



1st Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R.4)

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Faith is a gift from God.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 8.12

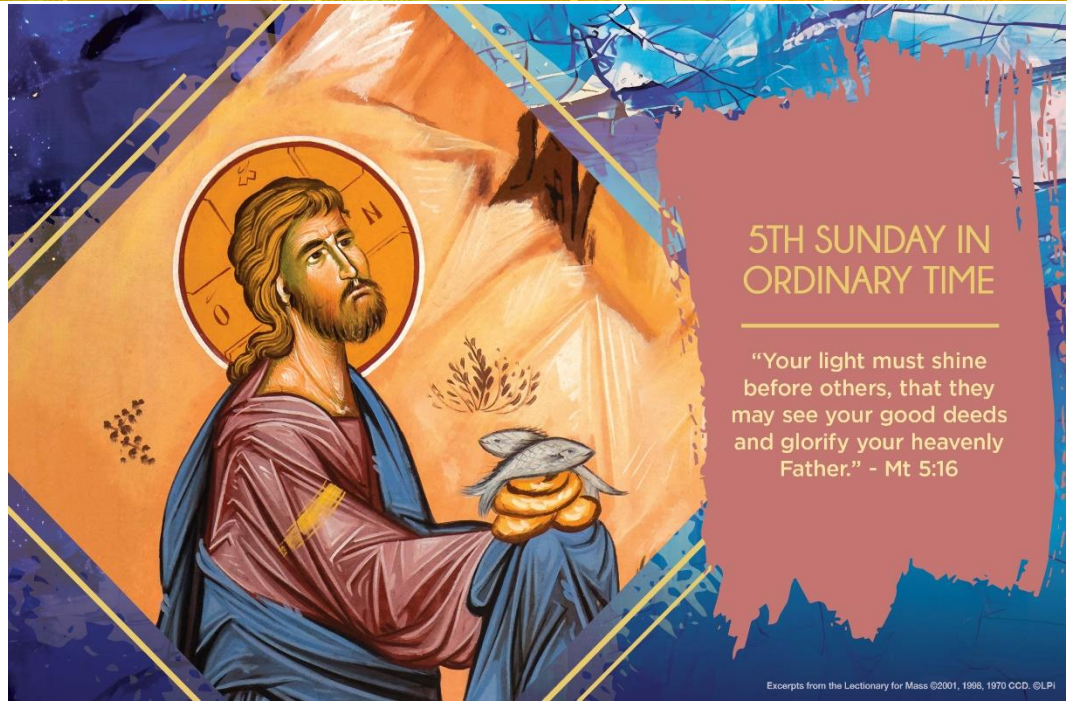
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:16

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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm
Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm
Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday

Mass, 7am

(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mass, 9.05am

Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
7.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass & Sun 9.30am
1st & 3rd Sun of the month
(during school term)

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick**
by appointment

We know from the Gospels that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. His goodness and love have the power to obliterate the darkness of fear, poverty and oppression. Matthew's Gospel reminds us that we share Christ's light. It is our gift as children of God, but it is not a gift meant to be stowed away or kept to ourselves.

With the light of Christ we are empowered to break through the darkness and share God's love and goodness with all those in need. We refuse to tolerate racist talk and we shine a light through prejudice. We gather food and send it to a food pantry, and we bring a light into the darkness of hunger and poverty. We bake some cookies, practice some songs, and bring our light to a nursing home—casting out, for at least a little while, the darkness of loneliness.

The light of Christ can be shared in all sorts of simple ways: a kind letter, a phone call, a smile, or a hug. Parents share their light with their children with every story they read and every tussle of their child's

hair. And I know, firsthand, children share their light with us.

Yesterday was a bad day for me. Everything was going wrong. There were family problems and work worries, another book deadline, and some big-time back pain. Then my son and daughter-in-law stopped by with my newest grandchild.

As I sat and rocked baby Julia and felt the wonderful weight of her four-month-old body across my chest, my body relaxed with a deep sense of peace. And when Julia brought her head back and looked at me, her beautiful smile lit up my day. Without even knowing it, Peter and Katie shared the light of their lives with me, by bringing Julia's gentle Christlight into my darkness.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about how Jesus wants you to be a light in the dark when people are in need or want. Ask family members to share a time when someone has been a light to them.

