

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel passage is from the beginning of John's gospel. It raises a question that John asks throughout his writing. Just who is this Jesus? This was a key question for Jesus's first followers. And it is for us Christians today too, and for anyone who wonders what to make of the Christian story. Who is this Jesus? This question runs all through John's gospel. Just before the passage we read today, a group of people encounter John the Baptist. John is calling them to change their way of living. Before responding, they ask: Who ARE you? Who are you to tell us how to live? John answers by saying: I am not the Messiah. I am just pointing the way for the one who can really answer your deepest questions, who can truly show you what it all means. And in the passage following today's reading, several followers of John the Baptist are intrigued when they first meet Jesus. When Jesus sees the questions written on their faces, he turns to them with a question of his own: "What are you looking for?" These are the very first words of Jesus recorded in John's gospel. They are addressed to us as well as to the first Christians: What are you looking for? The Baptist gives us the first of these answers when he points to Jesus and declares: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." So, the first answer to the question "who are you" is that Jesus is the Lamb of God who gives his very life to bring freedom to people who are oppressed or victims of injustice. This Lamb brings forgiveness, and thus takes away the sins of the world. When John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, it reminds me of one of Jesus's own answers to the question "who are you?" If you come and see, you will see someone who loves you so much that he will lay down his life for you. He is the Son of God. His love is God's unconditional love, for you, for me, for every human person, including the sinners. John the evangelist tells us he wrote his gospel so we may believe Jesus is the Son of God, and thus have life in him. Who is this Jesus? He is one whose love for us is so unconditional that we can only call it divine. Jesus brings utterly unconditional love into our world—for you and for me. He is Emmanuel—God with us; God's total love with and for us. If we come to see that in Jesus, we will be filled with hope and joy. Let's pray that we can believe that more deeply as we come to Jesus at the table of the Eucharist. (Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, January 19 9:00 a.m.


Intention of the Benefactor req Antony Man
 Intentions of Helena req Anne McInnis
 Helen Osmena req Leilani

Tuesday, January 20 9:00 a.m.

Leo Francia Hickey req Cora Diongson
 Bishop John M. Sherlock req Parishioners of St. Charles

Wednesday, January 21 7:00 p.m.

*****NO MORNING MASS*****



HEALING MASS

6:00 p.m. ADORATION
 7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS
 and
 ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
 Alphonsus Lambe req Ark of the Covenant-Legion of Mary

Thursday, January 22 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Birthday blessings for John Mathew
 req Mathew family
 Blessings and thanksgiving req Andrew and Susan Miller

Friday, January 23 9:00 a.m.


In memory of Barbara Persaud req Jackie Sherk
 In memory of Rosalina Abellera req Ruby Benitez

Saturday, January 24 5:00 p.m.

Fred Wakeham req family
 Rowena Wooldridge req Lailani Yotingco
 Settino DeLuca req Tony and JoAnne Tigani
 50th Wedding and 75th Birthday blessings for Camilo and
 Jesusa Barrientos req Frank and Fe Barrientos

Sunday, January 25 10:00 a.m.


For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures."

Job 36:11



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

This week the Lamp burns for the Intentions of Leilani and Rod Yotingco
 Req Leilani Yotingco



January 3/4, 2026

Sunday Offering (Jan. 3/4)	\$	2,107.00
Sunday Offering (Jan. 10/12)		1,800.00
New Year's Offering		1,260.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish

HEALING MASS

Wednesday

21st of January 2026

FEAST OF SAINT AGNES



6:00 p.m. ADORATION
7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS
and
ANOINTING WITH
HOLY OIL

"Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed. save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise."

Jeremiah 17:14

Please join us with your family and friends

FOOD DRIVE IN THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP CROSBY'S MINISTRY

The Cathedral Parish is collecting offerings of *non-perishable* food for the foodbank at the Good Shepherd Venture Centre. This collection of food is offered in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Crosby in the Diocese of Hamilton. Bags of food may be dropped off at the Cathedral Basilica at our Masses on the weekend of **January 24/25** or until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25 at the Good Shepherd truck which will be parked at the Tower entrance of the Cathedral Basilica. Please join us in honouring our retiring Bishop by offering our support for those who rely on the foodbank at the Venture Centre.

MONTHLY COFFEE TIME



Sunday January 25th
following the 10:00
a.m. Mass. Please bring
a refreshment to share.

SAINT LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED

Join us at **St. Charles Garnier Parish** for an 8-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. From the announcement of John, the Baptist's birth to the Ascension of Jesus, this study explores the key events of salvation history and invites us to grow closer to Christ through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

SCHEDULE

Tuesdays | February 3 – March 24, 2026

Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass)

Evening Session: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Weekly Dates

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

REGISTRATION

- Fee: \$50.00
- Please register at the parish office

INFORMATION

☎ Parish Office: 905-528-0074

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All are welcome. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this enriching time of study and prayer.

BIBLE SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE MINISTERS OF WORD OF GOD

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 (3rd Sunday in ordinary time)

The annual Bible Sunday will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on **Sunday January 25, 2026**. Let us throughout our lives read the Bible as if it is God Himself speaking to us directly and personally. It will impart to us light, understanding, spiritual food and physical health which will cleanse us, sanctify us, build us up, make us partakers of God's own nature. And you will be empowered with wisdom to overcome evil. On this Bible Sunday, let us with humble hearts give thanks to God for the precious gift of His word. **All the ministers Word of God will be called upon and have special blessing upon them on Bible Sunday to empower them to proclaim God's holy and living word. All the Lectors are invited to participate in this special blessing and recognition. Bring your Bible to be Blessed.**

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are now available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. (If there are questions, please see Flo in the office).

