

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 9, 2020

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Today's first reading is a post-exilic Isaiah passage reflecting a time when the full restoration of God's people in the land had yet to materialize. Agricultural and economic conditions led to a general failure to thrive. The people have complained that, although they have fasted and prayed, God has not responded. Thus, God's retort: This is the fast I want to take care of one another, to remove oppression and injustice from among you. Only when God's people have attended to these traditional, well-known covenantal expectations will they experience full restoration, when God answers and quickly heals their "wound". This is God's desire and final intention.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Monday, Feb. 10, St. Scholastica  
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Tuesday, Feb. 11, Our Lady of Lourdes  
8:15AM Curtis Jany  
Wednesday, Feb. 12  
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs  
Thursday, Feb. 13  
NO MASS  
Friday, Feb. 14, St. Cyril  
8:15AM Virginia Moore  
Saturday, Feb. 15  
5PM Marie Schulein  
Sunday, Feb. 16  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 9 THRU FEB. 16

Sunday	9AM Mass First Reconciliation after 9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 3 & 4 Liturgy) 1:30PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE Bundt Cake Orders Arrive NO K OF C FISH FRY
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** In today's reading, Jesus is talking to a team. In the passages "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world," the "you" is plural. We are to be a team. We have to work together. The Christian life is a team endeavor. In the readings for the last several weeks, St. Paul has been berating the Corinthians for their lack of solidarity: You fight over privilege and power! You fight over food! You look first to your own interests! Is this Christian team behavior? He can't change them through persuasive arguments. He points them to the cross of Christ who models for all of us a new way to live. We are called to be a team. How do we conquer the darkness together? Isaiah says, share food with the hungry. Clothe the naked. Satisfy the needs of the wretched. Then, when we (plural) call for help, "the Lord will answer, 'Here I am'." Then our light will rise like dawn out of darkness.

### TITHE WEEK OF FEB. 2, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,301.00  
\$464.00 Cemetery; \$112.00 Child Env.; \$9.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,360.26  
Fiscal Year Week: 31  
YTD Actual Giving: \$197,168.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$217,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$19,832.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$639.75)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The individualism of our surrounding culture can invade our spiritual lives, and we despair of being able to counter all the sin in the world. But we are part of a team, powered by the light of Christ!

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Feb. 15 & 16: 5PM, Ethan Colvis, Logan McDonald; 9AM, Bea DeGuzman, William Grau, David Grau

**RAFFLE TICKETS** can be returned in the collection basket. Please continue to sell your raffle tickets. We have sold \$610.00.

**DINNER AUCTION TICKETS** are \$35. Please contact Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve a seat for an evening of food, fun, family, and friends.

**NO K OF C FISH FRY** on Friday, Feb. 14. On Feb. 21 the fish fry will be for the Newman Fund.

**SAVE THE DATE:** SMS Benefit Shooting Match will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 1PM at Shiloh Hill Tavern. There will be Money Rounds, Meat Wheel, and Gun Raffle. Food will be provided. Call Joe (618-559-8216) or Crystal (618-615-3274) for more information.

**FAT SATURDAY** will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 4-8PM at St. Mary Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove. All you can eat chicken & fish with 4 sides, dessert, and drinks. \$10 for anyone over 12 and \$6 for ages 6-12. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30PM.

**NEWMAN AUXILIARY QUILT & CASH BINGO** will be held at St. John the Baptist, Red Bud, on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 1PM. Doors open at 11AM. Lunch will be available.

**YOUR LIGHT SHALL** break forth like the dawn: In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, (58:7-10), the Lord tells us to share our food with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked and do not turn our backs on our own . . . Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed. These kind actions of charity and good will could easily be written in Life's Little Instruction Book, but they also strongly echo the Beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount. It is through dying to ourselves and our desires that we are free to act justly and care for those who often have no one else to care for them; a voice for the voiceless. Through baptism and strengthened by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, we are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord himself, that we may be witness to Christ wherever we go. The sacraments, especially the most Holy Eucharist fortifies and nourishes that charity in our hearts that sirs us to help others steeped in anguish-those "in the darkness," stuck "in the gloom." Take your light, your charity, your resources, your love and venture out into a very dark world and by doing so, you follow the Lord who is the light of the world . . . and He will give you the light of life.

**BEING SALTY:** In old Roman times, soldiers were paid in salt (it is the root word for "salary"). We are not paid with salt but are told to be salt today. Salt of the earth. Told, not to use "salty" language, but to be seasoned, tasty. We are also told to be light today. Light of the world. Told, not to show the goodness of our deeds, but to let our good deeds manifest the glory of God. How will I season, enliven someone's life today? How will I shine God's light on some gloom in today's world? How will doing this \_\_\_\_\_ mercy work show the blessedness of God and Christ and Spirit?