

**February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 58: 7-10*

*Psalm 112*

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

*Matthew 5: 13-16*

The Interior Light Is Seen In the Exterior Light

In the gospel passage Jesus says, "your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Jesus notes the people are the "salt of the earth." He recognizes they do have an interior spirituality. There is an understanding and experience of God's love within them. Therefore, He urges them to bring it out, to share it. Salt needs to be used, applied to the food, otherwise its flavor is not appreciated.

In the second reading Paul acknowledges, the spirit of God to be the root and cause of his preaching the Word. Paul's experience of God's love for him causes him to preach. Paul shares his interior love of God.

Through the Prophet Isaiah God directs us to share bread with the hungry and to shelter the oppressed and homeless. As we do so God answers our cry to Him. The Lord is very pleased to see people care for people. He loves seeing His love shared, like salt being used. Thus, God will bless those working for Him.

This parish stands as a platform for many apostolates that reach out to the community. Many people do the work of God in these apostolates. Through their work they display the loving concern God has for all His creatures. We, His creatures, actually, are the ones acting in the power of God's mercy and justice.

Foremost, we the parish are a spiritual force in the area. We gather to pray, worship, study and celebrate. From this, streams many services we render in the cities we reside.

The parish partners with the City of Oakland Park to provide green open space through our Cherry Creek Park. Abundant food is provided to hundreds of people every week. Several members of the parish visit the sick in private homes and institutions. In the very daily and weekly Liturgies our brothers and sisters minister "in front" of the congregation and behind the scenes too.

Thus, salt is mined, and salt is used. The way that we all comport ourselves in our work, home and leisure lets people know we love God and God loves us. And God loves them through us.

Thus, as individual Christians called together as one body in Christ we must reach out to people in need. The work we do expands outside of our parish boundaries. There is a specific way we reach out beyond our boundaries.

We reach out together with our brothers and sisters of all the parishes of our Archdiocese. Our many parish "lights" gather as one very big fire.

We reach out together through the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive. The explanation and call to make your tithe to this drive has already been sent to your home. For those of you who are new you will respond through the literature given to you in the church.

Make sure you make your pledge and pay it off during these next several months.

Let your interior light of faith and gratitude to God be seen as an exterior light.

Peace be with you!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir15:15-20;1Cor2:6-10;Mt5:17-37  
Please read the readings before celebrating Mass.  
**Scripture Sharing Thursday @ 7pm.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Remember to Make a Pledge to the ABCD.**

**Our Parish Goal is \$62,000.00.**  
**WE can make this goal!**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Time, Talent, Tithing**

**It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself.**  
**It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Tithes Collected:</b>	<b>\$5,125.50</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>\$387.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,512.50</b>
<b>Per Capita:</b>	<b>\$17.50</b>

**Thank You!**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**One of the best ways to form ourselves in Faith is to participate in the Liturgy every Sunday! Also, participate in Scripture Sharing that takes place every Thursday at 7pm.**

COMMUNITY

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The Eucharist! The Sacraments!
Presentation in Two Parts
Open to All People.

Session #1: February 18th (Saturday) 9:30-Noon.
Session #2: March 11th (Saturday) 9:30-Noon

The two sessions present the total material. Thus, you attend both to complete the seminar. It is designed as two days of reflection on the Eucharist. You will learn how it comes about that we know this truly is Christ's Body and Blood. It is based on Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium of the Church.

\*\*All people new in the parish ought to attend. It is required for all NEW Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers. Any other people who have joined an apostolate/ministry must attend.

You are considered "new" for the purpose of attending these sessions if you did not attend one of the sessions that took place prior to COVID.

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Also Needed In Our Parish Apostolates

- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who will visit the Nursing Homes and private homes. You will receive vetting and training for this apostolate. You also must be available to help distribute Communion at Sunday Liturgies.

- The Store of Inspiration: Fr. Bob is interested in interviewing people who might be helpful, organized retailers in our store. Please contact Fr. Bob at the rectory: 954-564-1010

2023 Retreat schedule

Now is the perfect time to give yourself or your loved one the gift of a spiritual retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. The 2023 theme is "Whatever you ask in my name" (John 14:13)

Women's Retreat February 24-26, 2023
Men's Retreat March 3-5, 2023
Reserve your space for only \$50.00. The balance of \$190 is due at the retreat

Register via the website: www.ourladyofflorida.org or call 561-626-1300

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, Arnold Lakso, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, February 4
4:00 p.m. † E. Thomas Marchese by Dave Joseph Gero by Dennis, Gregory, & Ruthie Kucharewski
Sunday, February 5
9:00 a.m. † Dan Blaha, Jr. by Jordan Family
10:45 a.m. † Ernie Martens by Mary Miller Mercedes Molina by son, Charles
Monday, February 6
8:00 a.m. NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, February 7
8:00 a.m. † Cardinal Pell by Parish
Wednesday, February 8
8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society
Thursday, February 9
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Terri
Friday, February 10
8:00 a.m. † Ray Archbol by Joanie
Saturday, February 11
4:00 p.m. † Dottie & Joe Ducato by Paul, Marylou & Nancy Michelle Palmieri by Dennis Kucharewski
Sunday, February 12
9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Mario Gutierrez by Carlos & Mario Arturo Cuan by Perez & Cuan Families