



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



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Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29



Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23	1 Sm 16:1–13	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7	1 Sm 24:3–21	2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27	Is 8:23–9:3
Mk 2:18–22	Mk 2:23–28	Mk 3:1–6	Mk 3:7–12	Mk 3:13–19	Mk 3:20–21	1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
						Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. + Haya Raviola by the Kerrigan Family
5:00 p.m. + Eddie Hurley by the Hurley Family

Sunday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. + Miriam Gio Szuch by the Manetto Family
9:00 a.m. + Teofilo Alabay by the Paraiso Family
11:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church
1:00 p.m. + Moe Aghabeh by the Mitchell Family
3:00 p.m. + Rosario Lopez Escalilla by Rita Lopez
5:00 p.m. + Greg Cranley by Mary & David Kirby and Family

Monday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. - Lara & Families by Adele Giambrone

Tuesday, January 20

- 6:30 a.m. - Catholic Charities Volunteers by the Catholic Charities Pantry
8:00 a.m. + Arthur Paretto by Celeste & Joe Aquilino

Wednesday, January 21

- 6:30 a.m. + Louis Thomas DeLafleur by Zian & Chris McKinney
8:00 a.m. + Calvin Wilson by Susie Geurin

Thursday, January 22

- 6:30 a.m. - Aaron La Madrid Beltran by the Beltran Family
8:00 a.m. + George Patchan by Bernard & Julia Patchan

Friday, January 23

- 6:30 a.m. + Jean Shutt by Carol Patrick
8:00 a.m. + Ginny Thorton by Susie Geurin

Saturday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. + Joseph Coady by Mary Harrigan
5:00 p.m. + Gisela Capito by Stan & Bette Ogozalek

Sunday, January 25

- 7:00 a.m. + Helen Martinez by the Rueffert Family
9:00 a.m. + Sandra Croon by the Ed Hurley Family
11:00 a.m. + Marilyn Parbs by Amy & Joe Speetjens
1:00 p.m. - Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church
3:00 p.m. + Desse Portillo by the Family
5:00 p.m. + Carol Russo by the Frey Family

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm (Spanish) & 5:00 pm

Daily Masses: 6:30 am (Monday - Friday)
8:00 am (Monday - Saturday)
First Friday: 7:30p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays in the Church: 7:00 - 9:00 pm



St. Joseph Catholic Church Profile

From 1925 until 1944, St. Joseph was a mission of St. James Parish in Falls Church. In 1944, St. Joseph became a separate parish with the Reverend Edward J. Mularkey assigned as the first pastor. The faith community was ministered to by numerous Diocesan priests, the Holy Ghost Fathers and Franciscan Friars (TOR).

St. Joseph Catholic Church is a faith community of over 2,700 families and is staffed by the Franciscan Friars (TOR). All are welcome in the spirit of peace and kindness of St. Francis of Assisi. The church is one of several buildings on the campus of 14.45 acres. The parish seeks to provide a faithful atmosphere to celebrate the sacraments and scripture, profess and live out one's faith, and to grow spiritually in Christ. The church oversees various ministries, events, and catechetical opportunities, and a faith-filled Catholic grade school (K-8).

A visitor would appreciate the simplicity of the Church and its natural lighting. They would be welcomed by the sight of the baptismal font and ambry. They would experience the Franciscan hospitality of the Friars and parishioners. As followers of Jesus Christ and Francis of Assisi, the Friars encourage the parishioners to remain open to the grace of life-long conversion (*metanoia*).

Prepare for the Arlington Catholic Herald. Website:
<https://sjcherndon.org/>

The Parish and School office will be closed Monday, January 19th, in observance of the *Martin Luther King Holiday*.

There will be one Mass,
at 9:00 a.m.



January 18th, 2026 after the 7, 9, & 11am Masses
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Our Lady of Lanka, pray for us.

O Most Loving and Tender Mother, Queen and Patroness of Sri Lanka, we humbly ask you to look upon us, your children, in our hour of need. Dearest Mother, you have come to our rescue, even in times of peril, from war and destruction. In your never failing love for us, we earnestly ask you, to dispel from our midst, waves of violence, killings and addictions, and various forms of evil actions to disrupt unity among people.

Help us to build in our land God's Kingdom of Justice and Love.

We entrust to your loving care and guidance all races and peoples of our country. Help us to bring about brotherhood, peace and unity in our society. Guide the destinies of our nation and obtain for us lasting peace so that all of us may live as brothers and sisters of one family.

Amen.

**Our Lady of Tewatte
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JANUARY 23, 2026 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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saints & spirits

a Gathering of Catholic men

Our first Saints & Spirits of the new year will be **Monday, January 26th at 7:30pm** at my home (894 Station St, Herndon VA 20170). I hope you can join us.

If you are not familiar, Saints & Spirits is an opportunity to learn about and discuss the lives and teachings of the Saints while also enjoying fellowship and spirits. The general format is two presentations on saints followed by discussion on each with breaks to enjoy and learn about different spirits (usually whiskey). If you would like to volunteer to present on a saint's life, please let me know. appreciate the help!

This is a free event, but donations are accepted to help cover costs (but not required to attend). You can also volunteer to bring a whiskey or present about a saint (I welcome and appreciate the help!).

