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January 17, 2021

# ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC  
45 Beach City Road Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

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[www.stfrancishhi.org](http://www.stfrancishhi.org)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

7:30am-4pm with limited access

Updates have been going out by email. If you have not been receiving them, please notify the office.

The church will be open for personal prayer from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please use hand sanitizers provided. If possible, please limit the use of the restrooms.

If Last Rites are needed, please call 1-843-941-9434



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

John 1:35

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

This week Daily Mass will be celebrated in the church  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30am and 11:30am**  
**Wed. 8:30am**  
**Sat. 8:30am**

Weekend Vigil Masses will be celebrated in the church on Saturday  
at **4pm & 5:30pm** and in **Spanish at 7pm** in the church and **4:15pm**  
(live streamed) in the family center.

**Sundays at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and noon** in the church and  
**9:15am** in the family center.

Confessions 15 mns before daily Mass in church,  
Sat. 3-4pm in family center hallway  
Or by appt.

## Mass Times and Intentions

1/18 MON – 8:30am. – Church 11:30am – Church	Julius Parrella, Sr. + NO MASS MLK Holiday
1/19 TUES – 8:30am – Church 11:30am – Church	Mary Parrella + Joe & Steve Queenan +
1/20 WED – 8:30am – Church	Paul Murray, Jr. +
1/21 THUR – 8:30am – Church 11:30am – Church	Jack Young + Barbara Jean Porcelli +
1/22 FRI – 8:30am – Church 11:30am – Church	Leo Strychowski + William Burhans +
1/23 SAT – 8:30am – Church 4pm – Vigil – Church 4:15pm – Vigil – <u>Family Center</u> & Live Streamed - Eng - 5:30pm – Church 7pm – Vigil – Church – Spanish	Souls in purgatory + Brent Moroney + Rick Ramsey + Jack Young +
1/24 SUN – 7:30am – Church 9am – Church 9:15am – <u>Family Center</u> 10:30am – Church Noon – Church	Angela Groncki + All the people of our parish, living and deceased John & Mary Grindstaff + Ken Kelly + Jack Young +

Both Fr. Jairo (1/14-2/14) and Fr. Max (1/25-2/25) will be away. Each are traveling to their home countries. Please keep them in prayer.

### L KING AHEAD

Mon. Jan 18	8:30am ONLY MLK Holiday
Fri. Jan. 22	Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion Led by Fr. Mike after the 8:30am Mass
Sunday Jan. 31	National Catholic Schools Week Begins
Wed. Feb. 3	Feast of St. Blasé general Blessing of Throats at 8:30am Mass/NO CANDLES WILL BE USED
Mon. Feb. 15	8:30am ONLY President's Day

 • Finding the Peace of God in Anxious Times webinar Jan. 27 | 7-8 p.m. Finding the Peace of God in Anxious Times is a practical webinar offered in collaboration with RENEW International to help us lean on our faith to cope and find peace. Panelists include Dr. Gregory Popcak, author of almost 20 books and programs integrating solid Catholic theology and counseling psychology; Sister Terry Rickard, OP, president of RENEW International; and Sister Kathleen Adamski, OSF, associate director of the Office of Spirituality and Formation Ministry for the diocese. Register: <https://pages.renewintl.org/finding-the-peace-of-god-in-anxious-times>. Contact: 843-261-0504 or [cathy@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:cathy@charlestdiocese.org)

## Readings for Jan. 17-24, 2021

17 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	_____
_____	1st Sam 3: 3b-10, 19 1st Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42
18 Mon	_____ Heb 5: 1-10/Mk 2: 18-22
19 Tues	_____ Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2: 23-28
20 Wed / Fabian, Pope, Martyr / Sebastian, Martyr	_____
_____	Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6
21 Thurs Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	_____ Heb 7: 25 -- 8: 6/Mk 3: 7-12
22 Fri Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Memorial	_____ -Heb 8: 6-13/Mk 3: 13-19
23 Sat Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Marianne Cope, Virgin / Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr	_____ Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Mk 3: 20-21
24 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	_____
_____	Jh 3: 1-5, 10/1st Cor 7: 29-31/Mk 1: 14-20

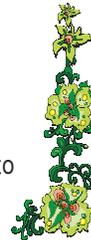


### Gospel: John 1:35-42

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

### Gospel Teaching;

During several Sundays in Advent, the Gospel dealt with John the Baptist. He is in this one also. While with several of his followers, John sees Jesus and identifies him as the "Lamb of God". John's followers go with Jesus, listen to his teachings for the day, and become followers of Jesus. Andrew was one of them and told his brother Simon Peter about Jesus. We should also listen to the words of Jesus so that we can repeat the words of the Apostles – "We have found the Messiah" to all the people we know.



