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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
 "Here I am," I said, "send me!"

-- Isaiah 6:8



Daily Mass

Week of February 10th – 14th

- Monday: 8:00 Ernesto Delos Santos+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Marianne Angellio+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
- Friday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mary Moyce, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

| Recent Collections | February 2, 2025 |
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| Plate | \$8,108.00 |
| Rainy Day Fund | \$1,095.00 |

2024 Contributions

The 2024 contribution records will be mailed out by February 15th. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2024. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!

Heart's Flowers!

Deep within the sanctuary of ourselves
 there is a glade,
 Where the grass is always greenest,
 and the flowers never fade.

Nowhere is a garden sweeter,
 than the one love's own hands tend,
 Where affection falls like sunlight,
 warming and awakening.

Everlasting are the blossoms,
 that are nourished in the heart,
 Little lights and little shadows,
 who can tell the two apart?
 He who plants the smallest kindness,
 sows indeed a mighty seed,
 For through years, like little acres,
 only love uproots the weed!

Grace E. Easley



from Fr. Basil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is the shortest month of the year, and seemingly the least attractive. Winter is surely here. Maybe this is a time for deeper reflection on our faith and its meaning in our lives.

If there is one thing that Jesus says over and over again it is, "Do not be afraid." There are many things to make us afraid today. The fires in Los Angeles remind us that some years ago we had a catastrophic inferno in our own neighborhoods. Crime in the streets seems unabated. The political situation in this country is, for many of us, deeply concerning.

It is in times like these that our faith is of supreme importance. That is not to say that we just imagine that God will intervene to heal all our ills. The old saying that God helps those who help themselves is true; we need to exert all our human powers to come to our aid.

But fear is what makes us powerless. When Jesus tells us not to be afraid we know that, in St. Paul's words, when we are weak, then we are really strong because God is with us. Only our faith can convince us of that. And we make our own the words of the man who said to Jesus, Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.

Fr. Basil

God's Summons!

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.



Living Our Faith Committee Meeting!

The Living Our Faith Committee will meet on Thursday, February 13th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Please join them for faith-sharing and a discussion on how to best support our Corpus Christi Family and our community. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

The Living Our Faith Book Club!

The Living Our Faith Book Club will be discussing, *All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day*, by Jim Forest on Sunday, March 23rd, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. All are welcome! Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite bookstore if you are interested in joining the discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at: marie.reich@gmail.com.

God's Call

In today's scriptures, we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks; the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement, and finally responds to God's call. Today's first reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8) In the second reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James, John and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus -- that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding?

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8).

Psalm -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3:8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11).



Words and Deeds!

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

-- Second-Century Christian



**Readings For The Week
February 10th -- 15th**

- Monday: First Reading Genesis 1:1-19;
Psalm 104;
Gospel Mark 6:53-56
- Tuesday: First Reading Genesis 1:20-2:4a;
Psalm 8;
Gospel Mark 7:1-13
- Wednesday: First Reading Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17;
Psalm 104;
Gospel Mark 7:14-23
- Thursday: First Reading Genesis 2:18-25;
Psalm 128;
Gospel Mark 7:24-30
- Friday: First Reading Genesis 3:1-8;
Psalm 32;
Gospel Mark 7:31-37
- Saturday: First Reading Genesis 3:9-24;
Psalm 90;
Gospel Mark 8:1-10

The Legend of St. Valentine's Day!

According to legend, the Valentine takes its name from a young Christian priest who lived in ancient Rome. Like so many of the early Christians, Valentine had been imprisoned because of his faith. Often longingly he thought of his loved ones and wanted to assure them of his well-being and of his love for them.

Beyond his cell window, just within reach, grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves and pricked them with the words, "Remember your Valentine," and sent them off by a friendly dove. On the next day and the next, he sent more messages that simply said, "I love you." Thus did the Valentine have its beginning and so it has been through the ages, those who love and send Valentines to express their love!

