

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 14, 2024 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm  
Monday - Friday | 7 am, 9 am  
Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)  
Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



## Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

### CLERGY

**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
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[tonyapia50@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyapia50@yahoo.com)

**Ted Devlin, Permanent Deacon**  
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### STAFF

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703-280-1122 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

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703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos.  
Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication**.

### ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at [arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is the process through which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please call Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 703-280-1122.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.

**Parish Membership:** Parish Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)



**Mass Intentions** Pray for people in need, both living or deceased, by having a Mass said for that intention. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Special Intentions, Weddings or other needs.

**Devotional Candles** for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex are available for a \$4 donation.

For Mass Requests, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am-4 pm. Devotional Candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

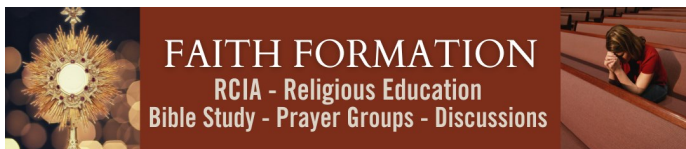
### FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or click Donate tab on [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Bible Prayer Group	Christ House Meals
Eucharistic Adoration	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



## FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

### JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

### APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30-9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.  
Facilitator: Lee Cena

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron + Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

### BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group)

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)

Sundays | 1:15-3:15 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122

### St. Ambrose Church Holy Stones & Altar Relics



Visit [stambroseva.org/new-church](http://stambroseva.org/new-church) for information about the Holy Land pilgrimage stones as well as the stones under the statues of Mary and Joseph. Links to biographies of the saints whose relics rest in the altar are also provided.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

### UPCOMING SATURDAY EVENTS

January 27 | Pray at Falls Church Abortion Facility

February 24 | Homeless Ministry

### WORK CAMP 2024!



Arlington Diocese WorkCamp is an annual week-long overnight camp providing the teens of the Diocese an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. WorkCamp 2024 is currently scheduled for June 22-28 in Frederick County, VA. Open to all high school students, St. Ambrose Youth Ministry is

attending WorkCamp with St. Philip's youth group. Interested in going with us? Contact Claire Jackson, 703-280-1122 or [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org).

We live our lives according to the stories we believe...

What if there is a different story?

The Story is the gospel.

the  
**RESCUE**  
project



DINNER | VIDEO | DISCUSSION  
[stambroseva.org/rescue-project](http://stambroseva.org/rescue-project)

All adults & teens are welcome!

Tuesdays | January 30 - March 12 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Saturday Retreat | March 9 | 9 am - 2:30 pm

The Rescue Project is an 8-week experience of community, conversation, dinner, prayer and the gospel - and it's free! All adults & teens are welcome. Register now: scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/ambroseproject](http://bit.ly/ambroseproject). For more information, visit [stambroseva.org/rescue-project](http://stambroseva.org/rescue-project) or contact Claire Jackson, [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org), 703-280-1122.





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 15: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	John Coughlin †
9:00 a.m.	Sam Vincent
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 16: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Our Family Thanksgiving Prayers
9:00 a.m.	Joyce Burlas †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot</b>
7:00 a.m.	Delores & Ernest Klimonda †
9:00 a.m.	Cecile Tchong †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 18: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Ray Goins
9:00 a.m.	Elma Huss †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 19: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Ali Lasell †
9:00 a.m.	Mark Weiser †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 20: Wkdy; St. Fabian, Pope &amp; Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, BVM</b>
9:00 a.m.	Rosario H. De Los Santos †
5:00 p.m.	Penny & Andy Saladino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Maria V.
12:00 noon	Cory Elder
5:00 p.m.	Berta Afonso †

### First Friday Adoration | February 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

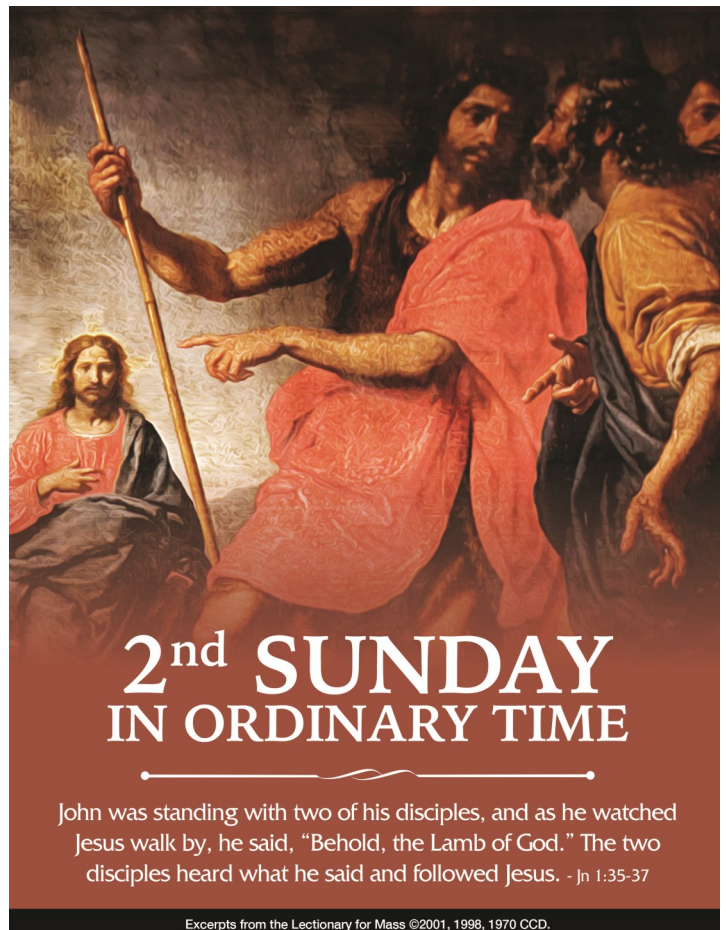
### For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 15	Rev. Richard E. Dyer
Jan 16	Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen
Jan 17	Rev. Ronald S. Escalante
Jan 18	Rev. Wilhelm J. Ettner
Jan 19	Rev. Paul M. Eversole
Jan 20	Rev. Joseph W. Farrell
Jan 21	Rev. Jerome W. Fasano (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Monday, January 15

