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## Second Sunday of O.T., January 15, 2023

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### ***From Fr. Newton's Desk***

**'I will make you a light to the nations.':** One of my favourite exercises when I work with various groups is to invite them to note that the loveliest words in English are the four-letter ones and challenge them to choose a key English, four-letter word that begins with the letters L-O. Some will say LORD, many will say LOVE and a few or none will twig onto the key word which is LOOK. Even our way of loving depends on our way of looking! Ideas around sight, looking, seeing, light, are central to John's Gospel. Luke once reminded us that Jesus' mission on earth was 'to give new sight to the blind.' And so, in our Gospel today, John the Baptist, Jesus' precursor, hints that his authority to be a witness is his having 'seen'. Seeing, as understood by the Evangelist of course, arises from that deep look of faith which penetrates to inner mysteries. Our 2nd Reading today refers to Paul's appointment as a witness. And we recall from Acts that God led him through his Damascus Blindness to a new vision. And in our 1st Reading we are told that the Suffering

Servant has been appointed by God to be a '**Light to the nations**'. Perhaps the Spirit, who has appointed witnesses through the ages, now looks to us to follow them as latter-day seers.

**Do not pray for an easy life; pray for the strength to endure a difficult one!**

## **Mass Times**

Sunday	Jan. 15, 9:00 am for dep Isabelle Reaumg
Sunday	Jan. 15, 11:00 am for the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Monday	Jan. 16, No Mass
Tuesday	Jan. 17, 6:30 pm for dep. John Gerritsen
Wednesday	Jan. 18, 6:30 pm for dep. John Atelison
Thursday	Jan. 19, 9:00 am for dep. MavGen Atelison
Friday	Jan. 20, 9:00 am for dep. Louis Leblanc
Saturday	Jan. 21, 9:00 am for dep. Barbara Wasch
Saturday	Jan. 21, 5:00 pm for the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sunday	Jan. 22, 9:00 am for dep Albert & Mary Bvettner & fly
Sunday	Jan. 22, 11:00 am for the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

**Change of Mass times will be from February 26, 2023 on 1st Sunday of Lent with only one Mass on Sundays at 10:00 am.**

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## **Daily Readings for the week of Jan 15 to Jan 22, 2023**

Sunday-Jan. 15, **2nd Sunday O.T.** Is 49:3,5 - 6; 1 Cor. 1:1-3; Jn. 1:29-34.

Monday -Jan. 16, Heb. 5:1-10; Mk. 2:18-22.

Tuesday -Jan. 17, Heb. 6:10-20; Mk. 2:23-28.

### **Octave Prayer for Christian unity Begins (Jan. 18 - 25),**

Wednesday-Jan. 18, Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk. 3:1-6.

Thursday-Jan. 19, Heb. 7:25-8:6; Mk. 3:7 -12.

Friday-Jan. 20, Heb. 8:6-13; Mk. 3:13-19.

Saturday-Jan. 21, **St. Agnes** Heb. 9:2-3,11-14; Mk. 3:20-21.

Sunday -Jan. 22, **3rd Sunday O.T. (Word of God Sunday)** Is 8:23-9:3;

1 Cor. 1:10-13,17; Mt. 4:12-23.