

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14

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.

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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 — 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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,473.00	\$1,481.00
Number of Families contributing	74	49
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$16,480.00	\$16,670.00
Received to Date	\$11,053.00	\$8,724.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,427.00	\$7,946.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$130.00	\$998.00

Nineteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$110.00	\$290.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$349.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$125.00.

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$84.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An old legend portrays what takes place outside the gates of heaven after the world ends. The last group of saints and repentant sinners has just climbed up the golden stairway that connects earth to heaven. Everybody is in a festive mood, singing and dancing — everyone except Jesus. He stands alone at the top of the stairs, looking down toward earth. He is obviously looking for someone. When a saint asks him who it is, Jesus says, "I'm looking for Judas, hoping he may have had a change of heart before he died and may still join us."

What point does this legend make? What does it say to me about a loved one?

There are no hopeless situations; there only those who have grown hopeless about them.

Jesus preached to the people, asking them to repent, just as the Ninevites had done, saying, "They turned from their sins when they heard Jonah preach." LUKE 11:32

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Cash in thanks for him on his 14th Birthday;
2. the Family of "Underdog" in loving memory of him on his 57th Birthday and the 13th Anniversary of his death and also in loving memory of Jr.'s Bridget Ann on her Birthday;
3. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on the 4th Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Family of Paco in loving memory of him on the 8th Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Patrick Joseph Mack and Mary Theresa Carroll.

FUNNIEST ONE LINERS

- **Women don't want to hear what you think. Women want to hear what they think in a deeper voice.**
- **A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished.**
- **I don't consider to be bald. I'm simply taller than my hair.**
- **The trouble with a rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.**
- **Give a man a fish and he has food for a day. Teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Black and Indian Missions*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANK YOU to a parish member a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

BE WISE

Don't approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back, or a fool from any side.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. "Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. "Lead us not into temptation."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Paco on the 8th Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack's Cathy on the 4th Anniversary of her death and her 72nd Birthday and for the repose of the soul of John Shack Riley on his 70th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Hagee Smith on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Hughie Burke Carroll on the 1st Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Ann Sherlock on the 38th Anniversary of her death.

FAMILY

*There's nothing like a family
A good, old family tree...*

Parents — children — grandparents

Sharing — caring — joyfully

Uncles — aunts — cousins

Though some are far apart,

The love of all the family

Stays in every heart.

We send a note or card,

Just to keep in touch,

To let all members know

They are thought about so much.

Some friends are just like family,

Such togetherness is planned.

All the members of the family of God,

Held in His mighty hand.

READERS

- Sat. Feb. 4th, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Macy
- Sat. Feb. 4th, 7:00 PM.** Savannah & Ritz
- Sun. Feb. 5th, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Taniel
- Sat. Feb. 11th, 4:00 P.M.** Reed & Cathy Lisa
- Sat. Feb. 11th, 7:00 PM.** Mary Martha & Apple's Carolyn
- Sun. Feb. 12th, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Taniel

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Christina Apple
- Tuesday** - Macy
- Wednesday** - Josie
- Thursday** - Mary Martha
- Friday** - Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun
- Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita
- Wednesday** - Julie Ann
- Thursday** - Betty Jo
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **February 4th**
- Right** Winnie Ann
- Left** Bridget Rita
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.**
- February** Bridgette Anna & Theresa Hun
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
- February 5th** **February 12th**
- Nora Ned's Rose Marie

FORGETTING

Everyone forgets at one time or other. These are the things people forget most often:

- **Name** 83%
- **Where something is** 60%
- **Telephone number** 57%
- **Faces** 42%

DO YOU KNOW?

PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY HELP OTHERS TEND TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY HAPPIER AND LESS LIKELY TO BECOME DEPRESSED AS THEY GET OLDER.

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

**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. May I continue to witness to Your goodness in this life so that I may be with You at the heavenly banquet table in eternity. Amen.