### John, precursor, prophet, and baptist

717 "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."<sup>89</sup> John was "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb"<sup>90</sup> by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people.

718 John is "Elijah (who) must come."<sup>92</sup> The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of "[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord."<sup>93</sup>

719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet."<sup>94</sup> In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah.<sup>95</sup> He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming.<sup>96</sup> As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light."<sup>97</sup> In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfillsthe longing of the angels.<sup>98</sup> "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. and I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.... Behold, the Lamb of God."<sup>99</sup>

720 Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of "the divine likeness," prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John's baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth.<sup>100</sup>

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**Stewardship**

**Christian Formation**



Now is the time to reflect on God's many blessings in our lives and to give "thanks" to our loving God, who will never be outdone in generosity.

**Weekly Stewardship**

Jan. 1-12, 2021

Weekly Offertory Envelopes	\$45,144
Loose	\$4,687
Christmas	\$765
Holy Day	\$4,660
OnLine Contributions	\$5,835
Total Offertory	\$61,091

Weekly Repair & Replacement	\$1,959
Diocesan Assessment for January	(\$14,493)

Envelopes Issued	1168
Envelopes Used	496
Electronic Giving	169
Percentage of Envelopes & Electronic Giving	57%

**January Charitable Giving News**

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory.

Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry	\$4,000
St. Thomas Moore Center-SC	\$1,500
Family Promise	\$3,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000
Latin America	\$3,000
St. Francis Outreach	\$5,350



**The parish Collection Ministry is asking that your offering envelopes are not taped or stapled shut**, and that your parish-ioner number is on your envelope or your check which helps expedite the process of posting.

For your convenience, if you have been away and want to "catch up", only one envelope and one check is required.

Your support to the parish is greatly appreciated.

Ushers are needed at all the weekend Masses. If you are interested in this important ministry, please speak to one of the ushers after Mass for more details.

Ushers are required to take the Safe Haven "It's Up to You" online course and have a background screening.



Dear St. Francis Family, for those of you who were able to support the Sandalwood Sharing Thy Bounty collection we are very grateful. The need at the pantry is great and while our collection in January was significantly less than normal, thinking perhaps the holiday weekend had many out of town, Sandalwood was grateful for what we provided.



**Thursday Bible Study Thurs. Jan. 21**

The Thursday Bible Study will be Session 10 of the study "The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation". The topic of this session will be "Conquest and Judges – Part 2" and cover the Books of Ruth and Judges. Thursday Morning sessions will be conducted in the Family Center from 9:30 to 10:15 AM (with restrictions due to COVID-19: masks, social distancing). The session will be repeated Thursday evening via Zoom and led by Jennifer McGlynn (for information about registering for the Zoom sessions, please contact Jennifer).

**NEW, ON WEDNESDAYS**

Offering a Wed. afternoon (1:30-3pm) in person and Wed. evening (7pm) Zoom option led by Jennifer McGlynn (for information about registering for the Zoom sessions, please contact Jennifer at 843-681-6350 x 266.)

**RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Becoming Catholic-**

For adults interested in becoming Catholic or for adult Catholics who wish to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist, **contact Jennifer McGlynn at 843-681-6350 ext 266**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the path to becoming Catholic, and we typically meet every week during the school year to make that journey together.

If you have questions about God and the Church but don't know if you're ready to become Catholic, we are happy to hear from you and try to answer any questions you may have!

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION!!**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

begins Sunday, Jan. 31.



To celebrate Catholic education, the school has lots of fun activities planned for the week.

**The Eucharist**

**1324** The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. **For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."**

**1325** "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

**1326** Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

**327** In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

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To nurture students' spiritual and intellectual growth in an authentically Catholic community committed to academic excellence.



