

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 |
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| 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 Mk 2:18–22 | 1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28 | 1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6 | 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12 | 1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19 | 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21 | Is 8:23–9:3 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



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.

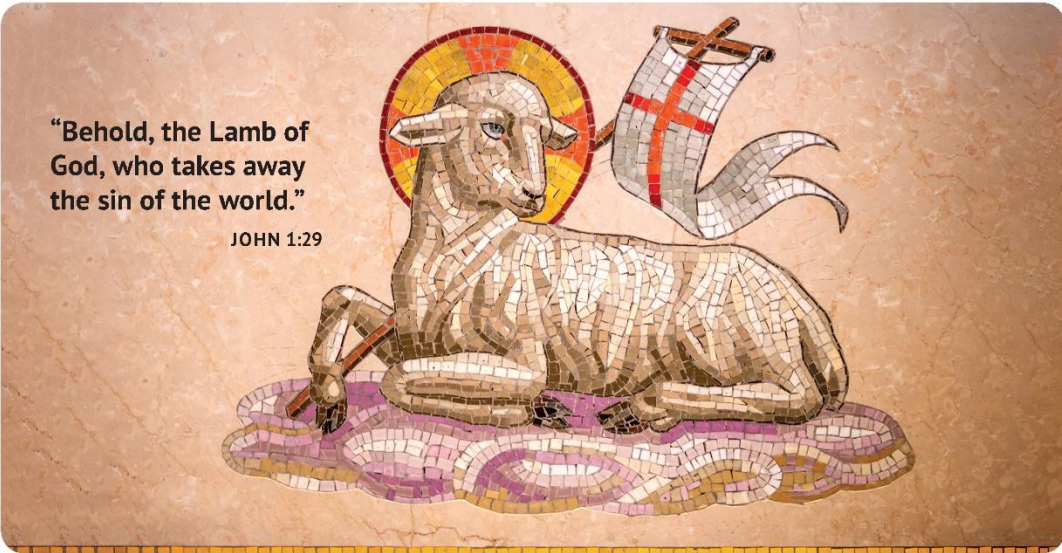
Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

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



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BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
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at least six months prior to desired date.

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THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
01/04/26: \$1,503.00 01/11/26: \$1,032.00
Building Fund Donations: \$150.00
***December On-line Donations: \$1,140.00**

***ON-LINE DONATIONS** can be an easy and inexpensive way to
routinely support St. Genevieve. Go to methowcatholic.org and look for
the little blue stick man. Questions? Call Nancy at 253-370-0798.



Thank you to all who volunteer and share!



CAFFEINE & CALORIES: The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.
Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet
food is especially needed in the winter.
Donations can be left in the basket at the side
door.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Jan 18 @ 11:00 am, **Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**
Wednesday, Jan 21 @ 9:30 am, **Word & Communion
Service, Rosary 9:00 am**
Sunday, Jan 25 @ 11:00 am, **Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**



Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 49:3, 5–6 From my mother’s womb, I am God’s servant.
Psalms 40 “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”
1 Corinthians 1:1–3 Greetings to you, a holy people in Christ.
John 1:29–34 Behold, the Lamb of God!

Today we are reminded to listen for Jesus’ call to follow him. Isaiah realized God’s call of
service, referring to himself as God’s servant, commissioned to proclaim God’s salvation to the
ends of the earth. Paul recognized that God willed him to be an apostle and today we hear him
tell the members of the church in Corinth that God calls them to be holy. John the Baptist points
to Jesus as the Lamb of God and Son of God, the one to follow instead of him. May we listen for
his call so that we may respond, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

Question of the Week: How will I witness to my faith, to Jesus, this week?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to Fr. Pat Kerst from Spokane, our celebrant for today’s Mass and for next
Sunday Jan 25, during Fr. Pedro’s absence.



Christ our Light



ADORATION

Following First Friday Mass and
Benediction, there will be
Adoration of the Lord until 12:00
p.m. Come and adore the Lord in
the Blessed Sacrament for a few
minutes or an hour or more. Of
course, you can always come into
the church and adore the Lord
present in the Tabernacle
whenever it is convenient for you.



*Behold the Lamb of God, which
taketh away the sin of the world.*



Agnus Dei with Vexillum

Please Remember



in Your Prayers

Judy Dayharsh
Dayharsh Family
Robert Springer
Cor Bader
Wannita Knox
Malachi Knox
Jeff Springer
Hal Groat
Ana Cotner
John Spannuth
Joseph Carbajal
Mark Crum
Roland Cruz
Duncan Bronson
Jim Perra
Brooke Stendera
Lupu Garcia
Bill Wilburn
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Howard Burcham
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