

**Fifth Sunday, Ordinary Time
February 5, 2023**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 58; 7-10

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112

Response:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. R.

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. R.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory. R

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 2: 1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.



A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Committee

The liturgy team meets after mass today in the rectory.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Today after mass the Catholic Daughters invite everyone over to the St. Augustine Room for a bowl of soup and fellowship. Join us!

Did you know what some of our expenses are during these winter months?:

BGE (electric) School: \$403.00

BGE: Church

Electric: \$474.60

Gas: \$2,417.00

BGE: Rectory

Electric: 225.99 Gas: \$488.33

Over \$3,600.00 for the BGE expenses for a month.

Thanks to all of you we are meeting our expenses,
God is Good!



Seek the City to Come

As you have heard, the archdiocese has begun a process of evaluation and study of all the City parishes. This process entails a parish visit which occurred on Dec. 7th, 2022 followed by lengthy meets for Fr. Paul and the parish leadership team. The archdiocese is asking all the parish to continue the discussion over the next month or so. Soon and very soon we will schedule meetings to discuss the parish and the future of the parishes in the city. All Fr. Paul asks is that each parishioner commit to this process and enter fully into it when asked. Please be attentive to the bulletin and announcements for further details.



Mass Intentions

Feb. 5th, Mrs. Betty Butler, on the 4th anniversary of her passing at the request of her beloved husband, Mr. Alphonsus Butler.

Feb. 12th, Mrs. Cathy Olson, at the request of her beloved brother, Fr. Paul.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

Mrs. Barbara Brown Retires

After 18 years of dedicated service to the parish Mrs. Brown will be retiring on March 31st, 2023. Needless to say how sad we are at her retirement but happy for her to enter into this next stage of her life to enjoy her husband and family. Fr. Paul and the whole parish community will miss her terribly. A search will be underway to find a replacement for Barbara. We love her and wish her well! If you would like to apply contact Barbara.

Tithe Update

1/15/23; \$2,834.00

1/23/23; Electronic: \$6,294.34 Mass: \$3,667.00

Sunday, 1/29/23; \$2,979.00 Utility: \$70.00 CM: \$50.00



Missionary Discipleship Program

This program was designed by our Pastor, Fr. Paul Zaborowski, OFM, Cap, in response to Archbishop Lori's Pastoral Letter: **A**

Light Brightly Visible. In it the archbishop challenged the faithful to develop their relationship with Christ through our discipleship in him.

The program involves classes in adult education, training in Leadership and Evangelization skills along with evangelization activities, spiritual renewal through prayer and re-

treat.

The program continues from now until Pentecost Sunday (May 27, 2023). You can continue yearly from where you left OFF so you are not required to fill all the requirements in one year.

Agree to do the following and you will be designated as a Missionary Disciple on Pentecost Sunday.

1. **One Evangelization Training Workshop, Feb. 19, 2023 (Required)**
2. **One Leadership Training Workshop, March 19, 2023 (Required)**
3. Attend 3 of the many sessions of Adult Education Sessions.
4. Attend two evangelization Activities: Christmas Caroling Operation Faith Lift, St. Anthony Closet, & more.
5. Retreat Day, May 20, 2023 for Missionary Disciples.

If able to attend and fulfill the obligations, you are commissioned on Sunday, May 27th, 2023 at 10am mass. Sign up NOW!

For more info or to sign up see Ms. Paula Cullings at the MD's table in the back of church or call her at 443-858-4646.



Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, February 19th, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.



Feast of St. Blaise

In honor of the Feast of Blaise which was Feb. 3rd, the Blessing of Throats will be offered after mass today.

Mass Intentions

The 2023 mass book has arrived. If you would like to request a mass for family or friends, please contact Barbara ASAP to request a date. Please remember only one mass a week so limit your requested to few a year. Thank you!

Black History Month Activities:

The church will be decorated for the month and we have speakers planned to celebrate Black History month.

1. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, Ms. Adrienne Curry, Office of Black Catholic Ministries will present: **"Three Black Popes"** after mass in the St. Augustine room.



2. Ms. Tierra Stone will present the Spoken word entitled: **"Were gonna be Alright"** on Sunday, Feb. 19th.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd Ashes Distributed

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the 9am mass and at the Service of the Word at 6:30pm ONLY!



Remember Lent is a time of fasting, alms and prayer. Please attend one of our services and use this Lenten Season to begin again! Jesus always gives us another chance, let this lent be ours!

Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Ms. Mary Preston** on the death of her beloved mother, **Mrs. Ella Preston**, who was buried from the St. Ambrose last Friday. Ms. Ella was 100 years of age. May she rest in peace.



Healing Prayer: Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.