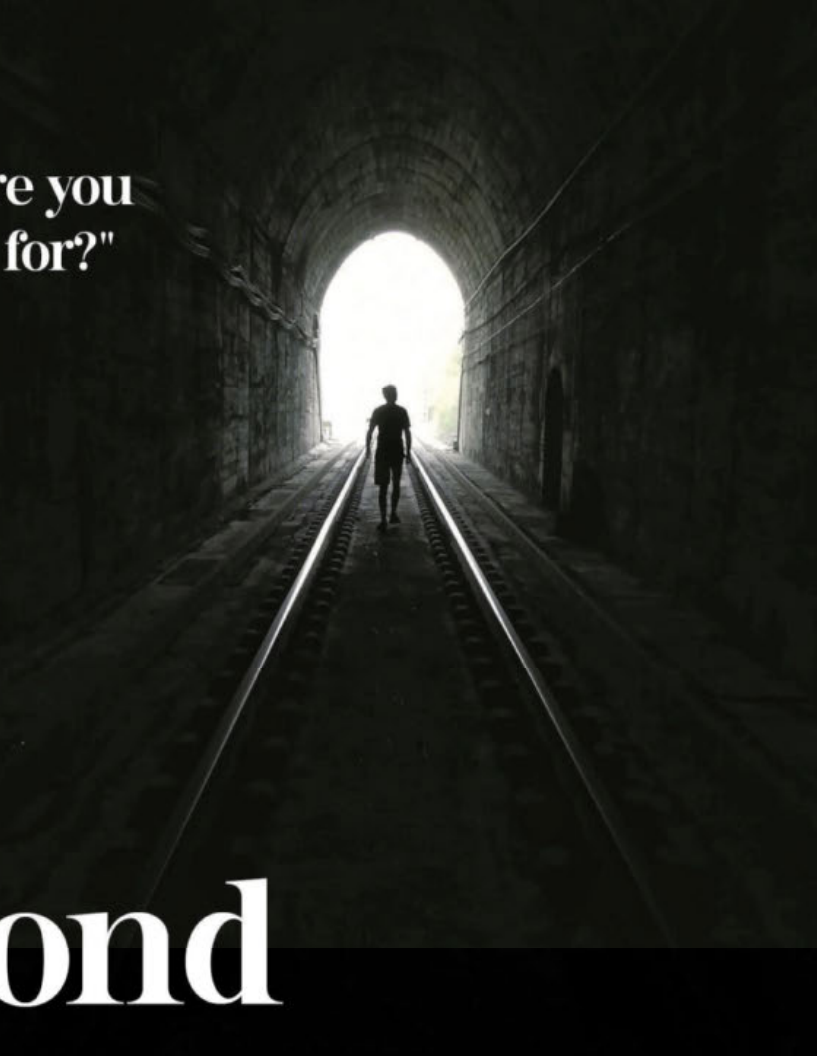


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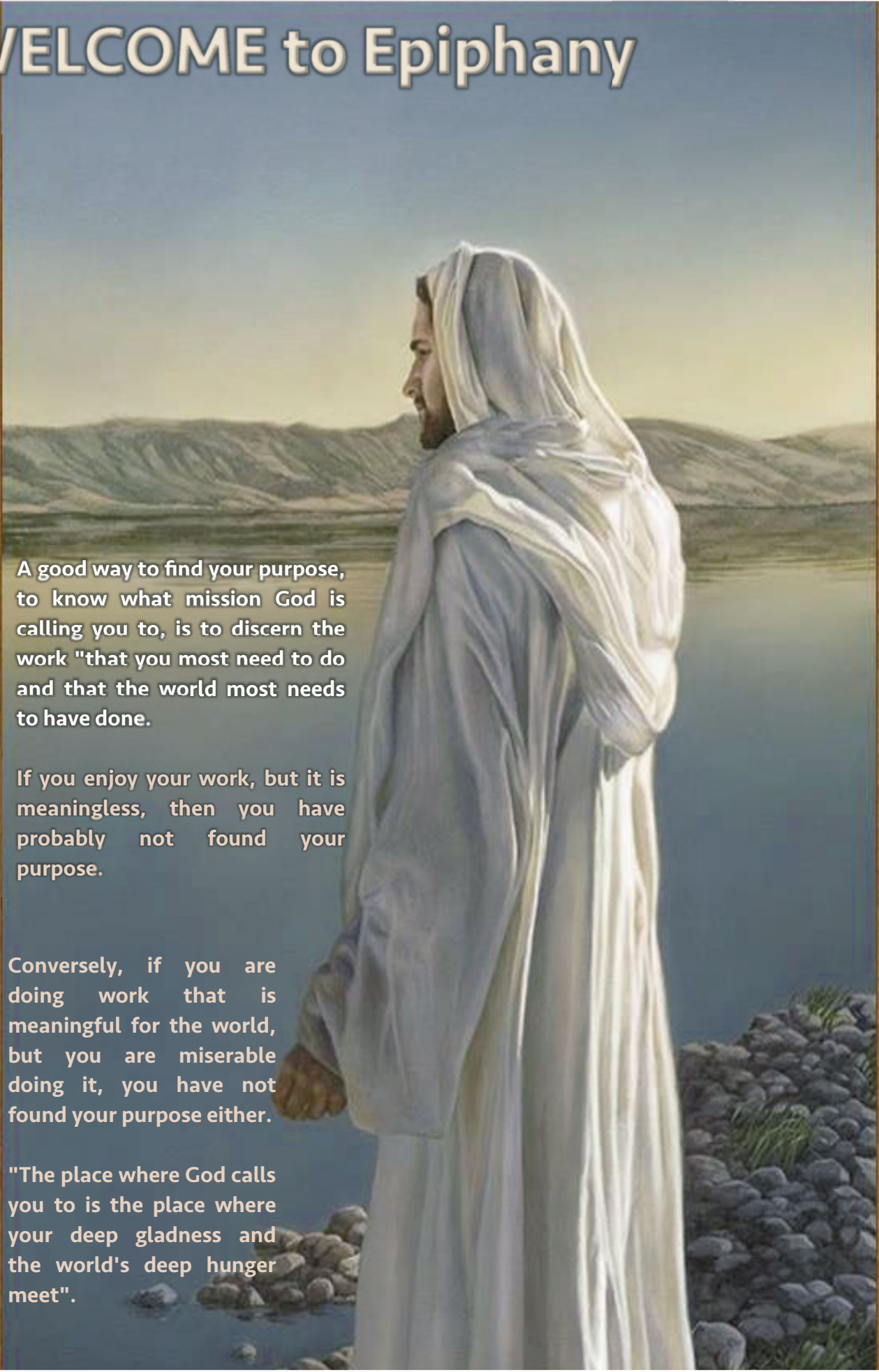
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"What are you
looking for?"

A silhouette of a person walking away from the viewer down a long, arched tunnel with tracks on the floor, leading to a bright light at the end.

Second
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

A man with a beard, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, stands in profile facing left. He is looking out over a calm body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river. The background shows rolling hills or mountains under a clear sky. The lighting suggests it might be early morning or late afternoon. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue border with a wood-grain texture on the left and right sides.

A good way to find your purpose, to know what mission God is calling you to, is to discern the work "that you most need to do and that the world most needs to have done."

If you enjoy your work, but it is meaningless, then you have probably not found your purpose.

Conversely, if you are doing work that is meaningful for the world, but you are miserable doing it, you have not found your purpose either.

"The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet".

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Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Justice ˈjʌ-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice>

CONTEXT

Justice and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.
—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.
—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.
—Maya Angelou

WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

RELATED WORDS

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-just-war>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm>). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. . . . Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

FAITH IN ACTION

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily

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JAN 14 - JAN 21

EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass
& Sunday Scripture
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**MLK Day
No Masses/Rectory Closed**



**11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word**



**12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha**



12:10pm Mass



4:00pm Vigil Mass



**Hunger Sunday
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
7:30pm Young Adult Mass**

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MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

4:00pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

Sunday, January 14

11:00am Jane Curley

7:30pm Catherine Gavin

Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Day

12:10pm NO MASSES TODAY

Tuesday, January 16

12:10pm Samuel Martin

Wednesday, January 17 Memorial of Saint Anthony

12:10pm Lloyd Frazier

Thursday, January 18

12:10pm Anna & Dominick Gerardi

Friday, January 19

12:10pm Rosemary Ippolito

Saturday, January 20

4:00pm Zosima & Epifania Abinon

Sunday, January 21

11:00am Ann Ahern

7:30pm Jack Candon

Monday, January 22 Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:10pm Cesar Marquez

Tuesday, January 23

12:10pm Frank & Annie Grealis

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