

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.

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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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,486.00	\$1,534.00
Number of Families contributing	114	89
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$17,242.00	\$16,908.00
Received to Date	\$10,744.00	\$7368.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,479.00	\$9,270.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$246.00	\$1,191.00

Thirty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$13,370.00	\$27,435.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$18.00.

31 **CHILDREN** contributed \$99.00.

DISASTER RELIEF totaled \$382.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 80; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When disaster strikes a British navy vessel, the "still" is instantly sounded. It is a warning device that simply means: "Prepare to do the wise thing." When an emergency comes, few know what to do, but in moments of calm enforced by the signal, each man finds his responsibility and functions accordingly.

When tragedies or emergencies arise in our lives, we seldom know how to cope with them. For these occasions God has the "still" which should be sounded, "Be still and know that I am God." In the calmness of His presence we can learn direction, receive strength, and meet the situation.

Most of us are worrywarts. Like Jesus' disciples we worry about the future and if we will be able to stand under all sorts of living pressures. Again, He sounds the "still": "Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still" (Ps. 4:4). Observing the "still" is not a neurotic escape from reality. Rather, it is receiving instructions and inspiration from Him who has all of us in His hands.

*Like sparrows crossing a freeway by hopping,
we do not realize we have the power to rise above the dangers
by being borne up in His protecting arms.*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Johnny Shack Riley in loving memory of him on his 67th Birthday;
2. the Family of Cash in thanks for him on his 11th Birthday;
3. the Family of Big Pete Gorman in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
4. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Tom Butts on his 95th Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FAREWELL TO FR. CLARKE *After serving St. Edward's Parish for 31 years, Fr. Clarke will be returning home to Rhode Island on Monday, February 10th. To show our appreciation for all he has done for the Parish we will be having a Farewell Reception for him this Sunday, February 9th at NHC Nursing Home from 12 NOON – 3:00P.M. All are welcome. Come and go at your convenience.*

SPECIAL THANKS to a Parish Member for a \$350 donation to the Hall.

JOKE OF THE WEEK "What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic fine.

"Keep it," the clerk advised. "When you get four of them, you get a bicycle."

THE FOUR BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS OF LIFE

1. LOOK BACK AND GET EXPERIENCE.
2. LOOK FORWARD AND SEE HOPE.
3. LOOK AROUND AND FIND REALITY.
4. LOOK WITHIN AND FIND CONFIDENCE.

WEIRD BUT TRUE
COOK

Bride: *The two best things I cook are meat loaf and apple dumplings.*

Groom: *Well, which is this?*

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COUGHING

People who cough incessantly never seem to go to a doctor—they go to banquets, concerts, and church.

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COVER-UP

A bald man's retort: *"In the beginning God created all men bald; later He became ashamed of some and covered them up with hair.*

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THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for the poor; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of John "Shack" Riley on his 67th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Jude "Underdog" on his Birthday and in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack's Cathy on her 69th Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Birdie Sherlock on the 32nd Anniversary of her death and for the repose of the soul of Huey Gabe Sherlock.
- Friday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

SWEET RELIEF

***Place your hand in our Father's
When surrounded by the darkness of night,
Let His spirit lead boldly onward
Into the glorious light!***

***There's strength to remove a mountain,
Faith to believe God can,
Persistence to conquer the obstacles,
Love for our fellowman.***

***Peace to calm a troubled sea,
Comfort amid the grief,
Joy when sorrows linger,
Patience, hope, sweet relief!***

READERS

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| Sat. Feb. 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Grace & Rita Riley | Sat. Feb. 8th, 7:00 P.M.
Christina & Natalie |
| Sun. Feb. 9th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat |
| Sat. Feb. 15th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Leah | Sat. Feb. 15th, 7:00 P.M.
Bridgette Anna & Carolyn |
| Sun. Feb. 16th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Cheryl
- Tuesday** - Rose Marie
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Annette
- Friday** - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | Feb. 8th |
| Front | Bridget Ann |
| Left Cup | Winnie Ann |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| Feb. 9th | Feb. 16th |
| Pete Man's Nora | Pete Man's Nora |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Cathy Pole |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Margaret Butts |
| Thursday | Betty Jo |
| Friday | Mary Cat |

MUST BE

Target must be
"SIMPLE AND CHALLENGEABLE"
Thoughts must be
"PURE AND POSITIVE"
Then life will always be
"MEANINGFUL AND BEAUTIFUL"

UNDERSTANDING IS DEEPER THAN KNOWLEDGE

There are many people who know you,
But there are very few who understand you.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**MY DAILY OFFERING**

***Most loving Father, I thank You for the gift of this new day. Please help me to use it for Your honor and glory. By Your mercy may all my thoughts, words, and actions be pleasing today in Your sight.***

***In Your unfailing kindness, Lord almighty, forgive my past failings, preserve me this day without sin, and protect all Your people from every evil.***

***May the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Savior, keep us under her special protection.***

***These great blessings we ask in confidence through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***