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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

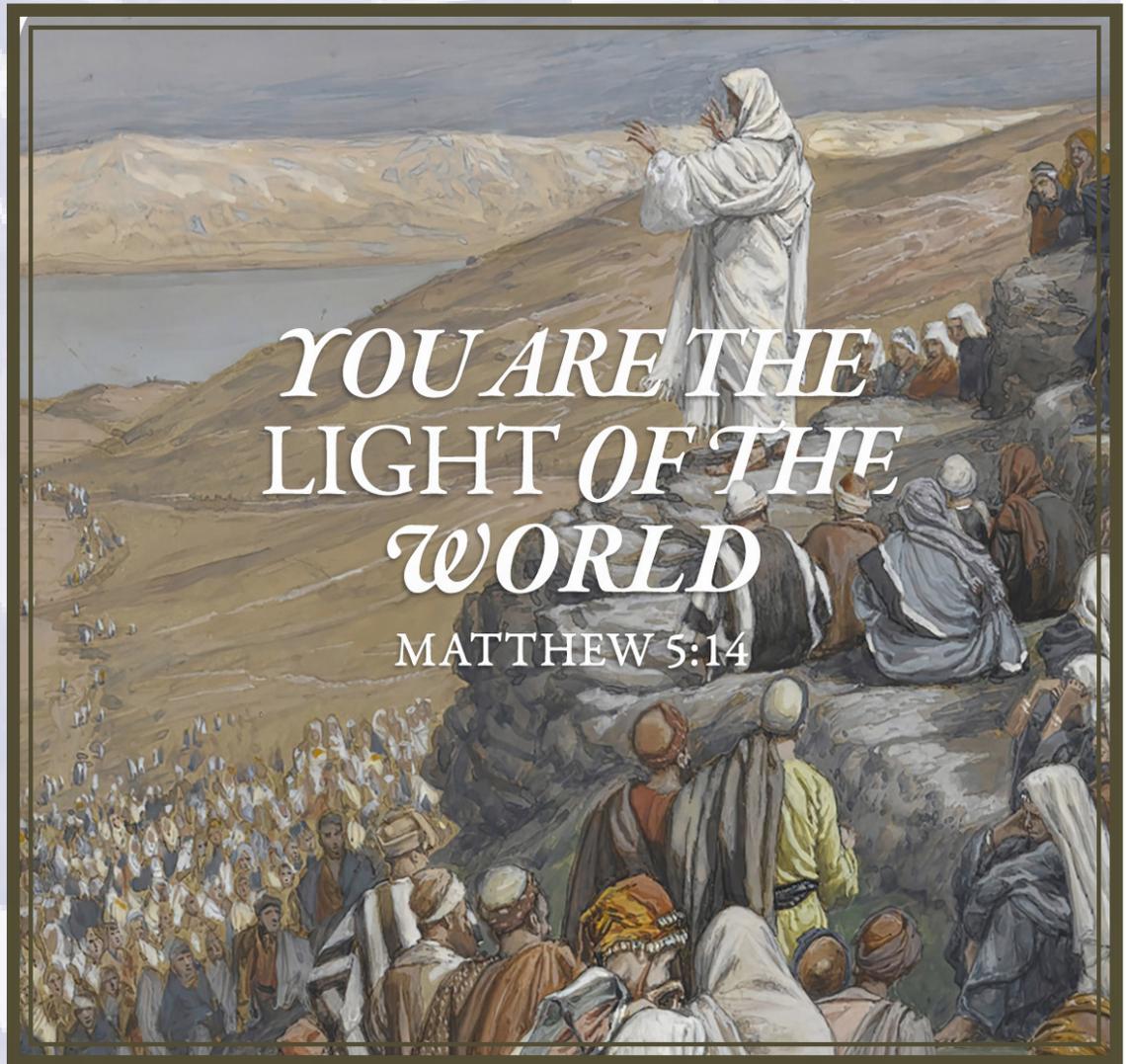
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This week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Corinthians 2:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

Next week's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH... YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" (MATTHEW 5:13;14)

Beloved Disciples of Christ,,

Greeting of peace, love and joy!

Jesus uses two images to convey His teachings to His disciples and us living in the present generation. These images are salt and light. Salt, as we know, gives taste to any food preparation. It adds flavor so that one may enjoy the meal. Light dispels darkness. It brightens the surroundings for one to see what is around. These images are very symbolic in that they present powerful messages to reflect on and live by when it comes to our witnessing of faith in the Lord.

Witness to Jesus calls us to a life where we can bring a difference not only to our own but to the lives of others. A man or a woman of faith can bring not taste but a life full of meaning and purpose. Often, we search for happiness in material things only to find out that they do not last. Once gone, everything seems to be lost. It isn't. When Jesus teaches that we are the salt of the earth, He calls every one of us so that life's meaning and purpose can be found in Him. Through our good works in His name, we can bring hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace to an angry heart.

Not only that Jesus teaches about being salt but also about being a light of the world. Especially in the darkened world we live in, when there is so much hatred and division among families and institutions and so much evil, and the truth is stifled, Jesus calls each one of us to bring light to the world. He is the light. As the evangelist John says, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. That through Him and with Him, we may find our path toward goodness and life. But these can only be realized if we carry the light of Christ in us and stand as a witness.

Let it be a moment now to ask ourselves, have we responded to Jesus' call to be a salt of the earth and a light of the world? Have we ever shared life's meaning with the people closest to us and become a beacon of light to a wandering soul? May we realize Jesus'

invitation and respond to Him so we can become the salt and the light of the world.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your family!

Your friend in Jesus,

F. P. Abaya IV



Reverend Pascual Abaya IV
Rector

**THE JUST MAN IS
A LIGHT IN THE
DARKNESS TO
THE UPRIGHT**

PSALM 112:5

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 6
Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, February 7
Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, February 8
Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, February 9
Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, February 10
Memorial of St. Scholastica
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, February 11
Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Adoration/Benediction following 7:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 12
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Augustine Educational Fdn.
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

February 5, 2023

If salt loses its strength and taste, it is worthless. If a light is hidden, it gives no direction or help. If disciples do not follow Jesus, proclaim his message, or do good deeds, they give no glory to God and no longer act as followers. Without action, they give no witness to the grace and salvation of God.

The passage from Isaiah gives a clear message about those who practice faithfulness to God's covenant. They feed and shelter others. They do not turn their backs on those who are naked, afflicted, or in need. When believers act this way, their light breaks forth like the dawn of a new day. This dawning dispels darkness and sin and gives glory to God.

Jesus proclaimed a reign of God where justice and righteousness would come. As a faithful Jew, he would have known this image from Isaiah. His followers would have understood it when he told them they were the light of the world. Their call was to dispel darkness by caring for the least and powerless, just as Jesus did.

SHARING FAITH

Who has been a light to you, showing you how disciples are called to act?

In what ways or places might God be asking you to practice mercy or justice to someone in need?

Psalms 112 describes how one can be light in the darkness. What does that psalm say to you about how a just person should act?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Watch the sun rise or set for at least 30 minutes. What happens as the darkness takes hold or as the light begins to appear? We hear much in the scriptures about Jesus as the light and our call to be a light to the world. How can you do some things that may gradually bring light? How are we tempted to sometimes do things that bring about darkness?

Poverty, hunger, and homelessness, for example, have many root causes. Read about the seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching named by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They are listed on their website (www.usccb.org). Reflect on how these are related to the root causes of many difficulties found in the world. How we are called as Catholics to respond? You may want to further explore the writings of the Popes about these Catholic teachings. If possible, share your thoughts in a group.

REFLECTION

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16).



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 23 - 29, 2023

Offertory Collection

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,130.48
Weekday Offering	\$ 963.73
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 65.00
Online Giving	\$ 566.41
Total Offertory	\$ 6,725.62

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 75.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,175.15
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 706.00
Total	\$ 8,731.77

AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This weekend, February 11 - 12, we will be taking up a second collection for the Augustine Educational Foundation. Your generous donations and gifts help to ensure the future of Catholic Education in Hawaii for many years to come. The Augustine Educational Foundation is possible because of your support and faith in our mission.

MAHALO EVERYONE

On behalf of The Knights of Columbus, Outreach Ministry, Senior Ministry, Fr. Pascual, Fr. Leonard, Deacon Joe, and the whole Ohana of the Cathedral Basilica, we would like to express Much Mahalo to everyone who join us at our Pancake Breakfast. It was a resounding success even with the challenging weather we faced. We're looking forward to our next social gathering. Mahalo for your support!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Once for all beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Eucharist. It is so easy to approach the holy table, and there we taste the joy of Paradise.

Pope Pius IX (1792 - 1878), Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day, February 7.

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord of new life,

Thank you for the gift of a new year. You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for the humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen