

You Are Really Something!

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways do you already enrich or enlighten the lives of others?
- ★ In what ways is this compliment a challenge for you?



[Jesus said,] “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”
 MATTHEW 5:16

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February 09, 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Feb. 02	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Liz Buckley & Family	Doris Caudron Andrew Cassidy Doug Swallow	Sharon Gauthier Marina Bloomstrand
Feb. 09	Gerry Engen Deedee Lepine	Tony Whittle Andrew Cassidy	Engen Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Bea Lepine	Nancy Makepeace Denise Desjarlais
Feb. 16	Doris Caudron Andrew Cassidy	Doug Swallow Darm Crook	Gagnon Family	Tony Whittle Shirley Gutierrez Deedee Lepine	Potluck
Feb. 23	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Susan Bouchard	Jovy Brito Michelle Cuevas

The Announcements for February 09, 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

—As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a Pastoral Letter to the faithful on this subject. In *Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death*, they offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. All of us will need support at the time of our dying, they write, but assistance to hasten our death, the willful termination of a human life, is a very different matter. The letter offers words of encouragement on preparing for a holy death, and also calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law and advocate instead for more access to palliative care. To read the full text, please visit <http://bit.ly/AB-NWTBishopsEuthanasia>. While the survey seeking public consultation closes on Monday I encourage the faithful to write to their Member of Parliament at any time and express your concerns about the encroachment of MAiD legislation on the most vulnerable members of our society.

—Our parish is holding a fundraising for our roof this February 29, in our hall. It will be a Filipino dinner with entertainments. We will need the involvement of our parishioners as the profit will be used to replace our roof. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for different committees. We will start selling ticket and it's limited so make sure you have yours before it's sold out! Please contact Shirley Gutierrez@876-0857 For tickets-contact any of the parish council officers. We are hoping our roof will be replaced this summer. Thank you for your Support!!! **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!**

-----YOUTH CLUB 2020! For youth ages 7-12, from 6:30pm-8pm, every second Friday in the church basement. It is a faith based program with crafts, games, music and friendship. It's starting up this month and here are the dates, mark them in your calendar! For more information contact Brigitte @ 306-714-7530 or Diana @ 867-875-2855. [January 17,31](#); [February 14,28](#); [March 6,13](#); [April 3,24](#); [May 8,22](#).

-----For couples who would like to renew their wedding vows for Valentines, it will be on Sunday February 16 during the 10:30 mass. This is now open to all couples, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

—CWL News: The monthly meeting will be this February 11,2020@7pm. Pope Francis has asked, that on Feb. 8, Feast of St. Bakhita, that we reflect and pray against this scourge; this day has been declared by the Holy Father as the International Day of prayer and awareness against Human Trafficking.

—Our parish has a new printer, courtesy of Gerry & Grace. We're grateful to them for replacing our old and outdated printer with a brand new one. Thank you Gerry & Grace!!!

—Sister Maggie's mom is critically sick with pneumonia & Sister has travelled to Ontario to visit with her. Please put Sister Maggie and her mom in your prayers.

---Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

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\$1,606.15	
\$1,606.15	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$224.85	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve "as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community" ("Built of Living Stones," 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. "Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

Nevertheless, "floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table" (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It's forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... "What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it." Never cut off Jesus' roots.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018



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Calendar

Monday
 FEBRUARY 10
Saint Scholastica, Virgin
 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
 FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
 FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
 1 Kgs 10:1-10
 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
 FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
 1 Kgs 11:4-13
 Mk 7:24-30

Friday
 FEBRUARY 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
 FEBRUARY 15
Weekday
 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
 FEBRUARY 16
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 15:15-20
 1 Cor 2:6-10
 Mt 5:17-37 or
 Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37