SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS
Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00pm-6:00pm
Closed Friday-Sunday

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LITURGY
Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm - English

Sunday Masses
8:30 am & 10:30am - English
12:15 pm - Spanish

Monday-Saturday Mass
8:30 am - English

Wednesday - Liturgy of the Word
8:30am - English

Rosary
Monday - Saturday
8:00 am, Church

Holy Day Masses
8:30am English
7:00pm Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays 9:00 - 9:30 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
All classes on Sundays
(In church hall)

First Communion
Grades 2-8
(in English)
9:20 am - 10:20 am
(in Spanish)
11:00am - 12:00pm

Confirmation
9:00 - 10:30am

Baptism Class
(English & Spanish)
3rd Wednesday of each month; register in the office one week prior.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Arrangements to be made at least one month in advance.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.

WEDDING
Appointments should be made at least six months in advance. Church dates should be confirmed with a priest before making other arrangements.

FUNERAL
Should be arranged by family with the Parish office and the mortuary.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call for home or hospital visit.

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Lector and Eucharistic Ministers Workshop In English
Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm
or Thursday February 13th at 7:00pm

Taller de Lectores y Ministros de Eucaristía
Sabado 15 de Febrero a las 11:00am
o Martes 18 de Febrero a las 7:00pm

Isaiah 58:7-10

7 Is it not sharing your food with the hungry, and sheltering the homeless poor; if you see someone lacking clothes, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own kin?
8 Then your light will blaze out like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Saving justice will go ahead of you and Yahweh's glory come behind you.
9 Then you will cry for help and Yahweh will answer; you will call and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist and malicious words,
10 if you deprive yourself for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkest hour will be like noon.

Isaias 58:7-10

7."Compartirás tu pan con el hambriento, los pobres sin techo entrarán a tu casa, vestirás al que veas desnudo y no volverás la espalda a tu hermano.
8.Entonces tu luz surgirá como la aurora y tus heridas sanarán rápidamente. Tu recto obrar marchará delante de ti y la Gloria de Yavé te seguirá por detrás.
9.Entonces, si llamas a Yavé, responderá. Cuando lo llames, dirá: «Aquí estoy.» Si en tu casa no hay más gente explotada, si apartas el gesto amenazante y las palabras perversas;
10.si das al hambriento lo que deseas para ti y sacias al hombre oprimido, brillará tu luz en las tinieblas, y tu oscuridad se volverá como la claridad del mediodía."
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Offering
Weekly Goal: $5,000  Monthly Goal: $20,000

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February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God’s providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, “if you think you can,” or “after all of your own needs have been met.” On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn’t very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don’t know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today’s psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but “lavishly.”

Today’s Readings: Is 58:7–10; Ps 112:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Cor 2:1–5; Mt 5:13–16

February 8 & 9, 2020

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9 de febrero de 2020
Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy no dejan espacio para la tibieza. Como beneficiarios de la providencia de Dios, no podemos retrasar el servicio a los demás. Cuando Isaías nos instruye a compartir nuestro pan con los hambrientos, él no menciona requisitos. Él no añade “si lo piensas puedes” o “después de que todas tus necesidades sean satisfechas”. Al contrario, el profeta simplemente comunica lo que Dios espera de nosotros es cuidar por aquellas personas que están en necesidad. De manera similar, la llamada del Evangelio es incondicional. Como una ciudad en la cima de una montaña, la vida cristiana no se puede esconder. Los seguidores de Jesús no tienen la opción de quedarse sentados y deseando vagamente que alguien más atienda a los hambrientos, a las personas en situación de calle, a la opresión y la ignorancia. Dios nos llama a servir. Si ya escuchamos la llamada, debemos responder.

CONTINUA CON LA ORACIÓN

Todos estamos de acuerdo que cuidar a los demás es importante. Absolutamente nadie quiere ver que un niño pierda peso a causa de la hambruna. Y, aun así, tenemos recelo en ofrecer tiempo, talento o dinero a obras de caridad. ¿Qué tal si los destinatarios usan incorrectamente el dinero? ¿Qué tal si las donaciones promueven el desamparo y a largo plazo la dependencia? ¿Qué tal si mi propia situación no es muy estable? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a los demás cuando mi vida diaria es tan difícil y el futuro tan incierto? Estas son preguntas válidas. Dios quiere que usemos nuestro intelecto cuando discernimos mejor la manera hacer obras de caridad. Pero la duda no debe guiar a la falta de acción. Si no sabemos cómo proceder, debemos dedicar bastante tiempo a la oración. En oración, consideramos nuestras opciones y preguntamos al Señor cómo ser sal y luz en el mundo. Así como el salmo de hoy nos lo recuerda, Dios nos llama para ser amables y misericordiosos. Creyendo firmemente que Dios siempre cuidará de nosotros, confiamos con corazones firmes y compartimos con los demás, no de vez en cuando, con culpa o tentativamente, sino “generosamente”.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 58:7–10; Sal 112 (111):4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Cor 2:1–5; Mt 5:13–16

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