

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Family Connection

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world.

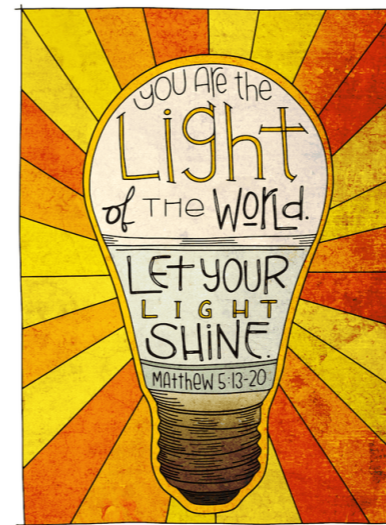


Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5 February 2023

*You are the
light of the world.*



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!
We all have our special gifts,
but sometimes we fail to
recognize this. We may feel
that we have little to offer
others. That is never true.

As Jesus says:

*'You are the salt of the earth!
You are the light of the world!'*
Let us ask Jesus to help us
recognize our unique gifts and
share them with others.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us, for he is the
Lord our God.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

PSALM 111:4-9

**R: A light rises in the
darkness for the upright.**

He is the light in the darkness
for the upright: he is
generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and
lends, he conducts his affairs
with honour. **R**

The just man will never
waver: he will be
remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in
the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will
not fear; open-handed, he
gives to the poor; his justice
stands firm for ever. His head
will be raised in glory. **R**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers,
it was not with any show of
oratory or philosophy, but
simply to tell you what God
had guaranteed. During my
stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have
was about Jesus, and only
about him as the crucified
Christ. Far from relying on any
power of my own, I came
among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches
and the sermons that I gave,
there were none of the argu-
ments that belong to philoso-
phy; only a demonstration of
the power of the Spirit. And I
did this so that your faith
should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of
God.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters for 11/12 February 2023 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Anne Marie Platten Fil Ciancio, Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogo
Children's Liturgy	Anne and Angela
Count team	Peggy Buckler, Gareth West, Doreen Ryan,
Altar	29th Jan to 19th Feb Dolores Arboit Christina Wong
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	28/29 JANUARY
First Collection	\$ 513.45
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 2,636.00
Open Plate	\$ 277.50
TOTAL	\$ 3,426.95



Pope Francis
February 2023 Intention

For Parishes
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

<https://youtu.be/f5uRUQDiJ-g>



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


Recently Deceased: Maria Mazzocato

Anniversary of death: Francesca Costa, Maurice Quinn, P.J. Kurian

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention:



Reflection by Fr Tom Elich - Liturgy News
The Importance of the Word of God

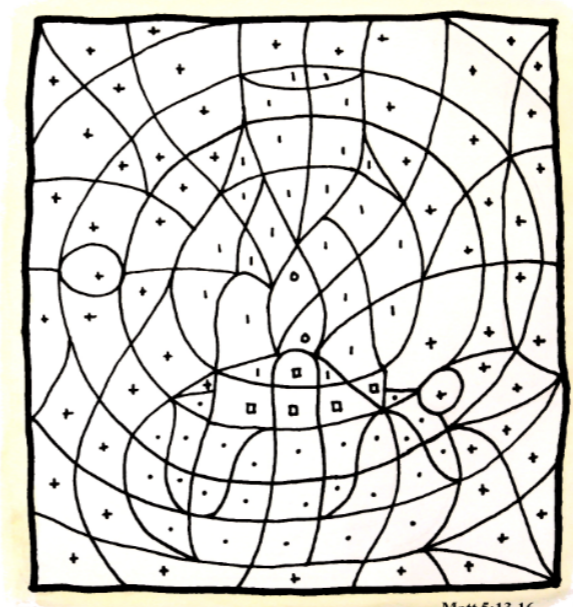
In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

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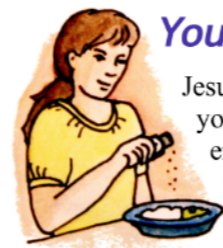
The Kids' Bulletin

Sunday February 5th, 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

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- white
- orange
- brown
- red

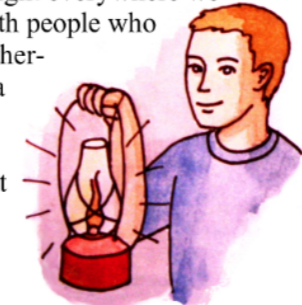


You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.

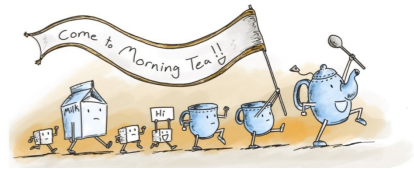


Parish Announcements

Rosters for Volunteers 2023
Our office will soon be preparing the rosters for the volunteers (Commentators, Readers, Counters, Flowers and Altar teams) Please let us know if you can no longer participate or if you want to join any of these teams this year. New Roster will start in March as the current one ends on the last weekend of February 2023.

Day of the Unborn Child Appeal – 11th and 12th February, 2023
A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

Sunday 12th February
Tea and Coffee after 9:30am
Mass
All Welcome!



Anointing of the sick at St Joseph
Friday 17th February during 9:15am Mass Fr Roy will administrate the Sacrament to everyone in need of it. If you know someone that would like to receive it please share the information.

Archdiocese Events



Walk for Life
Saturday 11th February 2023
Pennington Gardens 10am-12pm
Free tickets available from www.loveadelaide.org.au
Please get in contact with Alan Tyson if you would like to attend and organise a car pool.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick
February 11, 11.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. For more info, particularly regarding the needs of those who are ill and require special arrangements please contact the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

The Spirit of the Liturgy
Get a new understanding of what our Catholic liturgy is all about as you explore it over five weeks with Dr Jenny O'Brien (Office for Worship). 7-9pm, Thursdays, March 2-30, Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St. Cost: \$50. Enrol by Tuesday February 28 at [Spirit of the Liturgy Registration - OFFICE FOR WORSHIP \(ofw-adelaide.org.au\)](http://SpiritoftheLiturgyRegistration-OFFICEFORWORSHIP.ofw-adelaide.org.au)

Retreat Walk – Semaphore
Sunday February 26, 9.30am - 4pm – Organised by Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia. This is a (mostly) silent walk beginning with prayer and ending with shared reflection. The 7km walk is graded as 'easy' and is suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Cost is \$25, meet at the carpark near the Semaphore Surf Life Saving Club, Point Malcolm Reserve, 343 Military Road, Semaphore Park. Register at <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/retreat-walk-adelaide-south-australia/>

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government
Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety