



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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February 5, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

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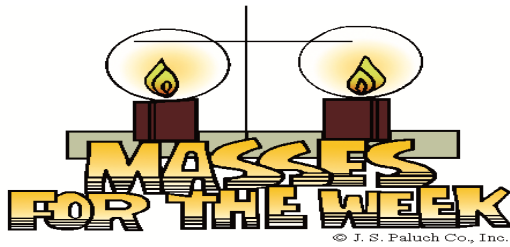
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Monday to Thursday

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201-641-2988
By appointment only

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201-641-2989
Sunday to Thursday



**Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
Joseph De Ruvo**

SATURDAY, February 4

12:00 PM. Mass Guild

5:30 PM Brian Raimondo - Kensek

SUNDAY, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM John Bussanich

10:00 AM Joseph De Ruvo

12:00 PM Bill Jehle

MONDAY, February 6

12:00 PM Joan Lee

TUESDAY, February 7

12:00 PM Jonathan Wende

WEDNESDAY, February 8

12:00 PM Ann Nierstedt

THURSDAY, February 9

12:00 PM Pasquale Manente

FRIDAY, February 10

12:00 PM Patricia Nole

SATURDAY, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

5:30 PM Giovanni Hroncich [28A]

SUNDAY, February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Mary Hussey

10:00 AM Angelo Bavaro

12:00 PM Margaret & Frank Herzich

GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

—Raymond Lull

POPULARITY

Avoid popularity if you would have peace.

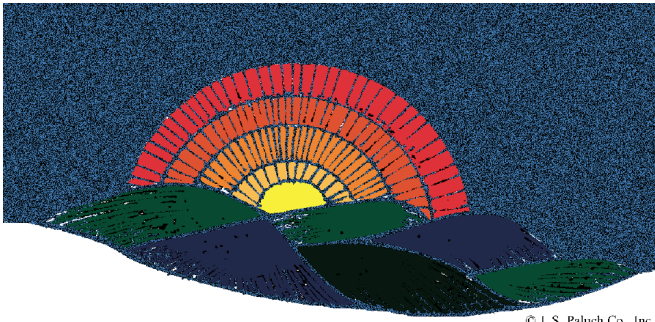
—Abraham Lincoln

FIFTH Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**"Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."**

Matthew 5:16



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THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Tu B’Sivat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;

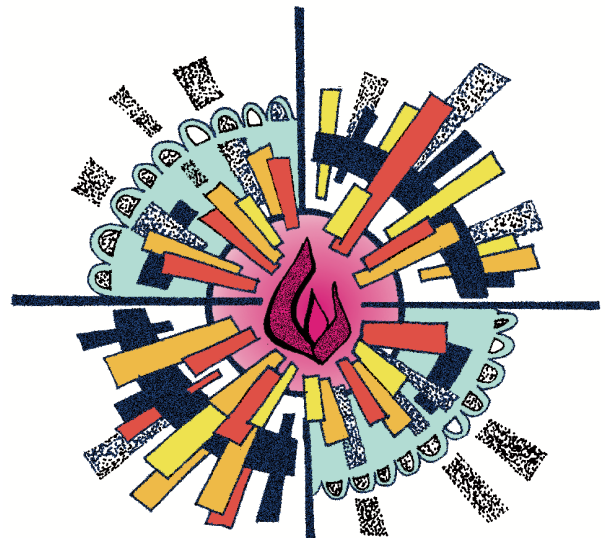
International Day of Prayer and Awareness

against Human Trafficking

Friday: St. Scholastica

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary;

World Day of the Sick



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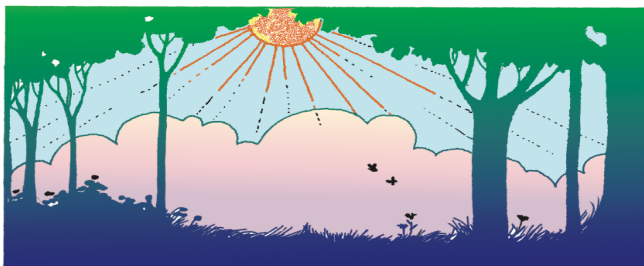
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We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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| Catherine Mary Moncello | Anthony Deli |
| Michel Porta | Valerie Vernay |
| Camilla Leventhal | Julian Morgan |
| Nicole Grano | Baby Amato Jordan |
| Johanna Hanush | Philip Dittmar |
| Lena Vitale. | Grace Ehler |
| John Thomas Lazur Dersch | Julio Sanchez |
| Robert Zienkiewicz | Arline Hrbek |
| Florence Navarro | Kevin Michael Francis |
| Paula Kelnhofer | Jacqueline Palmadessa |
| Barbara Demczynszyn | Michael Toscano |
| Caroline Ruppert Hubertz | Ellie Lombardelli |
| Tom Greaux | Brandon Kingsley |
| John Ratynski | Robert & Carolyn Salzman |
| Victor Ruggiero | James Moran |
| Dominick Di Buono | Olivia La Forte King |
| David I. Ramos | Emily Menzella |
| Charlie Di Buono | Ida Trumpf |



Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your light must shine

FEBRUARY 5

before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus,

I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past.

*May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity.
Amen. Alleluia.*

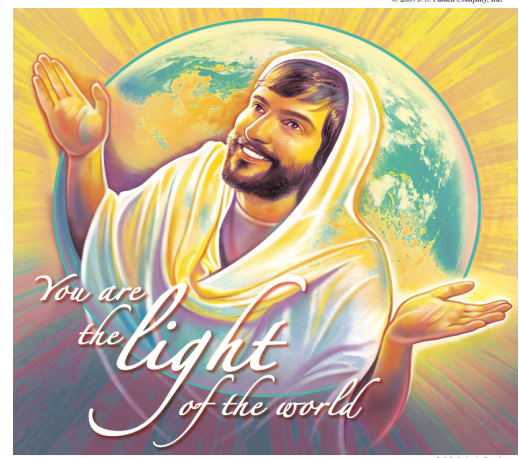
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Low-Salt Faith*

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple--salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. Just a pinch of salt can change the taste of food. Similarly, when we wake up in a dark room, one light bulb can be blinding. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring their parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. When someone has so much faith that it shows in their actions, as Isaiah puts it, "Your light shall break forth like the dawn." But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. But faith is the source of those actions, not the result. If we truly believe in God's love for us, and we believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.



When we do have faith, we don't have to worry about how people react to us. Like St. Paul in the second reading, we don't need to be dramatic or full of worldly wisdom. As he preached the wisdom of Christ who died on the cross and was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit, he let people see that power in the lives of other believers as well as his own life. But if we don't have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God's love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple. We could not spread the faith if we didn't have it ourselves.



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OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW**

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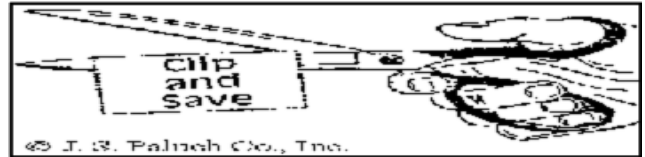
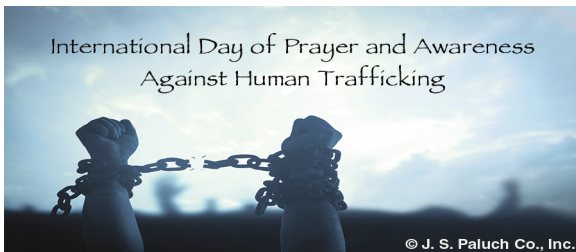
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