



**January 19 2020 // Second Sunday in Ordinary Time // Lectionary: 64 // Gospel JN 1:29-34**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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**Spiritual Reflection:**

As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself... Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty, but humility. - Nelson Mandela. John the Baptist is humble enough to not be threaten by Jesus' ministry. The Pharisees and Scribes, lack humility, and thus they find themselves as enemies of God's plan.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. If you had to announce Jesus as the Messiah of the world, what would you say?
2. Are you delighted that you've been baptized? Why or Why not?
3. Do you ever feel the presence of the Holy Spirit?
4. If the Messiah were proclaimed to you, what would you personally do first?
5. If the Messiah were proclaimed to you, what would you want to see to verify the claims?