The SFCS Basketball Development League is underway! On Saturdays during January and February we are offering an instructional basketball league for local elementary aged students from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The children spend time learning fundamental skills and playing small-sided games. Thank you to our coaches, volunteers and especially Mike Weaver for getting our first Development League up and running.

- 01/18- MLK Day – No School
- 01/19 – 4pm Jr. Girls Home Basketball Game vs SGG  
5:30pm Jr. Boys Home Basketball Game vs SGG
- 01/20 – 4:30pm Sr. Girls Home Basketball Game vs Holy Trinity  
6pm Sr. Boys Home Basketball Game vs Holy Trinity
- 01/21 – Spirit Day  
4pm Sr. Girls Home Basketball Game vs Sea Pines Montessori  
5:30pm Sr. Boys Home Basketball Game vs Sea Pines Montessori
- 01/22 – 3pm Jr. Boys Basketball Practice  
4:30pm Jr. Girls Basketball Practice

The School's Safety Committee would welcome additional members to help with the "School Safety and Emergency Response Plan". Our focus is on Threat Assessment, Emergency Preparedness, Violence Prevention, Response and Recovery. Protecting our students, faculty and staff is a top priority. If interested in assisting in this endeavor, please contact Mr. Brian Pope at [bpope@sfcshhi.com](mailto:bpope@sfcshhi.com) or 843-681-6501 or Bob Gregory (Committee Chair) at [bobgregoryhhi@gmail.com](mailto:bobgregoryhhi@gmail.com) or 843.682.3348.

**Smile.Amazon.com** – Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, consider supporting our school by shopping on Smile.Amazon.com and putting St. Francis Catholic School down as your charity of choice. You get the same benefits of shopping on Amazon, but Amazon donates a portion of your purchases back to the school.

**Box Tops for Education**- Please continue to save your Box Tops for the school. You can drop them off to the school office. As always, please trim them neatly, check the expiration date on each one, and write the total number on the outside of the bag

**Grocery stores**- The Publix keychain cards have been discontinued. Please take a few minutes to link your phone number to the school so we will continue to receive donations from Publix. Create an account with your phone number at <http://corporate.publix.com/community/corporate-campaigns/publix-partners> and link to the school on the "Publix Partners" page. Also for **Harris Teeter** shoppers, please re-link your VIC account at the Customer Service Desk with our school code, 1685.

St. Francis is a Pre-K-4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic School that is fully accredited through AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact 843.681.6501.



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

For the safety of the students, please **DO NOT ENTER** the parish campus by way of Main Street and Hospital Blvd during the week. Enter from Beach City Road.

**DRIVE SAFELY! PROTECT OUR CHILDREN.**

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 47th anniversary year, CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them.



This year Catholic Schools week will be held January 31 to February 6, 2021. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.

This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence.



**Tutors needed!**

FOR UPPER-ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Come in during school hours to help students one-on-one with their classwork. A little bit of your time makes a big difference to our students!

CALL MS. MCCLYNN AT 843-681-6501

UPDATE

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Supports families needing school tuition assistance

GOAL: \$100,000.

FUND TO DATE: \$63,782

Please contribute to the Annual Fund.

Consider giving beyond your offertory gifts.

Sponsor a child to receive a Catholic education.

Thank you for supporting OUR SCHOOL, OUR FUTURE.

**The JP II Admissions Season Has Begun!**

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, January 31 at 12pm @ [www.johnpaul2school.org](http://www.johnpaul2school.org)

CAMPUS TOUR followed by a Live Q&A Session

**School Year 2021-2022** - Online applications are available @ [www.johnpaul2school.org](http://www.johnpaul2school.org).

We suggest you do not delay applying since many of our grade levels are currently full.

**Present School Year 2020-2021** - If your family is interested in applying for this school year, please call Anne McClure, admissions coordinator, at (843) 645-3838 or complete an online inquiry @ [www.johnpaul2school.org](http://www.johnpaul2school.org). If we are full for the grade level(s) you are interested in, your student will be placed on a waiting list. JP II is open for in-person learning with a virtual alternative for some students.

