

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

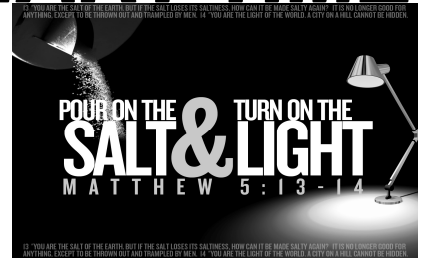
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020

Through the power of God(2), we can be a light to the world (Ps,3) by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed (1)

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 944-4603

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Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

Some of the most impoverished people I have ever known don't consider themselves poor. I'm not talking about the "poor in spirit," but people who survive on the bare minimum and don't think of themselves as economically poor.

I'm picturing people I have met in Peru, El Salvador or the Romanian countryside. Sure, they know that there are rich people who have and hoard an obscene amount of everything. When some Salvadorans visited a U.S. sister-parish they wondered how many extended families reside in the mansions hiding behind the gates of some neighborhoods, but seeing excess didn't make them feel poor. If they have a decent roof over their heads, enough blankets to share on a cold night, and can add water to the soup if someone drops in at dinnertime, they feel that they are doing OK.

People like these assume that everybody ought to understand Isaiah's call to care for the oppressed, the homeless and the naked like they do. In their thinking, Isaiah is simply reminding us of how to act like human beings. For some of them, the prophet's hardest challenge hits when there is a family feud and Isaiah demands, "Do not turn your back on your own."

Today, Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He also warns us that we can become so bland that our contribution ends up being about as appetizing as dirt: able to enhance nothing at all.

Then he warns us that we are like the light of a city on a hill: Whether we are salty or insipid, we cannot hide. Everything we do gives witness to our faith or lack thereof.

It all comes down to the question of whether we illuminate the world or are nothing more than light pollution. (The Oxford Dictionary defines light pollution as "brightening of the night sky caused by street lights and other man-made sources, which has a disruptive effect on natural cycles and inhibits the observation of stars and planets.") Yup, light pollution really happens. It's like salt gone bad — it inhibits nature's self-care and cuts off our ability to see the rest of the world.

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Jesus' preaching here is vivid, but not very specific. He tells us, "Be tangy! Shine with good deeds!" The details come from Isaiah and Paul, who describe the attitudes and activities that create good light.

Paul got very pointed in his letter to the Corinthians. He loved them, and that's why he could get so angry with them.

Their core problem was factionalism. Some bragged of their sophistication; others claimed orthodoxy based on the missionary theologian (Paul or Apollos) they favored and followed. Paul put up with none of that. He reminded them that instead of impressing them with erudition, he had come among them like a bumpkin: in weakness, fear and trembling.

Then he reiterated the horrific, blunt truth that the Christ he preached had appeared as the poorest, most powerless person imaginable: a savior who revealed his dignity and strength on the cross.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to get back in touch with how the essence of his message had come alive among them. Paul saw how easy it was for them to slip into the values of a society that esteemed a person for learning or wealth, for status and fame. Paul wanted them to remember "the mystery," how they had experienced a love of God and community that had revealed the utter emptiness of those societal standards.

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How could they do that? Here's where Isaiah comes in. Isaiah says, "If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech, if you bestow your bread upon the hungry ... then light shall rise for you."

Sometimes, it's a question of acting yourself into a new way of being. If you are getting caught up in the divisions of church and society, if the newest electronics are becoming a prime object of your attention, if achieving or maintaining status is fueling your ambition, be careful. You are a city on a hill. The tragic irony is that everybody can see through people whose self-worth depends on such things.

Isaiah suggests that we straighten ourselves out by altering the company we keep. Can you frequent a soup kitchen and listen to people whose experiences are unlike any you have ever had? What about allowing someone like St. Joseph, Sr. Helen Prejean or Jesuit Fr. Greg Boyle to teach you? If you can't meet them in person, pick up their books and let them challenge your outlook.

Today we're invited to become saltier. We'll do that by reconsidering our values and learning from people whose approach to life makes us question our own. With that, new light will dawn on us — and it will inevitably shine forth.

