





# FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



# QUINTO Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5 de febrero de 2023

## COMMUNITY OF LIGHT

Today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew evoke the powerful metaphor of light as an image of the community gathered by God. Jesus speaks of his followers as "light of the world": they are not the source of light, but a mirror reflecting the brightness of God. This light does not call attention to itself, but enables beauty to be revealed and celebrated, and sinfulness to be exposed and healed. The light of this community is not primarily for itself, but fulfills its purpose when it shines upon the world. The light that we the Church bring to our world can be hidden by "bushels" sometimes imposed by others and sometimes of our own making. Our lights may flicker and die under stress. What might sustain the brightness of our own small light? Our ongoing practices of community prayer, discernment, and action allow God to illuminate our Church, day by day.

## LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week's passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world's systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus' first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

## CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today's passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God's primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10  
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

## COMUNIDAD DE LUZ

Las lecturas de hoy de Isaías y Mateo evocan la poderosa metáfora de la luz como imagen de la comunidad reunida por Dios. Jesús habla de sus seguidores como "luz del mundo": no son la fuente de luz, sino un espejo que refleja el resplandor de Dios. Esta luz no llama la atención sobre sí misma, sino que permite revelar y celebrar la belleza y exponer y sanar el pecado. La luz de esta comunidad no es principalmente para sí misma, sino que cumple su propósito cuando brilla sobre el mundo. La luz que nosotros, la Iglesia, aportamos a nuestro mundo puede quedar oculta por "matorrales" a veces impuestos por otros y a veces de nuestra propia cosecha. Nuestras luces pueden parpadear y morir bajo el estrés. ¿Qué puede sostener el brillo de nuestra pequeña luz? Nuestras prácticas continuas de oración comunitaria, discernimiento y acción permiten a Dios iluminar nuestra Iglesia, día a día.

## APRENDER A SER IGLESIA

Tras el pasaje de Mateo de la semana pasada con las Bienaventuranzas, hoy continuamos el Sermón de la Montaña de Jesús con sus imágenes de la sal, la luz y una ciudad. Jesús pasa de describir la identidad básica de la comunidad que ha reunido a considerar su impacto en el mundo. Quería que su comunidad no sólo reivindicara su identidad, sino que la viviera. Quería que su comunidad caminara con él, que aprendiera plenamente lo que esto podía significar.

Para nosotros, ser sal para los demás puede significar comprometernos y enriquecer la vida de nuestros vecinos. Ser luz puede significar iluminar y abordar los sistemas del mundo que sostienen los pecados sociales de la violencia, el racismo y las grandes desigualdades de riqueza y oportunidades. Ser una ciudad elevada puede significar mantener un alto nivel de transparencia, respeto y cuidado mutuo. Como los primeros seguidores de Jesús, se nos invita a recorrer el difícil y gozoso camino de aprender y reaprender a ser Iglesia.

## MINISTERIO EN FORMA DE CRUZ

San Pablo, en el pasaje de hoy de la primera epístola a los Corintios, admite que no es un vendedor. No vino a Corinto con un discurso de venta, con una retórica hábil y una sabiduría mundana. Pablo dice que simplemente vino a hablar de Cristo crucificado. Para Pablo, la cruz es la principal revelación de Dios, y toda la vida de seguimiento de Cristo está marcada por ella. Pablo describe este ministerio en forma de cruz por cómo lo predicó al principio: con humildad y temor. Era un mensajero que parecía débil según las normas de la sociedad, para que el Espíritu pudiera llegar a sus oyentes.

Puede que conozcamos o hayamos leído sobre quienes hablaron o vivieron con una presencia en forma de cruz. Tal vez un misionero que sirvió humildemente a una comunidad mientras predicaba a Cristo. O un grupo de manifestantes contra la injusticia, que se enfrentaron a la resistencia violenta con dignidad y persistencia. Abren un espacio para que el Espíritu transforme los corazones. Pablo sugiere que hacernos vulnerables hace posible el amor.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 58:7-10  
Salmo 112 (111):4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Corintios 2:1-5  
Mateo 5:13-16

2022 TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING CARMEN  
OR LORENA IN THE  
PARISH OFFICE (432-6404) OR BY EMAILING  
[carmen@goodshepherdpittpburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittpburg.org)  
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PLEASE INDICATE YOUR  
PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THEM BY REGULAR  
MAIL OR EMAIL OR PICK UP.

Our Lady of Lourdes,  
The World Day of the Sick  
Healing Mass at 10am,  
February 11.  
Come and Be Healed!



## Parish Crab Feed Dinner Saturday, February 18 at 5 pm \$65/Person

**\$15 per child 8 and under**

To make reservations call the parish office or stop by the table after mass.  
TO GO Meals available. When you make your reservation, let them know you  
want it to go. You can also have steak in place of crab.



## Good Shepherd Parish Crab Feed RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

From Knights of Columbus Members or  
Church Office  
**GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!**

*3 Sets of Two Warriors tickets for March 2*

*3 Days & 2 Nights at Peppermill Hotel Casino*

*2 Spa Gift Cards and other gift Value of \$250 each*

*2 \$150 Winco Gift Cards*

**Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**





Dear All Civilly Married Couples,

You might have chosen not to marry

in the Church for various reasons. Now, worry no more. Let's get your marriage convalidated!

**IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!**

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **August 12 at 12pm**. To prepare for this celebration, we will have an “on site” marriage preparation session which will take place on **March 18 from 9am to 2pm**.

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish office for registration.

*Attention!* We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Young Adults from 21yrs to 35yrs are invited to join our Young Adult Ministry. We meet twice per month on Wednesdays at 7pm in the ministry building. If you are interested, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Dulcinea

at [yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Upcoming dates: 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, and 3/22. Also save the date for our Young Adult Ministry's Lenten retreat on Saturday, 3/4/23, from 10 AM - 5:30 PM. All young adults are invited! More details to follow as the date approaches.



### Statues Project Update

We are so sorry for the delay of the Statues Project. All statues we have ordered are in process of completion. They will be shipped and delivered sometime January or February, 2023.

Thank you for your patience.

Here it is, our 10 foot Good Shepherd statue. It is made of real and natural marble.



## Mass Intentions February 6– 12

## Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Roma Roberts ( <i>Birthday</i> )
Tue	7:30 am	Benjamin Rosalez †
Wed	7:30 am	Ben Aguba †
Thu	7:30 am	Sister Edna Fe Viloria † ( <i>1st. Death Ann.</i> )
Fri	7:30 am	Willard Bellah †
Sat	8:00 am	Elisa Guzman †
	5:30 pm	Pedro Perez † ( <i>Birthday</i> )
Sun	8:00 am	Dominic Confetti †
	10:00am	Lee & Ruby Cordova †
	12 pm	Beatriz Desales Valenzuela †
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



### YOUNG AT HEART STRENGTH TRAINING A FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM



### Good Shepherd Church

Meet in the Parish Hall -11am start time

Tuesday, January 10th–May 2nd

Please arrive 15 minutes early on first day (no class on Mar 7th)

Build Strength • Increase Flexibility  
Improve Balance • Reduce Falls



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### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

- Sirach 15:15-20
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- Matthew 5:17-37

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## Weekend of JANUARY 30, 2022

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 9,752.23**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,770.96**

Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament.

*Thank you!*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

## BISHOPS APPEAL

# THE HOLY LAND

10 DAYS: OCTOBER 17-26, 2023

*Hosted by*

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### NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

  
 Lent is an excellent time to renew your relationship with Jesus. You are invited to attend the Evangelization Retreat at Holy Rosary Parish Center on March 3-5, 2023. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HolyRosaryRetreatMarch2023> or use the QR code here. Registration closes Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.holyrosaryantioch.org](http://www.holyrosaryantioch.org) or call Noelia Gutierrez, 925-305-8699, for details.



**2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal.** Our goal this year is:  
**\$35,600.00. We have raised 26,565.30 (74.62%) so far. Please give to support our Diocese. Thank you!**



### INCOME FOR 2022

Plate Collections	\$644,273.94
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 46,209.50
Restricted Donations	\$131,118.77
Special Events-Fundraising	\$ 75,631.38
Ministry Income	\$129,452.92
Diocesan Interest	\$ 1,592.78
Other income	\$ 75,817.15
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,104,096.44</b>

### EXPENSES FOR 2022

Administration	\$259,164.69
Parish Property	\$223,881.23
Rectory Living	\$ 18,415.03
Priests	\$ 93,336.87
Liturgy & Music	\$ 78,853.66
Children, Youth & Adult	\$120,421.63
Social Events	\$ 1,668.64
Formation/CYO	\$ 20,788.60
Other Ministries	\$ 14,881.66
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 28,218.58
Depreciation	\$ 29,883.99

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$889,514.58**

### YEAR RECAP

INCOME	\$ 1,104,096.44
EXPENSES	\$ 889,514.58

### INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT YEAR END:

**\$ 214,581.86**