## Prayer & Worship

### PARISH PRAYER CHAIN



Kathy Sheehan is the coordinator for our Parish Prayer Chain. Whenever emergency prayers are needed or if interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Kathy at 843-785-8240 or [kayshee@aol.com](mailto:kayshee@aol.com)



Except for Sundays, **THE ROSARY** is prayed each morning at **8am**

**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** is prayed each **Friday at 3:00pm** in the church

### CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

meets each Monday (except for holidays) at 11am in the family center.

New members and visitors are always welcome!

For more Information, please call Janet Dobbs at 843-342-6936



### PARISH VOCATION CHALICE

If you have any questions about the Vocation Chalice Program or would like to participate, please contact Kelly Jolley 843-290-9212 [kmj@jolleylawgroup.com](mailto:kmj@jolleylawgroup.com)  
Please consider writing a note of encouragement to our seminarians.



### Knights Chalice Program History.

16 years ago, the Knights began a Chalice for Vocations Program. A Knight accepts a chalice into his home for one week and prays daily with his family for vocations. The Chalice is then passed along to another Knight. From time to time the chalice exchange occurs at Sunday Mass.



This chalice has been in continuous circulation since 2002- every day from the very beginning, a Knight has prayed for vocations.



### In Memory of...or In Honor of...

For \$150, parishioners can contribute to the two altar flower arrangements in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The family and the name of the remembered love one or the occasion will be included in the bulletin. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

## Evangelization



**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday!** In 1984 President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first national Sanctity of Human Life Day, citing that infamous date in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand through its *Roe v. Wade* decision. This year, 48 years after that tragic ruling, we will mark **Respect Life Sunday on January 24 with a local Rally for Life in Hilton Head from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in front of the St. Francis Thrift Shop**, near Dunkin' Donuts. This peaceful, prayerful family gathering takes place rain or shine. If possible, wear red for greater visibility. Questions? Call 843-689-5830.

Fr. Mike will lead Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion after the 8:30am Mass on Friday January 22.



### January 24: Family Rally for Life in Hilton Head, SC

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in front of the St. Francis Thrift Shop  
Sponsored by Hilton Head Citizens for Life.

If possible, wear **red**.

### UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

#### January 29: 48th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Theme: "Together Strong: Life Unites"

For more info, including speakers: [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)



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• Mass for the Unborn Jan. 22 | 11:30 a.m. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo will celebrate Mass at the Holy Family Chapel for reparations for the unborn. Because of limited seating, individuals must register to attend with [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org) or 803-546-6010. The event also will be livestreamed on [facebook.com/DioceseChas](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseChas) and [youtube.com/DioceseChas](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseChas).

Office of Family Life is sponsoring the Marriage Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo on Sunday, February 14, 2021, at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of John the Baptist in Charleston, SC. Please register with Husband's name, Wife's name, Last name, years married in the year 2021 and Parish you attend at [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org)

**REMEMBER  
THE MAN  
AND THE DAY**

**St. Francis Thrift Shop**  
*"Earthly Goods at Heavenly Prices"*  
**PHONE: (843) 689-6563**  
 Due to COVID, Please call ahead for shop hours  
 278 Between Mathews Dr. & Beach City Rd. - Next to Dunkin' Donuts

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS



**BEAUFORT DEANERY MEETING/  
LUNCHEON**

**JANUARY 23, 2021**

All women in our deanery are invited to our annual Beaufort Deanery meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2021. We will be honoring all of the Catholic Woman of the Year nominated by each affiliate. The luncheon and meeting will be held at the Belfair Clubhouse in Bluffton starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Masks are required as well as social distancing.

The luncheon entrees choices are:

Chicken and wild mushroom crepe with Mornay sauce and asparagus or

Warm Cous Cous salad with salmon, spinach, tomatoes, cucumber curls and mustard dill dressing.

Dessert: Warm apple galette with ice cream and caramel sauce

To reserve a place send a check payable to the Beaufort Deanery Council of Catholic Women in the amount of \$30 with your choice of entrée ( crepe or salad) on the memo line. Please mail to Rosemarie Kovarcik, 91 Meridian Point Drive, Bluffton, SC 29910. Deadline for reservations is January 18. If you have any questions email Rosemarie at [kovarcikfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kovarcikfamily@gmail.com).

**II. THE COMMON GOOD**

**1905** In keeping with the social nature of man, the good of each individual is necessarily related to the common good, which in turn can be defined only in reference to the human person:

Do not live entirely isolated, having retreated into yourselves, as if you were already justified, but gather instead to seek the common good together.<sup>25</sup>

**1906** By common good is to be understood "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."<sup>26</sup> The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from those who exercise the office of authority. It consists of *three essential elements*:

**1907** First, the common good presupposes *respect for the person* as such. In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person. Society should permit each of its members to fulfill his vocation. In particular, the common good resides in the conditions for the exercise of the natural freedoms indispensable for the development of the human vocation, such as "the right to act according to a sound norm of conscience and to safeguard . . . privacy, and rightful freedom also in matters of religion."<sup>27</sup>

**1908** Second, the common good requires the *social well-being and development* of the group itself. Development is the epitome of all social duties. Certainly, it is the proper function of authority to arbitrate, in the name of the common good, between various particular interests; but it should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on.<sup>28</sup>

**1909** Finally, the common good requires *peace*, that is, the stability and security of a just order. It presupposes that authority should ensure by morally acceptable means the *security* of society and its members. It is the basis of the right to legitimate personal and collective defense.

**1910** Each human community possesses a common good which permits it to be recognized as such; it is in the *political community* that its most complete realization is found. It is the role of the state to defend and promote the common good of civil society, its citizens, and intermediate bodies.

**1911** Human interdependence is increasing and gradually spreading throughout the world. The unity of the human family, embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity, implies a *universal common good*. This good calls for an organization of the community of nations able to "provide for the different needs of men; this will involve the sphere of social life to which belong questions of food, hygiene, education, . . . and certain situations arising here and there, as for example . . . alleviating the miseries of refugees dispersed throughout the world, and assisting migrants and their families."<sup>29</sup>

**1912** The common good is always oriented towards the progress of persons: "The order of things must be subordinate to the order of persons, and not the other way around."<sup>30</sup> This order is founded on truth, built up in justice, and animated by love.

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Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Jan 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and Apr 15-May 6, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803-810-9602

**TODAY'S THE LAST CHANCE!!!**



## **K of C Virtual Silent Auction**

**Jan. 9, 2021 8:00AM to Jan.17, 2021 3:00 PM**

**Bid on your phone, tablet or computer  
from the Safety of your Home**

**Restaurants, Golf, Services and more  
\*Exclusive Vacation Packages**

**Register Free**

**OR select one of three Special Donor Levels**

**Payment options:**

**Credit Card, Apple & Google Pay, Check, Cash**

**Auction Link: <https://event.gives/kocvsa2021>**

**All funds Raised for the Columbus Hope Foundation  
Benefit Programs for Exceptional People (PEP)**

**Knights of Columbus Council 10668**

# Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Aleluya, aleluya.*

*Hemos encontrado a Cristo, el Mesías.*

*La gracia y la verdad nos han llegado por él.*



En aquel tiempo, estaba Juan el Bautista con dos de sus discípulos, y fijando los ojos en Jesús, que pasaba, dijo: “Éste es el Cordero de Dios”. Los dos discípulos, al oír estas palabras, siguieron a Jesús. Él se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: “¿Qué buscan?” Ellos le contestaron: “¿Dónde vives, Rabí?” (Rabí significa ‘maestro’). Él les dijo: “Vengan a ver”.

Fueron, pues, vieron dónde vivía y se quedaron con él ese día. Eran como las cuatro de la tarde. Andrés, hermano de Simón Pedro, era uno de los dos que oyeron lo que Juan el Bautista decía y siguieron a Jesús. El primero a quien encontró Andrés, fue a su hermano Simón, y le dijo: “Hemos encontrado al Mesías” (que quiere decir ‘el Ungido’). Lo llevó a donde estaba Jesús y éste, fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: “Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan. Tú te llamarás Kefás” (que significa Pedro, es decir ‘roca’).

