



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2020

I will make you a light to the nations, that my  
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— *Isaiah 46:6b*

### CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will  
(Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Friday: St. Francis de Sales

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;  
Chinese New Year 4718

The office will be closed  
Monday Jan. 20 in honor of  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

In case of an emergency, and you are  
needing a priest, please contact  
St Mary's in Jackson 731-668-2596

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,  
21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2,  
10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps  
117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-  
13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK JAN 26th FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Jan 26th

Lector PEGGY

E/M FLORENCIA/MAURISIO

Usher MICHAEL/JESUS

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Statement of Activity for the  
2nd quarter ending Dec 31st  
2019 posted on the front  
bulletin board

Offertory

JAN 12TH

BUDGET \$1351.00

ACTUAL \$ 1210.00

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### Remember In Prayer

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Louis Humble Sr. , Joy Williams,  
Martha Jo Neuenschwander ,  
Marilyn Fountain , Sadie Stanfill