



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Anthony

**Belleville, MI
February 9, 2020**



A trait of the so-called "Baby Boomer Generation" (born 1943-1964), of which I am a part, and popular among earlier generations

as well, was to collect things. Whether these things be stamps or coins, baseball cards or Matchbox cars, such collection were commonplace. While I was still teaching a few years ago, I asked one of my students whether he or any of his friends collected anything these days. The expression on his face looked as though I asked him for the square root of Pi. He went on to say that he and his buddies are into their I-phones, and that's about it.

I can remember meeting friends of my parents who collected salt and pepper shakers. They had hundreds of them. They bought them as souvenirs from the different American States they visited, had depictions of RR locomotives, birds, cars, you name it, they had it. They were excited when I promised to send them a set of salt and pepper shakers from Boston College, emblazoned with the school seal, which I had noticed during a stop in the school bookstore.

Anyway, this same couple invited

me to stay for lunch. When they served my meal, on the plate were two or three tomato slices. I asked for some salt. Embarrassed, they said they had none. I thought to myself, all those salt shakers and no salt in the house!

That is a commentary on life. Too many people who are supposed to have "salt" actually do not have it. This may help us to understand what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "You are the salt of the earth." Just as a spoonful of salt spreads itself all through a kettle of soup, so every Christian must spread his influence to all the people he meets every day.

How many people do we meet whose lives are dull, tasteless, meaningless? The *tomato* of their life, the *soup* of their everyday existence, is tasteless, without meaning or purpose. By what we say and do, and the way we say it and do it, can be *salt* for those who find life tasteless.

Salt has about 1400 different uses, chemically, commercially, as well as for preserving and seasoning food. For instance, salt is used as an antiseptic (Ezekiel 43:24). I have seen it applied to reduce the swelling of a bee sting. The symbolism is clear. The evils of the world can be cured or at least

lessened by the application of the salt of our faith. Just as salt preserves food from decay and corruption, so we followers of Christ are to preserve the people we meet from corrupt, false answers to all the important questions of life.

In all the sacrifices of the Old Testament salt played a part. An agreement of salt meant an agreement of friendship. In fact, in many languages salt is a symbol of friendship. The salt of our faith must make us friendly, even with the unfriendly and those without friends. Christ wants us to be that kind of salt. He also wants us to season our speech with salt, in the sense that we must speak with intelligence and understanding, which comes from faith in Him (Col. 4:6).

Charity, friendship, peace, faith, understanding – salt is a sign of all these. We bring them to Mass and we get a new supply from Mass so that we can leave this sacred place and take these precious things to everyone we meet.

God bless you.



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

	Readings	Mass Intentions	Parish Events
Saturday February 8th St. Josephine Bakhita	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34	6:00 PM Mildred Pipes † rb the parish	Paczki Sales 8:00 AM Rosary 12:00 PM BSA Green & Gold 7:00 PM Retrouvaille 8:00 PM AA
Sunday February 9th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16	8:30 AM Deceased Roux & LeBlanc family † rb Marcel & Linda LeBlanc 10:30 AM Vocations rb the parish	Paczki Sales 10:30 AM RCIA 10:30 AM ECP 11:00 AM AA 5:00 PM SAME 7:00 PM Life Teen
Monday February 10th St. Scholastica	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a] Mk 6:53-56	8:00 AM Betty Kurczewski ♥ rb the parish	5:00 PM Faith Formation 6:30 PM Faith Formation 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Men's Club
Tuesday February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2] Mk 7:1-13	8:00 AM Louise Czajkowski † rb Mary McLaughlin	10:00 AM FISH 11:00 AM Welcome Team 5:00 PM CYO 6:00 PM Rosary 7:30 PM Praise Group
Wednesday February 12th	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a] Mk 7:14-23	8:00 AM Mary Talaga ♥ rb the parish	1:00 PM St Vincent de Paul 5:30 PM Cantor/Choir 6:00 PM AHG 7:00 PM AA
Thursday February 13th	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30	8:00 AM Special Intentions rb the parish	11:00 AM Finance Council 5:00 PM CYO
Friday February 14th Sts. Cyril & Methodius	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37	8:00 AM Matthew & Gertrude Bies † rb family	Valentine's Day 5:00 PM CYO 7:30 PM AA
Saturday February 15th	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a] Mk 8:1-10	6:00 PM Louise Czajowski † rb Randy Krzesinski & Kevin Reyes	Paczki Sales Cub Scout Blue & Gold 8:00 AM Rosary 8:00 PM AA
Sunday February 16th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37	8:30 AM Sr. Juliana † rb RCIA Team 10:30 AM Todd Atchinson † rb Kurt Atchinson & Jayne Atchinson, parents	•Men's Club Bruch following 10:30 Mass •Paczki Sales •No Early Childhood Program 10:30 AM RCIA 11:00 AM AA 7:00 PM Life Teen



February 15 th & 16 th Ministers of the Liturgy			
	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EMHC	Enrica Hensley Lynne Williams Alex Asuncion Margot Shields	David Todd Maria Todd Art LaChapelle Mark Laginess Mary McLaughlin Monica VonGerichten	Tony Attard Carolyn Larkin John Bleecker IV John Bleecker Mary Bleecker Ron Watson II
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Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

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Gina Simpson

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Theda Conroy

For Those who serve overseas . . .

