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**Remember In Prayer**

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**February 5, 2023**

**FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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.

**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

**Commitment weekend for 2023 Catholic Appeal is February 18th and 19th.**

**GIVING**

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

**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'Shvat* (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

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 4:1-15,  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,  
 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;  
 Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
 Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48  
 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13



**United in Faith**

October 2022 to January 2023

Pledged	\$17,200
Amount Paid	\$5,200
Catholic Appeal for 2022	<u>-\$5,000</u>
Balance	\$200

St Regina received a check for **\$50** from the Diocese as part of the 50-50 split.

Feb 12th 2023

Lector Mary C

Servers JESUS & MARINA

Counters Ann & Anita

**Jan .29,2023**  
**Sunday collection**  
**\$679 .00**