



# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 February 2024 | Sunday



*You are the salt of the earth*

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!



MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection February 1 - \$5,836

*As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .*

## **Monday, February 9**

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Pasqualina & Guiseppe DeMizio

## **Tuesday, February 10** St. Scholastica

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Laura, Angelo & Gianni Molinari

## **Wednesday, February 11** Our Lady of Lourdes

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Giuseppe Mucciarone

## **Thursday, February 12**

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Rosina Leotta Cirillo

## **Friday, February 13**

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Sam Rotundo

## **Saturday, February 14** St. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius

4:30 p.m. †Jakov Adzija,

♦Special Intention Cerila Manzano & Crispina Coronade

## **Sunday, February 15**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Rosa DeLuca

5:00 p.m. †Eva Rittman

## ***MASS in memoriam***

For those who have died in the past three months and whose funerals were celebrated here. The following will be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful and Eucharistic Prayer...



**Sylvia Phillips**

**Dora Armenti Zappitelli**

**Albert Moccio**

**Glen Maxwell**

**Lina Palmieri**

**Donald Manion**

**Ernesto "Ernie" Generao**

*Behold, I will send you my angel who shall go before you and protect you on your journey and bring you to the place I have prepared. -- Exodus 23:20*

## ***Prayer Intention for the Month of February:***

*For children with incurable diseases*

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

## COUNTDOWN TO LENT: February 18!

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at  
9:00 a.m.  
and  
7:00 p.m.

On Fridays we will pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass



## Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. It is a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicate themselves and when converts are instructed in the faith and prepared for Baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Christ.



### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation session held on third Thursday of the month: **February 19.** from 6:00 to 7:00p.m. Anyone planning to attend must have already been in contact with the parish office.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Please note the change of date for the next CWL General Meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, February 10 @ 6:30pm** beginning with the Rosary. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Also a reminder that the 2026 memberships (\$40) are now due. They can be placed in the offertory basket, dropped off to the office or contact Dina for e-transfer. 905.380.0522 | [dina.marchionda@gmail.com](mailto:dina.marchionda@gmail.com)



### BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support St. Thomas More Bingo February 11. Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!  
THANK YOU!



### BE PART OF OUR CASINO BINGO TEAM!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for Delta Bingo nights on Wednesday evenings, once or twice a month, for approximately 2 hours.



If you enjoy bingo and like meeting new people, this is a fun and easy way to earn money for our church. Our participation provides a simple and effective source of revenue for St. Thomas More Church. Please email the office.

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17273

will be organising the annual **Shrove Tuesday** on Tuesday-Feb 17 from 4pm to 7pm in the parish basement hall.

Shrove Tuesday



Cost: Adults \$10/Children \$5 and Family \$30.

Tickets will be on sale after most masses or email [stthomasmorenights17273@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasmorenights17273@gmail.com)

### WHAT IS SHROVE TUESDAY?

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and marks the final day before the season of Lent begins. In the Roman Catholic tradition, it is a time of preparation and reflection, when the faithful are encouraged to examine their consciences and seek God's forgiveness before entering Lent. Historically, it became known as a day to use up rich foods before the Lenten fast, which is why it is often associated with pancakes. Shrove Tuesday invites us to prepare our hearts for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent.

### WANTED: OLD PALMS

Please remember to bring any palms you may have from previous years when you come to church. Baskets will be available in the church foyer for collection. Thank you for your participation.



### Do you know DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE -CARITAS CANADA?



Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.

Development and Peace -Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

The organization also champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. To learn more, visit [devp.org](http://devp.org). or contact Sandy Hall email [smhall1977@gmail.com](mailto:smhall1977@gmail.com)

**'PRO-LIFE 101' TEEN NIGHT:** The Diocese of St. Catharines in partnership with Choose Life Niagara invite teens to join us for a 'Pro-life 101' evening with Katie Somers on Sunday, February 22, from 6:00-9:00 pm at St. Alexander Church in Fonthill. We will learn facts and apologetics on abortion, play games, and spend time socializing with other pro-life youth! The evening will begin at 6:00pm with Holy Mass, with the rest of the program starting at 7:00pm. Please register here or email [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca) or [youth@saintcd.com](mailto:youth@saintcd.com) for more information.



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