

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2025



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8*

*Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

(Shorter form: *1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11*)

*Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.*

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 5:1-11*

*The fishermen (Simon, James and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.*

**Focus:** *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

Both Isaiah and Simon Peter stand in awe of the power of the Lord. Isaiah declares his lips unclean, and Peter calls himself a sinful man. They recognize their own lowliness in the face of the Lord's majesty. Paul reminds us that Christ died for our sins and was raised. When we confess our sinfulness, we also acknowledge God's power to forgive us.

**Liturgy of the Word:**

Isaiah sees the Lord seated on a throne and declares himself "a man of unclean lips." Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them that Christ died for our sins and rose again. In the Gospel, Peter declares himself a sinner after following Jesus' instructions that lead to an abundance of fish. Peter, James and John leave everything to follow Jesus.



## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Michael Emond and Brenda Cipriani

10 a.m.: Mark Vulaj, Oswaldo Rivero  
and Michael Emond

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Cathleen and Martin Townley upon the death last week of her mother, Brenda Cipriani, who was also grandmother to Katie, Erin and Marty. Please keep them in your prayers.



## SUNDAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

"The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (this Sunday, February 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is: 'Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!'

"... As the Church participates in National Marriage Week and the Jubilee of Hope, the importance of humility in the covenant of marriage is worth a bit of timely reflection. Of all the virtues that complement marital love, humility strengthens the marriage bond at its core. Humility encourages selfless generosity between spouses and makes a couple's marital love more resilient.

"When spouses humbly offer love to each other, the daily familial bumps and bruises that happen heal more quickly. With each gesture of humility, whether in word or action, the pursuit of lasting love becomes more than just a fanciful idea; it finds a home where it is lived and felt. When spouses are humble before each other, love grows. ..."

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

## FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

Imagine that! Yes, our God desires to communicate with us always.

So we say, "Yes" ... but how? Come and see!

Participate in this presentation by Pat Davies and be introduced to the ancient prayer method called Lectio Divina - or more simply "The 4 Rs" - after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 23.

For planning purposes, please sign up on the website, by calling the office or on the sheets in the vestibules.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**January 27-February 2: \$ 5,317.60**

Envelopes: \$ 2,501.00 – Online: \$ 2,816.60

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 69

10 a.m. – 148

## AARP'S TAX-AIDE

Free tax-preparation assistance is available through the **AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide** program. For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way's Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Be prepared to spend some time on hold.

After making an appointment, the next step is to obtain a pre-appointment packet. A parishioner who volunteers with the program has made some available through the church office to save you a trip into Middletown. Just call first.

The forms in the packet need to be completed prior to the appointment, and filers need to come to the appointment with all required tax documents in a printed (not digital) format. Filers are then required to be present while the return is being prepared.

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*"I have always found  
that mercy bears  
richer fruits  
than stricter justice."*


- Abraham Lincoln  
16<sup>th</sup> president of the U.S.  
Birthday: February 12





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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. this Tuesday, **February 11**. All parishioners are welcome to hear what goes on. Contact the office for the Zoom link. If you have something to discuss, it needs to be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. Minutes are published on the website after approval.

 The **Adult Faith Formation Committee** will meet after the 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, **February 16**, to finalize programs for the Lenten season and to discuss ideas for the future, near and far. Everyone is invited.

 A new twist is planned for the next game night – a "big" game that can include everyone! You can count on lots of laughs beginning at 7 p.m. **Friday, February 21**. Don't forget to bring your snacks and get ready for an evening of great community fun!

 The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be served up after the 5 o'clock Mass on **Saturday, March 8**. That gives you plenty of time to gather your green attire!



## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK PETITIONS

This Tuesday, **February 11**, is **World Day of the Sick**, introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for prayers to be offered for those who are ill. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is also an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick and their caregivers.

*"Lord, hear my prayer; let my cry come to you.*

*Do not hide your face from me  
in the day of my distress.*

*Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly."*  
*Psalm 102:2-3*

"Illness reveals our human vulnerabilities, which is exactly where God meets us. Let us pray for God's healing presence in all the world's ailments:

For the sick and those impacted by illness of mind, body or spirit;

For those bound by injustice, or who live in fear.

**God of wholeness and hope, heal your people.**

For the imprisoned and those who care for them;  
For migrants and refugees escaping violence and those who welcome them;

For the elderly, and anyone who feels forgotten by society.

**God of wholeness and hope, heal your people.**

For safe spaces of healing in all corners of creation:  
facilities, homes, churches and everywhere in between;  
For those who offer and those who receive  
compassionate care therein.

**God of wholeness and hope, heal your people.**

Amen."

- Catholic Health Association of the United States

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