



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 FEBRUARY 9, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

“*Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets,*” Simon Peter answered to Jesus.

In our lives we might have answered Jesus like this, or often we just used the first part of Peter’s answer. We often think about giving up on things which we work very hard for and don’t get the wish for big results.

We might pray very hard for our children to come back and practice their Catholic faith, but nothing happens. We might pray to God for a miracle to cure the disease of our loved one (cancer or some diseases hard to be cured), but nothing happens. We might fight very hard to end abortion or some immoral behavior, but it seems it goes nowhere. We might pray for the Church to be holy or holier, but the Church is still made up of people who commit sin everyday (including you and me). We might try very hard to proclaim the truth of the Gospel, but people do not listen or accept it. Instead pray harder, keep doing good things, even when we might want to give up.

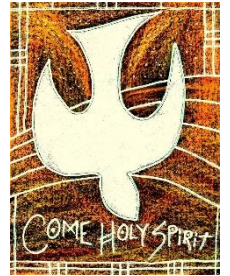


Saint Peter, in today’s Gospel, gives a lesson and good advice to everyone doing God’s works or involved in the Church’s ministries: “*at your command I will lower the nets.*”

Jesus Christ still commands us to go out and proclaim the Gospel though people might reject the Good News and us. Jesus Christ still commands us to follow His WAY though it is

narrow; to accept the TRUTH though it is hard to hear; to have His LIFE in us though it is a life of service to others. Jesus Christ still commands us to LISTEN to His voice through the Church “*Whoever listens to you, listens to me.*” And Jesus still gives us many commands.

It is very easy to be discouraged after we have tried very hard and got nothing. Some couples try hard to make their marriage last, but they still divorce. Some parents pray and sacrifice for their children, but they leave the Church. Priests try hard, through prayer, to fulfill their obligation and duty, but some still leave the priesthood. The church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, tries to purify and sanctify the Church, but “*the smoke of Satan*” still “*permeates*” in the Church. We try to avoid sin, but we still fall into temptation and commit the sin against God and His Church.



Do not give up! Keep praying and pray harder; placing your trust and hope in God; practicing in order to achieve the virtue of HUMILITY; preserve in doing good works. In other words, we will “**LOWER THE NETS**” again and again at Jesus’ command.

“*Do not be afraid.*” We need to be faithful to God and His Church; we need to **FINISH** the race.

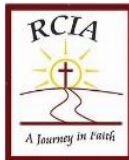
May God help us and protect us. Amen

Peace, Fr. Tien



Catholic Adult Education Monday night, February 10th at 7 p.m. is

The Sacraments and Lenten Practices.



The class shares an introduction to Lent and Lenten practices, and the sacraments of initiation, of Healing, and of Service. Come join us in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. We meet in the Family Life Center downstairs. Deacon David and the Education team

The Women's Guild will meet this Monday, February 10th at 10 a.m. in our Family Life Center. All women off the Parish are invited!!



Be sure to support our Youth Choir's Bake Sale with homemade goodies this weekend! All proceeds will go towards a trip to Dollywood. It is a reward for their great job on the Christmas Choir!!!

Please contact our Parish Office if you would like a copy of your contribution statements for 2024. You can pick it up at the office or we will be happy to mail it to you!!!



Visit this website for valuable information on how to get more people, including yourself, involved in the pro-life movement.

10stepstoendabortion.com

You can send a check to Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073. Be sure to include **SC164531** in the memo space on the front of your check so our Church gets credit.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Matthew Morgan, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, Mr. and Mrs. Ordaz-Rios, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruelle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chapel of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 8

4:00 P.M. † Tony and † Alice Yuzzi by Dee Moffitt
† Stanley Grablewski by Doris Kelly

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † David M. Ramsey, Jr. by David and Allene
† Antonio Ordaz Altamirano by Josefa Ordaz
Kenny and Cappy Taylor
by Jim & Stephanie Chambers
11:30 A.M. † Marciano Diaz, † Antonina Arango,
† Marciano Diaz Acevedo

Monday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 A.M. † Tommie Hanahan III by Carol Todesco
Adam Whitlow

Tuesday, February 11

**Our Lady of Lourdes
NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 12

5:30 P.M. † Stan McLean

Thursday, February 13

9:00 A.M. Joseph and Stephanie Uebelher

Friday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

9:00 A.M. Jaxon Kibel

Saturday, February 15

4:00 P.M. † Petra Diaz Pacheco by Sele Ramos
† Stanley Grablewski by Joanne Lewis

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Samuel Long by David and Allene
† Antonio Ordaz Altamirano by Josefa Ordaz
† Sean Morton, Focus Missionary Team
11:30 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon

