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February 5, 2023 ▪ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know these modern manners to respect and follow for 2023? *By Cerith Gardiner*



As technology and pandemics change our behavior, here are 7 etiquette rules to get by respectfully in an ever-changing world.

Now that the new year is starting to take shape, it's interesting to see the habits forming around us. While we might adapt just fine to change, it's important to make sure that we keep our manners in check. So take a look at these tips to help you navigate 2023 with grace and style.

Take those ear pods out

With ear pods being very practical and easy-to-wear, they're also easy to forget. There's nothing worse than meeting up with people who've still got their pods firmly in place. Even if they're not actually listening to anything, the person they're communicating with might be wondering if they're being heard. So to shed any doubt, take them out!

Reply to invitations and important messages

While technology has made life easier to some extent, it also means that there are a myriad of ways to communicate. Between WhatsApp, email, messenger, and social media among others, we can get bogged down with messages and requests. It's hard to keep up with all the constant pings, but remember to

respond to the ones where friends are offering help or inviting you to events.

Look people in the eye

This is a basic one, but many people have their heads in their smart phones when they're supposedly having a conversation — and this doesn't just apply to teens! So if you're chatting with someone, have the courtesy to put any distractions out of reach and focus on the person in front of you.

Watch those voice messages

Voice notes can be very handy — after all, you can get a lot more said in a quick voice note than writing out a message. However, it's important to remember that people might not always be able to listen to a lengthy voice note when you need them to. So if you're sending an important voice message, maybe send a quick message explaining the subject matter.

Dress for the occasion

COVID played havoc with our closets. With people working from home, smart office wear has been replaced by comfortable sports wear — or even pajamas. Of course, in the grand scheme of things, what we wear shouldn't matter. However, our clothing choices are a great way to show the importance we give an occasion.

For example, we wouldn't show up to Mass in our pjs, as we want to show respect to the Lord. So if we're going somewhere that deserves our efforts, then take the time to dress appropriately.

Don't get too snap happy

Thanks to our smartphones we can take endless photos. However, this isn't necessarily a good thing. Sometimes we're so busy trying to capture a moment,

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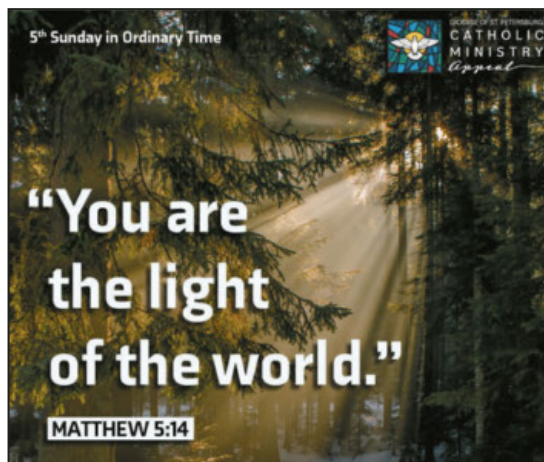
we don't actually live it... and we might get in the way of those who are trying to their best to focus on what's going on.

It's also annoying when people take photos of other people's kids and then share them on social media without permission. Remember, only post photos that feature your own family and even then, respect what your kids might want, or not want, shared.

And of course, don't forget those "pleases" and "thank yous"

As life becomes more and more automated, it's easy to forget to show our gratitude. So remember, especially when accompanied by impressionable young ears, to always say "please" and "thank you" when needed. I stubbornly say "thank you" to Alexa when I ask her to play me a song, even if my kids think I'm crazy!

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Catholic Ministry Appeal

The world can get inside us, often affecting how we feel. Living in the 21st century involves wading through a spiritual slog. The world is filled with as many opportunities for vice as virtue. We swim in a sea of ads, agendas, and social pressures. It subtly wears on us. Jesus says that we, His fol-

lowers, are the world's way out. "You are the light of the world" is a weighty metaphor to describe us (Matthew 5:14). Jesus' description of His followers might energize us, sober us, or make us want to run away, like Jonah the prophet. Jesus believes that when we work through Him we are the world's best hope.

Our parish takes Him seriously. We trust that His words in today's Gospel carry power. We're going to draw from it. We know from experience that we can shine the light of Christ through good deeds.

We need your help to be able to continue doing that for our local community. Our Catholic Ministry Appeal is a significant opportunity for you to help us advance our mission to bring the light of hope to our little corner of the world. Maybe, with your help, our Catholic Ministry Appeal will be a link that will get at least one soul to the light of Christ. We hope for more than one. Give without counting the cost, and watch how God outdoes you.

May He bless us!

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's amazing how one interaction can brighten an otherwise gloomy day. I love a nice sunrise on a wintry morning or a crackling fire on an autumn night. But whatever the weather, nothing quite lights up my day like a shared laugh with a friend, a snippet of real conversation with my teen son, or a hot cup of coffee delivered by my husband. In today's reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount, telling the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We, too, can be light for others - through good deeds large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. As we go about our days, we can ask the Lord to show us how to serve others. We will have days when we don't feel up to the task but, like St. Paul, we can ask the Holy Spirit to light the way.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used images that resonate with us as much as they did with his followers 2,000 years ago: salt and light. Salt serves many purposes, preserving our food and giving it flavor, for example. And of course we cannot live without light. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." Like the disciples we, too, can be salt and light for others by giving witness to our faith. What that involves will be different for each of us. For ideas, we can turn to today's reading from Isaiah, which calls us to share our bread, shelter the oppressed and clothe the naked. In doing so, our light "shall break forth like the dawn."

ACTION We all know people we'd call "the salt of the earth." Who are those people in your life? Make a list of the characteristics they exhibit or actions they take that you can learn from and try to imitate. Ask God for the grace to see and do likewise for his glory.

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**You are the salt
of the earth, you
are the light of
the world.”**





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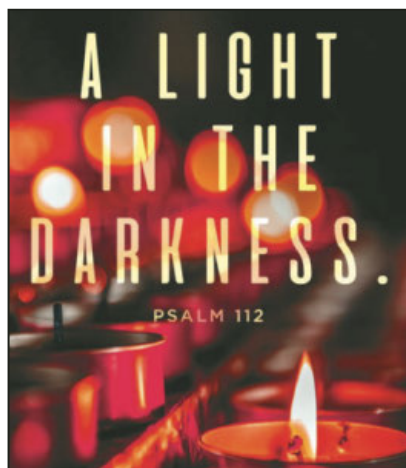
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4, Vigil for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Antoinette Rinaldi (Dec)

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Carole & Walter Huff (Liv)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Philomena Barber (Dec)

Monday, February 6, Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. Ancestors of Roberts & Beddoe Families (Dec)

Tuesday, February 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ron Bento (Dec)

Wednesday, February 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, February 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rose Di Benetdo (Dec)

Friday, February 10, Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
8:00 a.m. Tracy Culley (Dec)

Saturday, February 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Tom Locricchio (Dec)

Saturday, February 11, Vigil for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. James Lawler (Dec) and Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Edward and Marge Anklovich (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

02/05 • Isaac Cruz, Seminarian
02/06 • Rev. Kazimierz Domek
02/07 • Rev. Steve Dornquast
02/08 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
02/09 • Rev. Emery N. Longanga
02/10 • Rev. Dayan Machado
02/11 • Rev. Kenneth Malley

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Saturday, February 11, 2023

"Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes"



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 1½ - 2 hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 following the 8:00 am Mass at the Church. The Virtual Pilgrimage will begin at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.**

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the soundtrack so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

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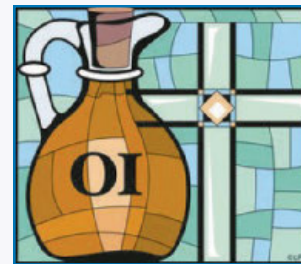
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