Please RSVP by January 21st if you plan to attend. Feel free to share this invite with others who may be interested, too (last minute additions are also welcome!).

I hope to see you at the next Saints & Spirits.
– Charlie Mitchell

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New Altar Server Training

Interested 5th-8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend a new altar server information meeting on Jan. 20 from 6:00-6:30 PM in Meeting Room 212/213 above the parish hall. New server training will be conducted in the church on Jan. 27 (7:00-8:30 PM) and Jan. 31 (12:00-1:30 PM).

New servers only need to attend one training session.

Contact Mark Overberg
(571-262-9052) for more details or to RSVP to attend the training.



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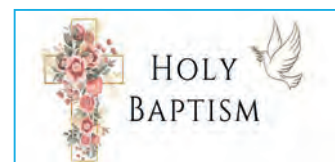
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Apply: Send resume and cover letter to:



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In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome the child of God who was **baptized on January 10, 2026:**

Andrea Krappweis parents Paul and Abigail

St. Joseph Youth Ministry Spring Events
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High School Sunday Night Gatherings, 6-8PM in Hall C

1/18 - Sunday Night Gathering	3/8 - Sunday Night Gathering
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2/8 - Sunday Night Gathering	4/12 - Sunday Night Gathering
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	5/3 - Sunday Night Gathering

Middle School Friday Night Gatherings, 7-8:30pm in Gym

Monthly Community Nights: open-gym free time, large group games, brief talk, snacks
Monthly Faith Discussion Nights: faith presentation with small group discussion

2/6 - Community Night	1/30 - Faith Discussion Night
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4/17 - Community Night	3/20 - Faith Discussion Night
	5/1 - Faith Discussion Night

Contact

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January 31st – February 1st
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February 7th & 8th
Men's CHRP Retreat (Christ Renews His Parish)

Saturday, March 7, 2026 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Men's Conference
Mass Celebrant & Homilist:
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, March 14, 2026 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Women's Conference
Mass Celebrant & Homilist:
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Church & Parish Hall

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Solemnity of St. Joseph and the Holy Family
Mass for the Solemnity and 100th Anniversary of SJC
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Church – Gathering in Parish Hall C after the
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Total	\$ 47,689	\$ 32,562

Second Collection:

Jan. 4 - Parish Facility Fund \$9,680

Other Collection:

Jan. 1 - The Solemnity of Mary \$3,564

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FAITH FORMATION



PARENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Reminder to all parents who have children preparing for First Holy Communion (Eucharist Year Two). Parent meetings will be offered on January (Sat.) 24th, (Sun. in Spanish) 25th, and (Tue.) 27th in Parish Hall C (the cafeteria) during class times.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On February (Sun.) 8th, (Mon.) 9th, (Tues.) 10th, & (Sat.) 14th all Faith Formation classes, during class times will be walking the Way of the Cross in preparation for the Lenten Season.



Lent begins on **February 18th** (Ash Wednesday).

PRESIDENTS' DAY



There will be no Catechism classes on February (Sunday) 15th, (Monday) 16th, & (Tuesday) 17th and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16th as well in observance of Presidents' Day. Classes will resume the following week as usual on February 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.

FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION)

On Saturday, February 21st (for Sunday's classes in Spanish) and February 28th (for Tuesday and Saturday's classes in English) students preparing for their First Holy Communion in May will be presented for their First Confession from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Both students and parents will go directly to the church and not to the classrooms.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Upcoming training dates for Winter/Spring 2026 in English and Spanish:

1. Saint Andrew Catholic Church, Clifton - Sunday January 18, 2026 at 2:00PM (English)
2. Centro Diocesano (80 N. Glebe Road), Arlington - sábado 21 febrero 2026 - 1:00PM (en español)
3. La Sagrada Familia, Dale City - sábado 21 marzo 2026 - 10:00AM (en español)
4. Centro Diocesano (80 N. Glebe Road), Arlington - sábado 4 abril 2026 - 1:00PM (en español)
5. Todos los Santos, Manassas - sábado 20 junio 2026 - 10:00AM (en español)

Attendance at a workshop is required for all new volunteers who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and for those who have completed 10 years of service. Mandates for Extraordinary Ministers are issued for a five-year term and are renewable (without attendance at a workshop) for a second five-year term. At the end of the second term (10 years), attendance at a workshop is required again.

IN *Christ*
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This year's **Bishop's Lenten Appeal** theme is, "In Christ We Are One," it reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith.

We will be sharing more information on this year's BLA soon, and you should be receiving a letter in the mail as well.

2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have revealed to us the wondrous mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity, dwelling in eternal communion with your Son and the Holy Spirit. May our generosity to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, foster in us an abundance of your gifts so as to be united with you and with all of our brothers and sisters in the human family. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be prayerfully considering what you might be able to give this year. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Are You a Widowed Person Seeking Fellowship with other Widows and Widowers?

The Widowhood Group at St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly, VA, is hosting a 'Meet and Greet' on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 1 pm in their parish hall. The group is for all those who have lost a spouse through death and are now seeking support and fellowship with those who have had the same experience.

Our activities include luncheons, potlucks, book discussions, and attending various church events.

Please contact Dorothy at dhmlaw@comcast.net or 301-807-4948 for more information and to RSVP.



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