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the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God.
We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.*



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/>
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Micheal Hay, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Kinkade, Renato Casal Sr., Corazón Santos, Virginia Sampana Cruz, Nicole Nemorin, Anthony Titus.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Malcolm Howse, Bernard Cassidy, Rosario Clemente, Benjamin Morales Jr, Tomasa Dabu, Ben Dabu, Sheila Tham, Mena Valladores, Vincent Saldanha, Daisy Assey, Bienvenido Bulaong Sr., Emilio Paz, Robert Sinclair.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the church or go to the link provided below. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations



We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish.

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



It's hard to shine the light of truth in a world that so often prefers darkness. But God has built his city on a hill, not a valley. His glory, by definition, exists to be proclaimed, as salt exists to give flavor.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah spoke of God's desire for us to not only feed the hungry and take care of the afflicted but also to rid ourselves of malicious and accusatory speech. Which of these directives might you be able to do this week?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians to place their faith in the power of God more so than in human wisdom. What could be some good ways to make sure this becomes a regular spiritual exercise?

Gospel Reading:

Jesus calls his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world. In other words, Jesus is calling his followers to have a positive influence on the world. In what ways can believers today do good in the world?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The First Reading for Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah. We are challenged by God's Word: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own" (Isaiah 58:7-8). Your challenge this week is to choose one of the following works of mercy to live out God's Word in the world: 1) go through your closets and donate good clothes to a homeless shelter; 2) go grocery shopping and buy several extra foodstuffs, then donate them to the local food bank or Catholic Charities; or 3) volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity build or donate money or resources to a homeless shelter.

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LIGHT

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14A

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"You are the salt of the earth."

Sheepish Question:

When have I shied away from exemplifying the Gospel among my friends?

BAPTISM
Preparation Meeting

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 14th February 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



MATTEO CORTEZ ANDERSON
(Son of Shane and Amine-yvon)

OLIVIA EMILIA COLUSSI
(Daughter of Daniel and Amy)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2023 Sacramental Preparation



Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

FIRST RECONCILIATION (YEAR 3)

- Bookings available from 15 December 2022
- Parent Information & Catechesis - Tuesday 7 February 5pm or Wednesday 8 Feb 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in February (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: 3, 4, 9 March all at 4pm

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:
 W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au
 P: 02 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Reader
- Communion Minister
- Minister At The Altar/Acolyte
- Communion To The Sick And Dying

Enrolment forms in the foyer

Sat 4 March, 7.30pm • Holy Spirit School MPA

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale
 Free tea, coffee & biscuits
 Donations for prizes are welcome.

INVITATION to 2 interesting Courses being offered by the Broken Bay Institute (BBI) under the guidance of Fr Paul Maloney OSA and Paul Wilson

Semester 1 - 27 February 2023 – Justice & Peace – Catholic Social Teaching THEO42 –Online lectures

An opportunity to study and examine a variety of theories of social justice from ancient to modern philosophers and the historical development of modern Catholic Social Teaching, as is expressed in official documents and by experts in the field.

Semester 2 - Augustinian Spirituality for Social Justice THEO84 – Online lectures

An introduction to the spirituality from the life, teaching and tradition of St Augustine of Hippo. Augustinian Spirituality is an appreciation of justice for followers of Christ in their ministering to the poor, the disenfranchised, the refugee and the enslaved in any age.

See the BBI website for more information: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/learn-with-us/bbi-taite-units/theological-studies/#banner-title>

Honorine Jarkey



COMMUNITAS Working Group

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer
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February at
7:30pm**

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receive!

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AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe..”

St Augustine of Hippo



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

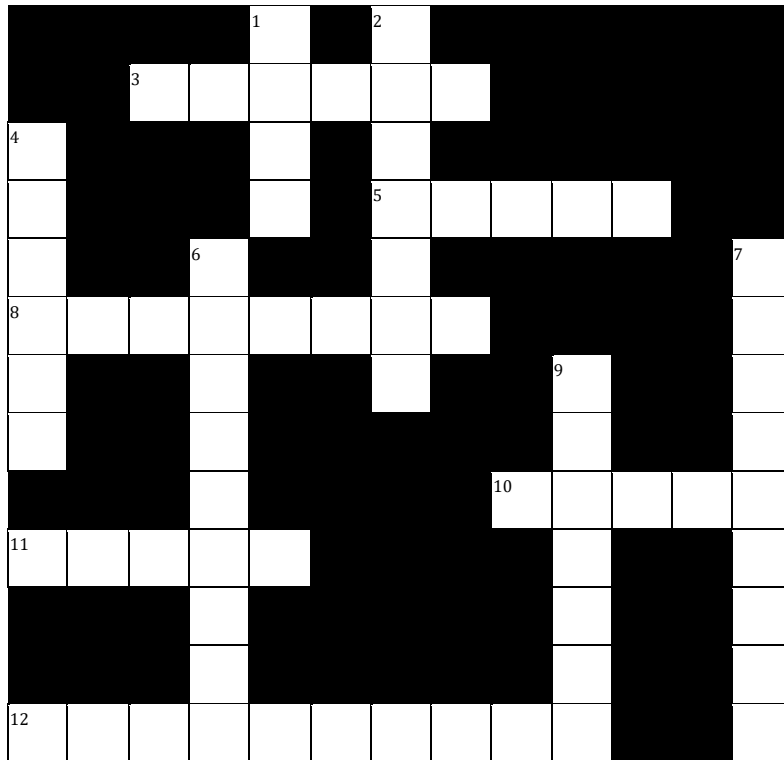
Answer:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.” ©LPi