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. *Day*

### Parish Offices Closed

### Registration Now Open! Behold, I Make All Things New

Join women from around the Diocese on Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8:30 am- 2:30 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Our 2024 gathering features the awe-inspiring reversion story of Patricia Sandoval and a powerful presentation by Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. on the true dignity and vocation of every woman. Sign-in begins at 7:30 am with confession and light refreshments. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 11:15 am. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women).

### Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | [bit.ly/nec2024](http://bit.ly/nec2024)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON

We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

### Renewed in Christ: Reflecting His Light to the World

Registration now open! Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Daniel Mode, Chaplain of the United States Coast Guard, and Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President of Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Knights of Columbus. Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, from 8:30 am.-2:30 pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30 am with confession and light refreshments. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 11:15 am. Cost: \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men).

**Mornings of Mercy** Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The retreats are free. The next retreat is Saturday, February 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean. Please register at [arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy](http://arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy)



Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Please contact Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514 or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

#### Church Construction Debt Reduction

To complete the church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Currently, we are only paying 3.5% interest on the loan. Once the loan is amortized, we will begin making a monthly mortgage payment. The more we can pay down the principal prior to amortization, the lower our monthly mortgage payment will be. Any amount that you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using our electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct.



## ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose

### NEWS & NOTES

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community, .

We're hosting an all school Open House on Sunday, January 28, 11am -1:30pm. Come and kick off Catholic Schools Week with us!

Saint Ambrose Preschool is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Information and application requirements are available at [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org). Application information forms are also available from the school or parish offices.

St. Ambrose School always needs extra substitute teachers. If you would like to be added to our sub list, please call the school office at 703-698-7171.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

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[stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)

### st. ambrose school open house

SUNDAY | JANUARY 28  
11 AM - 1:30 PM

celebrate catholic schools week!  
[stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)



## FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 - August 2, 2024 | [stambrosesummer.com](http://stambrosesummer.com)



#### Campers!

Camp registration opens at 1 pm, March 3, 2024. The schedule for campers, ages 4-13, is live now at [stambrosesummer.com/camps](http://stambrosesummer.com/camps).

#### Counselors!

Full-time | May 28 - August 2

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp is hiring engaging, fun and responsible college students who exhibit a joyful love of Christ and desire to be positive role models in the lives of young children this summer. Apply now!  
[stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)



Saint Ambrose Summer Camp strives to offer a dynamic, Christ-centered summer experience that forms the next generation of saints. Join us!





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Columbus®**

### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



## MARCH FOR LIFE

### Rally Watch Party, Potluck & Prayer

Friday | January 19  
11 am - 2 pm | Parish Hall  
*All are welcome!*

Bring a potluck lunch side dish  
or dessert to share!

**RSVP [bit.ly/wsawatchparty](http://bit.ly/wsawatchparty)**

Sponsored by Women of St. Ambrose



in support of  
**The MaRiH Center**  
Sunday | February 4  
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall  
Details at [stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
**WSA**  
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE



**KNITTING GROUP**  
FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY  
ITEMS DONATED TO CHRIST HOUSE



### young adults group

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNG ADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNG ADULTS)



- Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays, 6-7 pm, followed by a social at Glory Days on Nutley Street.
- Women's Group every Tuesday night from 7:30-9 pm. All single, engaged, or married women ages 21-35 are welcome!
- Stay in the know! Scan the QR to join our group chat - get updates on all young adult events. Join us!

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### Next Diaper Drive Weekend: February 3 + 4

St. Ambrose Parish supports The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, urgent needs are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), diaper rash ointment. To donate other critical items, please visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).



### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

#### Help + Hope + Healing

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.ccdanet](http://www.ccdanet)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

### Save the Dates

March for Life | January 19 | Washington, DC  
WSA March for Life Rally Watch Party, Potluck & Prayer | January 19  
WSA MaRiH Center Baby Shower | February 4 | Parish Hall  
Virginia Right to Life March | February 21 | Richmond

**After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing** for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry, 703-841-2504 or [nfo@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:nfo@helpafterabortion.org).



### HumbleBee Highlights

<https://stambroseva.org/humble-bee>



In this week's Gospel, John recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God and Jesus receives followers in Andrew and Simon Peter, who are brothers. In recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God, John the Baptist predicts the passion and death of Jesus.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION

Did you know that, in the early Church, it was common for a family to be baptized together? The members of a family can help each other in their walk of faith. Think of your family and your home. Are there items (a crucifix, sacred art, books) that help remind you about your faith? Are there members in your family that help lead you closer to Jesus? Are there ways in which you can lead your family members closer to Jesus? How can you pray for each other this week? (Ref. [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

**See The Bee for more faith + fun!**