



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

At the end of the second reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, it states that our faith does not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Human wisdom is still far below God's wisdom, or we could say that we should not and could not compare human wisdom to God's wisdom. We sometimes, however, want to compare our human wisdom with God's wisdom (for we want to know who has better wisdom: God or man!!!!)

We should also understand here that wisdom is not about intelligence or cleverness or smartness, but it is about making a right and good decision. People might think they made a good decision, but it might not be a right decision. Human wisdom is telling us we must be rich to be powerful, or if you want to be happy, you must have a lot of money, or you should be smart to persuade others, or humility has no place in our daily business, or the strong will be the winner - there is no place for the weak, and so forth.

Our faith is not built on human wisdom. If it were, our faith would completely collapse or be destroyed! Our faith does not "fit" into human wisdom. Our faith is not built on the "majority vote" of people or by demanding from the rich or powerful. Our faith is built, rested, nurtured and sustained by the power of God, by the "glory and power" of Christ Crucified and Resurrected.

During His ministry on earth, Our Lord Jesus constantly taught how to practice the virtue of humility through His words and actions. This is the main virtue opposing the vice of pride.

If we know about our faith and if we know how precious our faith is, which has been passed onto us through the blood of many martyrs, then we will not have anyone leaving the Church for some nonsense reasons.

Of course, we should be "proud" of the truth of our Catholic Faith with the fullness of truth and the Sacraments. However, that is just one side of our faith. The other side is our faithful practice of that faith regardless of the ups and downs of life. I am sure that our life on earth is not a "straight line." Jesus stated that no one who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom of God, but only those who do His Father's will. We must have faith in God to do God's will.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks us, His believers, to make our faith and our life of faith like "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." This is a big challenge for each and every one of us of every age. How many Christians willingly laid down their lives for their faith which is rested on the power of God. Sadly, there have been many who cowardly "step" on or over the Cross, denying their Catholic faith. This did not occur only in the past but does today and will tomorrow!

Friends, know how precious your Catholic Faith is which is built on the power of God, sustained by the Sacraments. Jesus Christ told Peter, The Rock, that no power on earth or even the power of Hell can destroy the Church built on him.

Pass that Faith to your children and grandchildren, but first nurture your faith yourselves to make it grow and be stronger. Do you know how to do that?

Peace, **Fr. Tien**



OCIA - Adult Education on Monday night February 9th at 7:00 p.m. is **Lent and Lenten Traditions**. We will prepare for Lent by discussing Lent and its traditions. We will watch, share about, and discuss the Father Schmitz video "Pray the Mass like never before." Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided.

Deacon David and Education team



The Ladies Guild will meet this Monday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



Mark your calendars for Faith Formation's annual Fat Tuesday Celebration on Tuesday, February 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner. Following dinner, we will hold our annual procession to bury the Alleluia. Come join our students as we celebrate in preparation of the Lenten season.



If you have a new address or phone number or if you move away, please let the Parish Office know so we can keep our database up to date.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn



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



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet 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.

Please remember to keep
Saint Francis Parish in your will.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 7

4:00 P.M. **†**Damaso Daniel Acevedo, **†**Serafina **†**Holy Souls in Purgatory, **†**John Caroselli **†**Bill and **†**Germaine Moffitt by Dee Moffitt

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. **†**Andrew & **†**Mary Kost, **†**Felipa Diaz, **†**James & Nancy Putnam and Steve Keener by Debbie Keener
Melissa Diaz, Brigida Ramos

11:30 A.M. **†**Holy Souls, **†**Marciano Diaz Acevedo **†**Guillermo Ortiz, Misericordia Group **†**Marciano Diaz Ordaz, **†**Antonina Arango Diaz

Monday, February 9

9:00 A.M. **†**Serafina, **†**Holy Souls, **†**Gonzalo Barriga **†**James & Nancy Putman, Melissa Diaz

Tuesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin
NO MASS

Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

5:30 P.M. **†**Serafina, **†**Holy Souls in Purgatory **†**Elizabeth Garbinski by Garbinski family

Thursday, February 12

9:00 A.M. **†**Serafina, **†**Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 13

9:00 A.M. **†**Serafina, **†**Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

4:00 P.M. **†**Mary Kristen Albertus by Vickie Lolli **†**Valerie Ann Pinera by Cheryl Vasky Jaxon Kibel

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Gonzalo Barriga
Ginger Longoria by Debbie Keener
11:30 A.M. **†**Holy Souls, **†**Felipa Diaz, **†**Fr. Jose Maria Parcon

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