Lieutenant Red Powell

Marine Corps Cody S. Pratt

Master Sgt, Daniel Babcock

PFC Michael C. Davis

PFC Zach Rhodes

SPC Lawrence J. Maples, Sr.

SPC Travis Weber

Staff Sergeant Alejandro Gonzalez

Staff Sergeant Theresa Gonzalez

The prayer list is updated monthly.

To continue prayers or to add the names of your loved ones, please contact the parish office.



We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Sally Bukis

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

Prayer Community

Rosary

Tuesdays

6:00 PM

Wednesdays/Cedar Woods

10:30 AM

Weekdays after morning Mass

(when leaders are available)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Weekdays before morning Mass

End Abortion

Saturdays

8:00 AM

Prayer Request Line

Call 697.7424 or 697.4064

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Daily: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Holy days: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday 4:30-5:30 PM

and by private arrangement.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**The Faith Community of
St. Anthony Parish,
Belleville, open to the
Spirit as disciples of
Jesus Christ, envision
our mission as
Proclaiming, Witnessing
and Celebrating the
Kingdom of God among
us through Service,
Healing and
Reconciling Love.**



Widowed Friends is for widowed men and women. They have many opportunities for fellowship and healing. Visit them at:
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Do you know someone who would like to:

- Learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- Return home to the Church and more actively practice his/her faith?
- Prepare for Baptism?
- Join the Catholic Church community?
- Have other needs, requests or questions addressed?

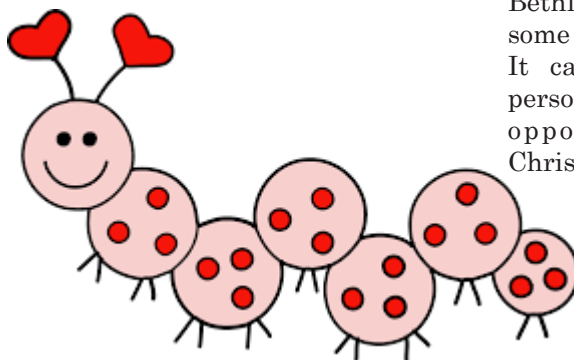
Or perhaps this describes you?

Every year, the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members and returning members through the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call Darrel Recker (572-0157) or Carol Uhal (485-7544) for information about how to get started!

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the prayer hour in front of the abortion mill on Saturday, January 25th. A special thank you to Fr. John Hedges for bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the spiritual battlefield in the war for life. For anyone who is interested, we pray on site every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Northland Family Planning Clinic 35000 Ford Rd. Westland, MI 48185. (Park at Ollie's Outlet). Please join us.

Thank you so much,
 Tracy VanAssche



Land of Peace Olive Wood Sale February 29th & March 1st after all Masses

Land of Peace, a non-profit organization, presents the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem. They will be selling crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will be of much help to them and will also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the holy land. The profit of selling these religious articles help the poor and sick Christians in the Holy Land, through the Archdiocese of Jerusalem, help the carvers earn a living, and help support projects near Bethlehem. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause. It can also be a help to your personal devotion and its a good opportunity to start your Christmas shopping for next year.





Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

Prayer

God, help me to make a difference
in the world because
I love you.

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Sunday of the Word of God

We'll conclude our look at how the Church uses the Scriptures at Mass.

The Responsorial Psalm: The psalm is meant to be our response to the Word proclaimed. The Psalms are the prayer book of the Bible containing God's words that we can make our own in every human circumstance: in joy, sorrow, love, grief, comfort, pain, security, or rest. When we pray the psalms we pray the same words Jesus used to pray to the Father. We praise God in the psalms and hear Jesus' voice echo in ours and ours in his (St. Augustine).

The Second Reading: As the First Readings and Gospels show us some aspect of Jesus revealed, the letters of the New Testament show us different aspects of how Jesus works in the Church. The life of the Church in New Testament times was far from simple; Paul, Peter, James, John, and many others had their work cut out for them! We read in Paul's letters of the many different matters of faith (like the mystery of the crucifixion in today's reading from 1 Corinthians 2) the early Church was trying to comprehend under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the letters should increase faith, hope, and love, and the fruits of the Spirit, in our Church today.

This is the Church's plan for reading the Scriptures every Sunday. You'll hear a good amount of the Bible at Mass, but not all of it. It is up to every Catholic, every family and parish, to continually set aside time to hear and read the Scriptures, but most importantly to pray with them. *God is speaking to you.* His voice is not so unrecognizable, nor his message so far off. "For this command which I am giving you today is not too wondrous or remote for you... No, it is something very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it" (Deuteronomy 30:11, 14).

Written by Reverend Brian Meldrum



Dipping in the Well; Why Register

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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