<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY 9, 2020 Scripture Reflections</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; Mt 4:12-23 Today's Intention - Joseph A. Knott <u>February 16, 2020, Sixth Sunday in OT</u> Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 Father James D. Zatalava, (OLOF Parish)</p>	<p><i>In the verses preceding today's Gospel, Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. As Moses formed God's people by giving them the old law on Mount Sinai, so Jesus, the new Moses, forms a new people by giving them his new law.</i></p> <p><i>"You are the salt of the earth," says Jesus. As salt permeates food and brings out its flavor, so as Christians we are called to permeate the world and transform its values. "You are the light of the world," continues Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims: "I am the light of the world" (8:12). As Jesus' followers, we are called to let his light shine through our lives, drawing others to this light.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>February 10, Monday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin Readings: 1 Kgs 8 :1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56 6:45 AM + Madeline Seidel Ann. (Weaver Family) 12:00 PM + Regis Noel (Daughter Sandra)</p> <p>February 11, Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes Readings: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13 6:45 AM + John Duffy (Jim & Elaine) 12:00 PM + Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)</p> <p>February 12 Wednesday: Weekday Readings: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 6:45 AM Good Health of Susan Bauer (Children) 12:00 PM + Murphy Montler (Jennifer & Cliff Plank)</p> <p>February 13, Thursday: Weekday Readings: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30 6:45 AM + Steve Flanagan (Janet Azeles) 12:00 PM + Koby Bryant (Mike Crossman)</p> <p>February 14, Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius BP Readings: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19; Mk 7:31-37 6:45 AM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheets) 12:00 PM + Debbie Capotosti (Jean Koehle)</p> <p>February 15, Saturday: Weekday Readings: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; Mk 8:1-10 8:00 AM + Lori Crilley, Birth. (Sisters Pam & Vicki) 12:00 PM + Irene Schlecht (Mr & Mrs Bernie Behe)</p> <p>Vigil: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 5:00 PM + Bernadine Garcia</p>	<p><i>In the letter to the followers in Corinth, Paul shows how his life witnessed to the light of Christ. He tells the Corinthians that when he came back to them, he did not preach using great rhetorical gifts. Instead, he allowed the Spirit to speak through him. Physically, Paul came "in weakness and fear and much trembling his human inadequacies to communicate the message of the crucified and Risen Christ.</i></p> <p><i>Paul argues that God's power, God's grace, works through the lives of believers by attracting many to follow and except the Good News. The prophet Isaiah offered the same idea. The witness of an authentic life attract attracts people to the message. The prophet affirms this vision: "If you bestow your bread on the hungry/and satisfy the afflicted; / then your light shall rise you for you in the darkness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Matthew's Gospel account present Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount as a new Moses? <p><small>AT HOME with the WORD 2020, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 45</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>

Feb 9, 2020 5th Sunday in O T (MT 5:13-16) by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

First Communion Sessions - 2020

First Communion Sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, February 11, March 10, and March 31, 2020. All sessions are held in the Cathedral hall from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. If unable to attend a session, please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

First Communion at the Cathedral will be on Sunday, April 19 at the 10:00 AM Mass. First Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:30 Mass. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass.

Cathedral Calendar of Prizes 2020 Are Here!

Calendar of prizes 2020 are still being sold at the Cathedral Parish Office, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$1,500.00. We still have 144 left. Still a chance to win the BIG MONEY!

Stewardship Reflections

Who are the hungry, the oppressed, the homeless, and the naked in the midst? How can you uncover your gifts so you can become a "light of the world" for them? As Christian stewards, we view our resources of time, talent, and treasures as gifts from God. We don't possess or own these resources, but we entrusted with them to nurture their growth and use them wisely. Disciples and stewards allow their love of Jesus Christ to shine through their words and deeds so God may be revealed to others.

2019 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS for Income Taxes will be available by February 16th. We were held up by a few computer issues. I will hand them out next Sunday in the vestibule after Mass.

Weekly Collection - February = \$2,425.00

BIRTHDAYS: 2/12, Gene Summers; 2/14, Dan Stitt; 2/17, Marci Bradford; 2/16, Jayden Starr;

ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

Pierogi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima pierogi sale is happening NOW for the Lenten Season. Pickup date is Ash Wed., February 26th NOON to 5:30 PM. Order sheets are in every other pew. Deadline for ordering is NOON, Mon., Feb. 17th. To order by phone: 942-0371 or e-mail: olhoff10@hotmail.com.

Pierogi contents are: Potato with cheddar, white American, Pepper Jack, & Sauerkraut also Gnocchi are \$6.00 each 15 oz. bag. 6 Cheese Ravioli are \$8.00 per 15 oz. bag. If the time does not suit you, call the rectory and we can make other arrangements.

Because of the potato shortage, we do not have plain potato pierogi.

UPMC

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona are looking for a volunteer Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Tony Conrad at 889-2177 or email him at conradaw@upmc.edu

Religious Education News PK-8

Classes have resumed on Sundays, at 8:30 AM. Until further notice, all classes will be dismissed from the Parish Center lower level alley doors. PK/K parents please continue to go to the classroom to pick up your child.

Confirmation Prep

11th Grade Christian Retreat Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 AM -4:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross starting Friday March 6th, at 5:30PM.

