trust that the Lord will give you ears to hear his voice.

*“Lord, I am honored that you speak to me. Help me to tune into what you’re saying.”*



Let's face facts: some phone calls are annoying, especially when they come at suppertime. You know the type. Somebody trying to sell you something. Or to solicit your opinion. Or to donate to a worthy cause.

But other calls are delightful and most welcome. It could be a family member bringing news of a newborn. Or a close friend whom you've been waiting for to chat. Or the doctor's office calling to tell you there is no trace of cancer on your x-ray.

There is a quite different kind of call referred to in this weekend's Scriptures that has nothing to do with phones or phonies or clicking computers. It is a call from God.

Right away I can imagine you thinking "What does that kind of thing have to do with me? That's for saints or holy people! I'm just 'Joe or Jane Ordinary' trying to do my best to be a Christian thank you very much."

Well I have some good news that you might be surprised to hear. Each of us has a call from God! He implants that element, if you will, in all His human creatures. He loves us as unique products of His holy imagination. He knows that we will only be truly happy if we fulfill our destiny. His call matches our minds and is in sync with our souls. Its nature is particular to us.

It may involve a call to love a certain person for life, for better or for worse until death do you part. It could be a demand for your patience. Or your service. Or any number of other realities. But always linked with a call for your love.

Jesus responded fully, better than any of us. As difficult as answering that call was for Him, by His sharing our weak human nature, He did it out of love for us. Hopefully we will be as eager as young Samuel was to listen and then answer when he finally learned after God's third try that he was being called for a mission of some kind.

Now we have an extra layer of difficulty brought on by our ego-centric culture which asks of nearly everything "What's in it for me?" Or we might just ask the Lord to give our call to somebody else. Here is some apt verse:

*"There's a clever young guy named Somebody Else,  
There's nothing this guy can't do.  
He is busy from morning till way late at night,  
Just substituting for you.*

*You're asked to do this or you're asked to do that  
And what is your ready reply?  
Get Somebody Else to do that job,  
He'll do it much better than I.*

*So much to do in this weary old world—  
So much and workers so few,  
And Somebody Else, all weary and worn,  
Is still substituting for you.*

*The next time you're asked to do something worthwhile  
Just give this ready reply:  
If Somebody Else can give time and support,  
My goodness, so can I."*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard Peterson



## Bishop Barbarito's Annual Anniversary Mass

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our 34th Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples on **Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 10:30am, at St. Lucie Church in Port Saint Lucie. To attend, please contact your own parish office and register your names as soon as possible— but no later than Monday, January 29, 2018.** We ask that all participating couples arrive at the church by 10:00am— thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass so that you can receive your personal certificate.

**OR**

on **Saturday, February 17, 2018** or at **St. Paul of the Cross in North Palm Beach. To attend, please contact your own parish office and register your names as soon as possible— but no later than Monday, February 5, 2018.** We ask that all participating couples arrive at the church by 10:00am— thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass so that you can receive your personal certificate.

Cake, coffee and punch will be served in the parish hall after the Mass. All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40 or 50 or more years of marriage in the calendar year **2018** are invited to participate.

O Jesus, I see this new year as a blank page that your Father is giving me, upon which He will write day by day what He has arranged for me in His divine pleasure. With full confidence I am writing at the top of the page from now on: Lord, Do with me what you will. And at the bottom I have already put my **"amen"** to every disposition of your divine will. Yes, O Lord, I say **"yes"** to all the joys, to all the sorrows, to all the graces, to all the hardships that you have prepared for me and which you will be revealing to me day by day. Let my **"amen"** be the Paschal amen, always followed by **alleluia** with all my heart in the joy of perfect giving. Give me your love and your grace and I shall be rich enough.

~ Sr. Carmela of the Holy Ghost , unpublished writings

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## **The Sign of the Cross**

*Elizabeth Hansen*

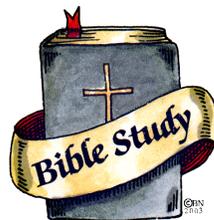
One of my favorite parts of the Rite of Baptism is when the mother and father are invited to trace a cross on their child's forehead. It's understated, not as alluring as chrism or dramatic as the actual pouring of water. But at some point, it struck me how counterintuitive this action was.

As parents, whose most primal instinct is to protect our children at any cost, we're tracing a sign of death upon our newborn. We lay this shadow of the cross over them from the beginning of their Christian lives, saying, "Take it. Cling to it. Suffer with it." It's akin to seeing your child receive ashes for the first time.

But what's the alternative? Hoping to save them through our love and efforts alone? The cross is a symbol of suffering and death, but they'll ace those effects of sin with or without it. Plunged into death with Christ, they're raised into new life with him, and this simple gesture reminds us of our part. We imprint the cross— and all its saving power— upon them, seeking to remind them daily of this sign of discipleship that will be their truest constant as they encounter the world.

That includes you, willful toddler. And you, four year old, who scrawled "Church isn't fun" in your backward script all over the pew cards last Sunday. And you, first grader, with your toothless smile that ought to convert the world. May you embrace this indelible mark and let it lead you home.

*~ Elizabeth Hansen writes from Lansing, MI,  
where she lives with her husband and three children.*



**TUESDAY NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDY  
6:30-8:00PM**

The Tuesday night Bible Study will resume on **Jan. 9th. at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in classroom C.** The study of the Book of Daniel will provide us with the pertinent information that bridges the Old Testament to the New Testament, our world today, and the future.

If you have any questions call

**Bob @ 772-283-0342**



**TUESDAY MORNINGS 10:00AM**

The Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes on **January 9th from 10:00am-11:00am** We will be studying the Book Of Psalms, by Jeff Cavins . If you have any questions, please call **Melanie @ 772-485-0817.**



**Knights of Columbus Slam  
Breakfast COUNCIL 6241**

**First Weekend of the Month  
Sunday, February 4th**

**8:00am-11:30am**

Eggs cooked to order, pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, grits, juice and coffee.

**JUST \$6.00 per person Kids \$2.00  
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*Franklin Field*

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