

PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

**Bow low before the Lord
who made us!**

Valentine Day 

Saturday, Feb 8	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Feb 9	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	R. E. "DA BIG BREAKFAST"
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Religious Education Class
Monday, Feb 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, Feb 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Feb 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Feb 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Feb 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Feb 15	..... 10:30 a. m.	Funeral Service Gertie Machado (+)
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sir:15:15-20: Before us are life and death; whichever we choose shall be given to us.

1 Cor:2:6-10: God's wisdom, not that of the rulers of this age.

Matt:5:17-37: A sensible, sometimes difficult, way to live.

Today's Gospel proclamation continues the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes, which immediately precede today's Gospel, describe an inner disposition of God's blessed, or happy, people. Today, the focus is on those who follow Jesus—that's us! We are called salt, and we are called light. The phrase "salt of the earth," is a common, centuries-old expression giving high praise to a person. Our everyday language also refers to people as light. When, for example, a valued person dies, we note that the world is a little darker, a little colder.

Salt and light are basic to human existence. Battles are fought over salt sources. Light sources are cherished. We not only seek light in a dark place, we seek lights at the end of tunnels. More importantly, we need light to see by. Light suffuses and brightens, shows off and shows up and nuances everything. Light gives the world color. Salt flavors and preserves. The importance and value of light and salt are appreciated in their absence. They are understood and valued when they return. Without light human life is impossible. Without salt the food that sustains us is flat.

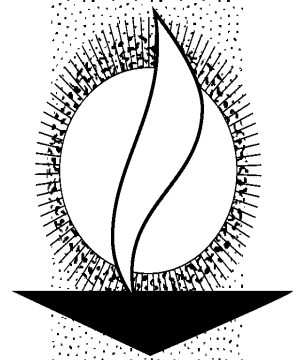
To be salt and light is a challenge. Paul found this out in today's second reading when he drew on worldly wisdom to convert the Greeks in Athens. He spoke, we recall, in the Areopagus. There he argued for Jesus on the Greeks' terms, noting their idols. Finally, he touched upon their ignorance, for which they were not culpable. When Paul reached his clinching point, the Resurrection, the Athenians rather politely said, "We would like to hear you on this some other time" (Acts 17:32). In this instance, Paul's own light was shining as he explained Jesus in Athenian terms. Paul learned. He abandoned all so-called wisdom and straight-out preached Christ crucified. Nothing was to get in the way of that message.

Most often our "salt" and "light" work occurs in the course of living an honorable, Christian daily life. The first reading tells us what God desires and what Jesus fulfilled in his life, death, and resurrection. A brief background provides context for the first reading. In the sixth century before Christ, the people who returned from the Babylonian Exile undertook the work of restoring Israel. During their forty- or fifty-year absence, much had changed. Non-Jews had taken their place. Foreigners had intermarried with the Jews who remained. Pagan religious influences permeated the daily life and worship of the people. The exiles, who struggled so hard to maintain their faith in an alien land, were understandably appalled at the polluted faith of the people they long ago had been forced to leave behind.

However, during the exile there had grown up among the people new awareness and fresh ways of being faithful. The Jews in exile recognized that the Lord, their God, was present in their exile. The people were exiled from their territory, but not from their God. Also, synagogues came into being. In the absence of the Temple, they became gathering places for prayer and study. The people gradually realized that the God of Israel willed the salvation of all people, not just of Israel. This awareness was always present, but was not a focus of attention.

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is a
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: Today our special collection will be for the Augustine Educational Foundation. With your generous support, The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition assistance to Hawaii families with financial needs to be able to send their children to Hawaii Catholic Schools, and also for grants for curriculum development.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Please help to save lives by praying for an end to abortion during 40 days for life from February 26-April 5. You are invited to join others in prayer at the Planned Parenthood location in Honolulu or join in prayer from wherever you are. For more information, please visit [//www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu](http://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu)

PEARSON PLACE is the only Catholic pregnancy resource center in Hawaii. Located in their new office at 1145 Bishop Street in Honolulu (directly upstairs of the Daughters of St. Paul bookstore, and across Bishop street from the Cathedral) they are a Christ centered counseling and assistance center here to assist anyone with unplanned pregnancy issues. They are staffed by volunteers, and welcome anyone who would care to assist as volunteers and/or for donations. The phone number is 942-0328. We can also be contacted on our website www.pearsonplace.org

OPEN HOUSE: Saint Louis School's "Open House" will be held on Sunday, **February 9, 2020, 1:00 p. m.** at the Dr. Richard T. Mamiya Theatre. Please join us to learn about our educational programs, meet our faculty and staff, and tour our campus.

WORD OF LIFE: "As disciples of Jesus, we are called to become neighbors to everyone (cf. Lk 10:29-37), and to show special favor to those who are poorest, most alone and most in need. In helping the hungry, the thirsty, the foreigner, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned –as well as the child in the womb and the old person who is suffering or near death—we have the opportunity to serve Jesus." **Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 87. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Used with permission.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 9 Sun: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:58:7-10; Ps:112; 1Cor:2:1-5; Mt:5:13-16

Feb 10 Mon: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs:8:1-7, 9-13; Ps:132:6-7, 8-10; Mk:6:53-56

Feb 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:8:22-23, 27-30; Ps:84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11; Mk:7:1-13

Feb 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:10:1-10; Ps:37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk:7:14-23

Feb 13 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:11:4-13; Ps: 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40; Mk:7:24-30

Feb 14 Fri: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius Bishop

1 Kgs:11:29-32, 12:19; Ps: 81: 10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Feb 15 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs: 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps:106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk: 8:1-10

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In this weekend's readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ's light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ's light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God's mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Salt and Light

We are identified with salt and light in the similes that make up today's Gospel. We are asked to meditate on just how to be salt and light. We have to think about getting the salt just right, and the light just right, too. We are asked to call attention to the Lord in whom we live and move and have our being, and not to call attention to ourselves



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You prepare a table for me, O Lord



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