CROSSWORD

Jesus was taken up to heaven



DOWN:

- 1: a clock tells the ____
- 2: before ascending into heaven, Jesus led his disciples to this town
- 4: the place were the disciples went to pray
- 6: followers of Christ
- 7: the disciples returned to this city
- 9: to have been given a blessing

ACROSS:

- 3: lifted up
- 5: Jesus had scars on his feet and _____
- 8: speaking highly of another
- 10: our Saviour
- 11: glad
- 12: praised God

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CREATION CARE TIPS

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” —Matthew 5:16

Do you ever tire of trying to do the right things for the environment while wondering if it’s making any difference? Jesus urged his followers to keep doing the right things so that others might notice what they were doing and be inspired themselves. This week, be conscious that whatever good you do to care for the earth may be setting an example for others to follow, even if you’ll never know it. Keep using public transit instead of driving, bring your cloth bag to the grocery store or your re-usable mug to the coffee shop, refuse the plastic straw at the restaurant, or put on a sweater instead of turning up the heat at home. Turn your efforts over to God and ask that they inspire others.



NEXT WEEKEND (12 FEBRUARY): 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Sirach 15:15-20 <i>We may choose life or death.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 11.1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (R.1) <i>A light rises in the darkness for the upright.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 <i>God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 11.25 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 <i>Jesus comes to fulfil the law.</i></p>	<p>11 FEB, 6PM <i>Minister at the Altar</i> Lorensz Herft <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> Dita Sy Moira Rebello Janice Salmon <i>Reader 1</i> Dudley Littlewood <i>Reader 2</i> Corinne Cerdor <i>Commentator</i> Florence Pusey <i>Music</i> Victor Branguin <i>Powerpoint</i> Nanetta I. <i>Junior Servers</i> Volunteers Needed <i>Welcomers</i> Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>12 FEB, 8AM <i>Minister at the Altar</i> Gloria Slade <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> Belen Leynes Celeste Lapid Lisa Brackett <i>Reader 1</i> Sally Banguis <i>Reader 2</i> Dawn Timmins <i>Commentator</i> Manuel Fidow <i>Music</i> Pierre D'Cunha <i>Powerpoint</i> Christine Younes <i>Junior Servers</i> Volunteers Needed <i>Welcomers</i> Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno</p>	<p>12 FEB, 9.30AM <i>Minister at the Altar</i> Anthony Bertumen <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> Ken Allen Cathy Allen Jenny Kyd <i>Reader 1</i> Uinise Blake <i>Reader 2</i> Bianca Dowsett <i>Commentator</i> Ray Zafra <i>Music</i> Mary Immaculate Choir <i>Powerpoint</i> Boy Sanosa <i>Junior Servers</i> Volunteers Needed <i>Welcomers</i> Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>12 FEB, 6PM <i>Minister at the Altar</i> Volunteer Needed <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> Kate Blasco Esther Rose Robert Lees <i>Reader 1</i> Kate Blasco <i>Reader 2</i> Candice Salmon <i>Commentator</i> Marty Facciolo <i>Music</i> Alleluia Choir <i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer Needed <i>Junior Servers</i> Volunteers Needed <i>Welcomers</i> Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 5 FEBRUARY

- Mon 6 Feb:** Paul Miki & companions
- Tue 7 Feb:** Tuesday Of The Fifth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
- Wed 8 Feb:** Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Thu 9 Feb:** Thursday Of The Fifth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
- Fri 10 Feb:** Saint Scholastica, Virgin
- Sat 11 Feb:** Our Lady Of Lourdes; Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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