



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

Light shines through the darkness for
the upright.— *Psalm 112:4*

GOD’S CALL

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to “paint” the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. “Oil of exorcism” protected candidates from “evil spirits”; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism’s bath, “sealed” them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Christ has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

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 — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;

Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;

Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;

World Day of the Sick

Wednesday: Lincoln’s Birthday

Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;

Valentine’s Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**The heart has its reasons of
which reason knows nothing.**

Special Collection

Church in Central & Eastern Europe

February 26h

Feb 16th

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Martha Jo Neuenschwander ,
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Next weekend ,Feb.16th, is
Commitment Weekend for the
2020 Annual Catholic
Appeal .Please bring the
personalized commitment card you
received in the mail to Mass with
you as we join together to support
our Catholic Church.

Offertory 2/2/2020

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\$775.00

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