

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

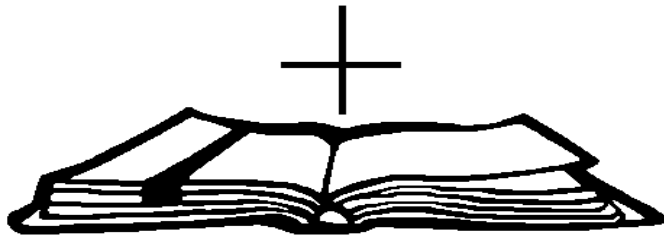
GOD'S CALL

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.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Feb. 08, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Henry Lambert (L), Nick Sita, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Special Intention, Randy Cooper, Aida Saacks, Tom and Louise Cashmere (L), Wilma Ferran (L), Karen Bovia (L)

Sun., Feb. 09, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Feb. 09, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Feb. 09, 11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon, Doris M. Letsch, Richard W. Letsch, Dorothy Naquin, Edward John Anderson, Joseph Legnon, Lloyd Callais (L), Fr. Vincent Phan (L), Rueben Lara, Caleb Callais (L), Andrew Danenhower (L)

Mon., Feb. 10, 8:00 a.m. Cliff Voisin

Tues., Feb. 11 NO MASS

Wed., Feb. 12, 8:00 a.m. Carmen Navarrette

Thurs., Feb. 13, 8:00 a.m. Nick Sita

Fri., Feb. 14, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

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

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Leland Rodriguez	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Joseph Hadad
Nita Addotto	Caminita Family
David R. LeBlanc	Wilma Ferran
Margaret Jones	Dot Willie

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,927.00
Loose	\$ 2,256.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,881.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Cu Thi Phan (L)
Blessed Mother	Mary Anne Treuil (L)
St. Joseph	Edward John Anderson
St. Ann	Louis Barbazon II

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

Gary Treuil

Thank you to everyone who supported our super bowl fundraiser. Your support is appreciated.

CATCH FIRE YOUTH

Catch Fire meets SUNDAY 2/16 @ 6:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall. Join other youth ages 6th grade through senior for fun, fellowship and King Cake! Can't wait to see everyone!

BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS: SET FREE TO LIVE

Paul's letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love of God the Father has for his children. This study speaks to the extra ordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. The forms are available on the church porch. The deadline to register is Monday, February 17th by 9:00 a.m. to order books. Classes meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday or Friday in the Jonathan Hall library. This bible study begins on Feb. 27th and 28th for eight weeks.



The Knights of Columbus are holding their Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent beginning Friday, February 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. They will be serving your choice of fried or baked fish, cole slaw, potatoes and hush puppies. Eat in or take out. Everyone is invited to attend.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On March 7, 2020, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting a life-changing Archdiocesan Men's Conference from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Catherine Sienna in Metairie. All men ages 18 and over are highly encouraged to make plans to attend and bring all of their closest friends, teammates, brothers, fathers, men's groups, etc. We are expecting over 1000 men! Meet fellow men seeking holiness and hear inspiring talks from Focus CEO Curtis Martin, Catholic evangelist Peter Herbeck and former Saints player and current NFL coach Jack Del Rio. **Please go to the website at**

www.nolacatholicmen.com to view the flyer, more information and most important, to register.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Continue on Sunday February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library. We will study and discuss the influential Catholic writer, Flannery O'Connor. O'Connor had a profound influence on contemporary culture, particularly literature and film. Her novels and short stories have been described as shocking, convoluted, funny, and violent. They are filled with unforgettably strange characters. But the stories are haunted by Christ and awaken us to the need for salvation. Subsequent Pivotal players will take place on the third Sunday of every month.

FOOD DRIVE

For Lent our parish will be participating in a food drive that will benefit our neighbors who are living in poverty. The non-perishable food items we collect will be sent to the Northshore Food Bank which serves families in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes. St. John's will have bags available for you to fill in the coming weeks.

ENCOUNTER LENT

We are called to Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at all masses on February 22nd and 23rd. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place Sunday, June 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. The celebration will be a Prayer Service. All married couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage this year are invited to participate. *All participants must register at nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary or call the parish office at 796-3806. The deadline to register is Monday, March 23, 2020.*

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8th, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J H.

9th and 10th grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

100th Anniversary Committee Meeting, February 10th, 3:00 p.m. in office

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - February 8

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.”