

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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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 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. 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	\$3,590.00	\$2,422.00
Number of Families contributing	164	32
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$16,645.00	\$18,740.00
Received to Date	\$16,986.00	\$13,719.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$341.00)	\$5,021.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$354.00	\$1,629.00

Forty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$758.00
Amount Outstanding	

Six people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$35.00	\$1,815.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$12.00.

43 **CHILDREN** contributed \$207.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA totaled \$644.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 280, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 180.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A young lady sat in a bus. At the next stop a loud and grumpy old lady came and sat by her. She squeezed into the seat and bumped her with her numerous bags. The person sitting on the other side of the young lady got upset, asked her why she did not speak up and say something. The young lady responded with a smile: "It is not necessary to be rude or argue over something so insignificant, the journey together is so short. I get off at the next stop."

If each one of us realized that our time here is so short; that to darken it with quarrels, futile arguments, not forgiving others, discontentment and a fault finding attitude would be a waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart?

Be calm, the journey is so short.

Did someone betray, bully, cheat or humiliate you?

Be calm, forgive, the journey is so short.

Whatever troubles anyone brings us, let us remember that our journey together is so short. No one knows the duration of this journey. No one knows when their stop will come. Our journey together is so short.

Let us cherish friends and family. Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving to each other. Let us be filled with gratitude and gladness.

If I have ever hurt you, I ask for your forgiveness.

If you have ever hurt me, you already have my forgiveness.

After all, our journey together is so short.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Hughie and Joy in thanks for Taj on her 2nd Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Paco Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
3. Pete and Rita Ann in thanks to St. Padre Pio;
4. Bryan, Leanne and Stetson in thanks for Barret Cash on his 8th Birthday;
5. The Skullys in loving memory of Pete Skully Riley on the 12th Anniversary of his death;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barrett Cash McNalley for making the All A Honor Roll, Stetson McNalley, Jim Murphy Riley and Royalty Dempsey Riley for making the A-B Honor Roll.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the third time for Johnny Patrick Riley and Lacey Carroll.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$1,500 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD HAS PERFECT TIMING

God has perfect timing;

Never early, never late.

It takes a little patience and it takes a lot of faith,

But it is worth the wait.

BIBLE GUIDE

Through whom did God reveal what we must believe?

We must believe God revealed:

- 1. through the Prophets and Patriarchs in the Old Testament;**
- 2. through His Son Jesus Christ and the Apostles in the New Testament.**

STRAY THOUGHTS

- Faith is taking the 1st step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.
- Ego is the only requirement to destroy any relationship. Be a bigger person; skip the "E", and let it "go"!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The pastor gave an unusually long sermon on prayer that Sunday based on the parable of *The Poor Widow and the Corrupt Judge*. Later at the door, while the pastor was shaking hands with his parishioners, one man said: "Father, your sermon, was simply wonderful — so invigorating, inspiring and refreshing." The pastor, of course, broke out in a big smile only to hear with a shock the man's next words: "I felt like a new man when I woke up!"

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In loving memory of Pete Jason Carroll on the 9th Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** In loving memory of Paco Sherlock on the 2nd Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** For Pete Joshua Sherlock on his 21st Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Jude "Underdog" Sherlock on his 50th Birthday and Jr's Bridget Ann Sherlock on her 77th Birthday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** World Day for Consecrated Life
- Monday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Wednesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
- Friday:** St. Scholastica
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

SOMEONE YOU LOVE

*Don't go for someone
Who is always telling you
How perfect you are
Because you're not.
Find someone who will tell you
Exactly what he thinks of you.
Someone who will tell you
How irritating and impossible you can be.
Someone who gives compliments at the right time.
Someone who will laugh
At your clumsiness
But will still love you for it.
Someone who won't be afraid
In telling the truth
Because only those who can be honest
And loyal deserve your love.*

READERS

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| Sat. Feb. 4th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Riley &
Scott's Mercedes | Sat. Feb. 4th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Apple's Carolyn |
| Sun. Feb. 5th, 10:00 A.M. | Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph |
| Sat. Feb. 11th, 4:00 P.M.
Apple's Christina &
Dayna | Sat. Feb. 11th, 7:00 P.M.
Dominique &
Natalie |
| Sun. Feb. 12th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | Ciara |
| Tuesday | Cathy Lisa Butts |
| Wednesday | Christina Apple |
| Thursday | Mary Ashley |
| Friday | Macy |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Front
Left Cup | Feb. 4th
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M.
Front
Cup | Feb. 4th
Jay
Johnny Jay's Ann |
| <u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u> | |
| Feb. 5th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie | Feb. 12th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Ann T. |
| Thursday | Rose Marie |
| Friday | Bridget Ann |

LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK

***Some chapters are sad...
Some are happy...
And some are exciting.
But if you never turn the page, you will never
know what the next chapter has in store for you.***

PRAYER CORNER

MORNING OFFERING

Father, I abandon myself into Your hands. Do with me what You will. Whatever You may do, I thank You. I am ready for all. I accept all. Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into Your hands I commend my soul. I offer it to You with all the love of my heart. For I love You, lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your hands without reserve and with boundless confidence for You are my Father. Amen.