ARISE

Arise, together in Christ is a six week, Catholic based, small group, faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action.

Season 4, "New Heart, New Spirit" will focus on key themes of our faith and social teaching. Please consider participating in this program for Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 23rd, & Tuesday evening February 25th @ 6:30 PM at the rectory. Sign up weekends will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish beginning February 2nd.

St. Thomas-continued

The monks of Fossa Nuova were anxious to keep his sacred remains, but by order of Urban V the body was given to his Dominican brethren, and was solemnly translated to the Dominican church at Toulouse, 28 January, 1369. A magnificent shrine erected in 1628 was destroyed during the French Revolution, and the body was removed to the Church of St. Sernin, where it now reposes in a sarcophagus of gold and silver, which was solemnly blessed by Cardinal Desprez on 24 July, 1878. The chief bone of his left arm is preserved in the cathedral of Naples. The right arm, bestowed on the University of Paris, and originally kept in the St. Thomas's Chapel of the Dominican church, is now preserved in the Dominican Church of S. Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome, whither it was transferred during the French Revolution.

A description of the saint as he appeared in life is given by Calo (Prümmer, op. cit., p. 401), who says that his features corresponded with the greatness of his soul. He was of lofty stature and of heavy build, but straight and well proportioned. His complexion was "like the colour of new wheat": his head was large and well shaped, and he was slightly bald. All portraits represent him as noble, meditative, gentle yet strong. St. Pius V proclaimed St. Thomas a Doctor of the Universal Church in the year 1567. In the Encyclical "Aeterni Patris", of 4 August, 1879, on the restoration of Christian philosophy, Leo XIII declared him "the prince and master of all Scholastic doctors". The same illustrious pontiff, by a Brief dated 4 August, 1880, designated him patron of all Catholic universities, academies, colleges, and schools throughout the world.

Writings (general remarks)

Although St. Thomas lived less than fifty years, he composed more than sixty works, some of them brief, some very lengthy. This does not necessarily mean that every word in the authentic works was written by his hand; he was assisted by secretaries, and biographers assure us that he could dictate to several scribes at the same time. Other works, some of which were composed by his disciples, have been falsely attributed to him.

In the "Scriptores Ordinis Praedicatorum" (Paris, 1719) Fr. Echard devotes eighty-six folio pages to St. Thomas's works, the different editions and translations (I, pp. 282-348). Touron (op. cit., pp. 69 sqq.) says that manuscript copies were found in nearly all the libraries of Europe, and that, after the invention of printing, copies were multiplied rapidly in Germany, Italy, and France, portions of the "Summa theologica" being one of the first important works printed. Peter Schöffer, a printer of Mainz, published the "Secunda Secundae" in 1467. This is the first known printed copy of any work of St. Thomas. The first complete edition of the "Summa" was printed at Basle, in 1485. Many other editions of this and of other works were published in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, especially at Venice and at Lyons. The principal editions of all the work (Opera Omnia) were published as follows: Rome, 1570; Venice, 1594, 1612, 1745; Antwerp, 1612; Paris, 1660, 1871-80 (Vives); Parma, 1852-73; Rome, 1882 (the Leonine). The Roman edition of 1570, called "the Piana", because edited by order of St. Pius V, was the standard for many years. Besides a carefully revised text it contained the commentaries of Cardinal Cajetan and the valuable "Tabula Aurea" of Peter of Bergamo. The Venetian edition of 1612 was highly prized because the text was accompanied by the Cajetan-Porrecta commentaries The Leonine edition, begun under the patronage of Leo XIII, now continued under the master general of the Dominicans, undoubtedly will be the most perfect of all. Critical dissertations on each work will be given, the text will be carefully revised, and all references will be verified. By direction of Leo XIII (Motu Proprio, 18 Jan., 1880) the "Summa contra gentiles" will be published with the commentaries of Sylvester Ferrariensis, whilst the commentaries of Cajetan go with the "Summa theologica".

The latter has been published, being volumes IV-XII of the edition (last in 1906). St. Thomas's works may be classified as philosophical, theological, scriptural, and apologetic, or controversial. The division, however, cannot always be rigidly maintained. The "Summa theologica", e.g., contains much that is philosophical, whilst the "Summa contra gentiles" is principally, but not exclusively, philosophical and apologetic. His philosophical works are chiefly commentaries on Aristotle, and his first important theological writings were commentaries on Peter Lombard's four books of "Sentences"; but he does not slavishly follow either the Philosopher or the Master of the Sentences (on opinions of the Lombard rejected by theologians, see Migne, 1841, edition of the "Summa" I, p. 451).



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