Palabra del Señor

## Meditación del Papa

La palabra "Cristo" (Mesías) significa "el Ungido". La humanidad de Jesús está insertada, mediante la unidad del Hijo con el Padre, en la comunión con el Espíritu Santo y, así, es "ungida" de una manera única, y penetrada por el Espíritu Santo. Lo que había sucedido en los reyes y sacerdotes del Antiguo Testamento de modo simbólico en la unción con aceite, con la que se les establecía en su ministerio, sucede en Jesús en toda su realidad: su humanidad es penetrada por la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. Cuanto más nos unimos a Cristo, más somos colmados por su Espíritu, por el Espíritu Santo.

Nos llamamos "cristianos", "ungidos", personas que pertenecen a Cristo y por eso participan en su unción, son tocadas por su Espíritu. No quiero sólo llamarme cristiano, sino que quiero serlo, decía san Ignacio de Antioquía. Dejemos que precisamente estos santos óleos, que ahora son consagrados, nos recuerden esta tarea inherente a la palabra "cristiano", y pidamos al Señor para que no sólo nos llamemos cristianos, sino que lo seamos verdaderamente cada vez más. (*Benedicto XVI, 21 de abril de 2011*).

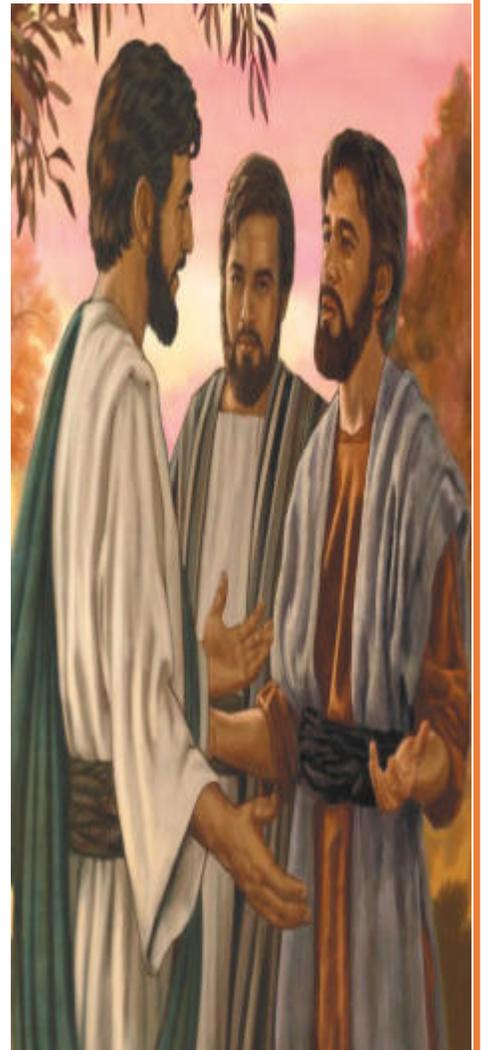
### Reflexión

En el evangelio de hoy, se nos presentan dos momentos en la vida de Juan y Andrés, discípulos del Bautista. El primero: su encuentro con Jesús; y el segundo: la respuesta natural que nace de este encuentro.

Juan y Andrés siguen a Jesús, en un momento. Éste se vuelve y les pregunta ¿Qué buscan? Los discípulos después le responden con otra pregunta. Pero la respuesta que Cristo les da parece que no resuelve su interrogante. Sin embargo, la pedagogía de Jesús es diferente a la nuestra. Les invita a que ellos mismos hagan la experiencia de convivir con Él. No los fuerza. Respeta profundamente su libertad. Hasta el punto que ellos mismos vieron dónde vivía y decidieron permanecer con Él. Lo que les atrajo no era tanto el lugar donde vivía el Maestro, eso más bien era un pretexto para acercarse a Él y conocerlo más íntimamente. Su testimonio les impactó tanto que interiormente lo único que deseaban era quedarse a su lado.

Nadie puede hacer una verdadera experiencia de Cristo y no quedar con alguna huella visible. En este evangelio, se nos muestra cómo el conocimiento de Cristo les lleva a tener una necesidad muy grande de transmitirlo a los demás. El mismo Andrés no duda en llevar la buena noticia de que han encontrado al Mesías a su hermano Simón, para después presentarlo con el Señor y que Cristo lo escoja para seguirlo también. El apostolado brota en todo corazón como una exigencia de quien ha experimentado el amor de Dios en su alma y desea ardientemente que los demás también puedan gozar de este maravilloso encuentro.

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