

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 8, 2026



Salt and Light *We are identified with salt and light in the similes that make up today's Gospel. We are asked to meditate on just how to be salt and light. We have to think about getting the salt just right, and the light just right, too. We are asked to call attention to the Lord in whom we live and move and have our being, and not to call attention to ourselves.*

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GOD'S SUMMONS

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers' motto, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," attracted many through the Christophers' effective use of the media, advertising, and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we, too, are the light of the world. Through our words and actions we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In today's reading from the Letter to the Corinthians Paul says it is the power of God working through him, not his own wisdom or talents, that allowed the Corinthians to put their faith in the gospel. The Corinthians themselves were so self-satisfied and proud about their gifts that they had forgotten who gave them what they had and what their gifts were for. Paul reminds

them, and us, that everything we have—even our faith—is from the Lord and for others. It is the Lord's light that shines through those who, like Paul, put their trust in God. To walk in that light is to allow God's generosity, mercy, and justice to shine through us. And that means sharing all we have, as individuals and as a community, the way God has done and continues to do for us.

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church is entitled *Lumen Gentium*, "Light of the Nations," because that is what the Church is called to be. Christ's light is given to us—not only for our own personal benefit now or salvation someday—but that others might "see the light" and turn their gaze and their lives toward the dawning Sun of Justice: Christ, our Light.

—Virginia Stillwell

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REFLECTION

Today, we hear God's response to the people after the return from exile. The lyrical first reading tells us that God is not won over by rigorous, self-righteous fasts and sacrifices. The fast the Lord wished was as near as one's own kin. The fast the Lord wished was virtually unavoidable—to share bread, to shelter the oppressed and homeless, to clothe the naked. The compassionate person who performed such deeds would find the Lord very near indeed. One could simply call out, and the Lord would say, "Here I am." These familiar compassionate actions from Isaiah are seen in Jesus over and over. Lest we miss it, Jesus reminds us near the end of his public ministry, when he enumerates the acts of mercy that Isaiah long ago pointed out. In this last judgment story Jesus adds a new flavor—he identifies with those considered least (Matthew 25:31-46).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Saturday, February 7th -

5:00PM-IHM – For Guadalupanas living and deceased; In Thanksgiving for Lia Gunter’s birthday



7:00PM- St. Albert For our Seminarians Martin Luna, Noah Hernandez & Humberto Diaz; En accion de gracias por el cumpleaños de Mirella Solis Redwin

Sunday, February 8th -

8:00AM – IHM +Christopher Cardoza; En accion de gracias por los cumpleaños de Natalie Hernandez, Tony Mendez, Anna Basquez y Jennifer Garza

11:00AM – IHM For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, February 10th 9:00AM - HF

+Lupe “Lulu” Martinez

Wednesday, February 11th 6:00PM– IHM

For the Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forgotten and those close to leaving

Thursday, February 12th 9:00AM-HF

+Miguel Ortiz, Tomasita Alcaras, Alfonso, Sara & Benjamin Gonzales

Friday, February 13th 9:00AM HF

+Ray T. Reyes

Saturday, February 14th -

5:00PM-IHM – For our seminarian Martin Luna +Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales

Sunday, February 15th -

8:00AM – IHM Por Grupo Misionero que Dios los bendiga y aumente su fe; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Andrea Aguilera, Florentino Saavedra, Jorge Chavez, Carmen Zuniga, Misael Hernandez y Yolanda Rivera;

+Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette

9:00AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County

11:00AM – IHM In thanksgiving for the birthdays of OluMaria Falana and Edward Justin Reyes

RELIGION CLASSES ---

- Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:40A.M.
- Wednesday Classes 7:00 - 8:30P.M
- **OCIA** –Thursdays, 6pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

THANK YOU – We are overflowing with gratitude to the Guadalupanas and everyone who contributed to a beautiful meal for our loved ones; expressing heartfelt thanks for the outpouring condolences, prayers, and uplifting words that have sustained us through this difficult time. *Family of Teresa Baldivia*

“World Marriage Day”

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS – to all our February Celebrants

WEDNESDAY - Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm and Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, February 8th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, February 9th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit <http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets Sunday, February 8th, 4pm, Holy Family Hall.

WORD OF LIFE – February 2026

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ”USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of February. Let us share what we have with those in need. *God Bless you – Thank you!*

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de febrero. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados.

Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!

Jan 31/Feb 01, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$5,363.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,186.26
CCD.....	1,026.05
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.....	130.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$7,705.31

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Feb. 14 Parish Council Feb. 21 Cursillistas

LENT begins next week, February 18th, Ash Wednesday, a day of *Fast & Abstinence*. The 9:00 o’clock morning Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family in English. Both the 12:00 Noon Spanish, & 7:00pm English Masses will be at Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady of Lourdes



February 11

Today's liturgical memorial recalls the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes which began on 11 February 1858. The protagonist of this series of events was a girl named Bernadette Soubirous, today numbered among the host of Saints. Mary appeared to her eighteen times near a grotto along the banks of the Gave River. The details of Bernadette's experience were gathered by the Diocesan Commission charged to examine the facts. From this investigation, we know that Bernadette found herself on the banks of the river along with some other girls when she heard a sort of "gust of wind" coming from the grotto. She drew near, but the leaves on the trees were not moving. While she was trying to understand what was happening, she heard another "sound" and saw a white figure in the shape of a lady. Fearing that she was hallucinating, she rubbed her eyes, but She was still there. Not knowing what to do, she took her rosary out of her pocket and began to recite it, and the Virgin joined her in prayer. One of the girls with Bernadette, was her sister, to whom Bernadette confided what had happened. As soon as they arrived back home, her sister told their mother, who forbade them from returning there. News spread throughout the area, and Bernadette returned with a group of friends to the location on 14 February, when the second apparition took place.

I am the Immaculate Conception

On 25 March, at Bernadette's request, the Virgin said she was the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of faith had been promulgated by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1854.