



## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Today is the beginning of the public life of Jesus. As you remember, Christmas is over, the child is grown up, the child becomes a man and the man is baptized in the waters by John the Baptist, a sign of his oneness with all of humanity, that he is indeed the Messiah but he is true God and true man.

Today, we see John the Baptist testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is walking by him and John, seeing him pass by, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

He doesn't say, "Behold, the Messiah." He doesn't say, "Behold, the Son of God." He says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Lambs are very important to a shepherded people and, of course, we think of the lamb most of all when Jesus says that he is the shepherd and the lambs hear his voice and follow him.

But this is not what John has in mind. What John has in mind is something much deeper, something much more important. He is telling his disciples that this is the sacrificial lamb, offered at the time when the people were under the slavery of Egypt. And the lamb was offered that terrible night and his blood was placed upon the doorposts of all the children of Israel and the lamb became the sacrifice by which all of them were freed.

This is the lamb who is the sacrificial lamb. This is the Messiah who does not come with great armies. This is the Messiah who comes to us as a sacrificial lamb and, as John says, who offers his whole life that sins might be forgiven.



*Il Dio che viene ad incontrarci nella Bibbia non regna, indifferente alla sofferenza umana, in una lontananza beata. E' un Dio che, al contrario, si prende a cuore tutta questa sofferenza. Lui la conosce (Es 3,7). La notizia di Dio che si fa uomo in Gesù non*

*ci lascia di sasso: Dio viene nel cuore della nostra vita, si lascia toccare dalla nostra sofferenza umana, si pone con noi le nostre domande, si compenetra della nostra disperazione: "Mio Dio, perché mi hai abbandonato?" (Mc 15,34). Giovanni Battista dice di Gesù: "Ecco l'Agnello di Dio, che toglie il peccato del mondo". Ecco questo Dio che si lascia ferire dalla cattiveria dell'uomo, che si lascia commuovere dalla sofferenza di questa terra. Egli ha voluto avvicinarsi il più possibile a noi, è nel seno della nostra vita, con i suoi dolori e le sue contraddizioni, le sue falle e i suoi abissi.*



The ICHTYS, meaning "fish" in Greek, is a secret symbol adopted by Christians in the second century due to the persecution of Christ's

followers in those times. It consists of two intersecting arcs, resembling the profile of a fish. The letters of the word (in Greek ΙΧΘΥΣ), also make up an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, [Our] Savior".

### Are you being called to a Religious Life?



St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

## Are you a Registered Parishioner?

Are you a member of our parish? Whether you live within our parish boundaries or simply desire to be part of our faith community, we strongly encourage you to register! A formal registration allows us to recognize you, should you require anything, such as a letter of reference or a request to celebrate any of the sacraments, i.e., a baptism or wedding, etc... If you have not done so already, you may register by filling out the bottom portion of the front cover of the bulletin and drop it into the collection plate during any Mass, or you may find our registration form online and submit it us by e-mail or in person.



**PLEASE DO NOT USE 2019  
ENVELOPES FOR DONATIONS.  
USE ONLY 2020 CHURCH  
ENVELOPES FOR DONATIONS**

It is extremely important that you please enter your full name and address on each envelope for the first few weeks so that we may update our Parish Records and allocate donations correctly.

### USARE LE BUSTE DEL 2020 SOLAMENTE

Per Favore non usate buste senza nome per le donazioni. Bisogna iscriversi e usare le buste personali. Scrivete il vostro nome sulle vostre buste almeno per le prime 2 settimane in modo che possiamo aggiornare le vostre informazioni di parrocchia e registrare correttamente le vostre offerte. Grazie



Senior Adult Fellowship

This fellowship will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. From 9:15 am - 11:00 am after mass and adoration at 8:30 am.

**Keep the date free!**

**Next Date: Jan 17 Friday/venerdi**



JAN 12, 2020  
Weekly - \$ 1545.00  
Maintenance - \$ 1060.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Pre-Authorized Giving

Just a reminder that our parish is also set up to offer you the option of "pre-authorized giving", should you wish. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of this program, please pick up a pamphlet at the entrance of the church. You will also have the option of signing up for this program by filling in the Authorization form that is part of this pamphlet.

## ST NORBERT'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS DINNER

Family'n Friends



Il comitato sociale di San Norbert , ha organizzato una cena nella sala parrocchiale, che si terra 8 Febbraio 2020 alle ore 6:30 pm . Il costo del biglietto e' di 10/-.

Biglietti disponibili in ufficio e dopo tutte le messe domenicali.

Our Social Committee will be hosting a Dinner on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, for \$ 10/- per person.

Tickets will be available after Mass or at the office during office hours.



### SAT/sabato - Jan/gennaio 18

5:00 PM - +Emilia Fiorillo

### SUN/domenica - Jan/gennaio 19

9:00 AM - +Antonio Nero

+Giuseppe & Lucia Caldarone

+Maria Natale

10:30 AM- +Giuseppe & Concetta Gullusci

+Silvio & Francesca Gualtieri

+Opel Woods

+Arthur Strapon

12:00 PM -

### TUE/martedi - Jan/gennaio 21

7:00 PM -

### WED/mercoledi - Jan/gennaio 22

07:00 PM- +Helene Elias

### THU/giovedi - Jan/gennaio 23

8:30 AM- No Mass

### FRI/venerdi - Jan/gennaio 24

8:30 AM- +Filomena Belvedere