

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

SALT AND LIGHT

Today's Gospel continues with Matthew's teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. After identifying the disciples' blessedness in all kinds of situations with which the Gospel audience would be familiar, Matthew now highlights two images with which they can identify: salt and light. 'You are the salt of the earth' (5:13) and 'You are the light of the world' (5:14).

In Matthew's world salt was an important commodity and valuable trading product. It was used in cooking and for preserving foods (meat and fish) before refrigeration. Salt was shipped across the Mediterranean Sea and then carted into all of Rome's provinces along specially built salt roads. Salt's need was universal and, in times of scarcity, so precious that it became a means of bartering and currency substitute, hence the modern term 'salary'. But there is one quality of salt scarcely known. In a world of outdoor ovens with little or no wood to fire them, salt was mixed with dung to produce the chemical reaction that created the necessary heat required for baking bread.

In Jesus' reminder to the disciples that they are the 'salt of the earth', he is speaking more than about them being agents of preservation. Their presence in the Greco-Roman world meant at times that they will find themselves in disagreeable situations. These times requires fidelity or 'saltiness'. Their capacity to engage their world will also make them the 'light of the world'. The richness of these two metaphors, salt and light, finds their realisation with us, Jesus' contemporary disciples.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

THE SAVING WORD

8 FEBRUARY 2026





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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 3am, 4am, 11pm

Wednesday: 4pm

Saturday: 4pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

New to our Parish? We welcome you and your family to St Peter Chanel Parish - Deer Park. If you wish to be a member of our Parish please come to the Parish office during office hours to register.

SPC Primary School students Whole School mass. Monday, 9 February 2026, 9:30 am

THIS WEEK: 8 February 2026 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Perly C Gynn D Gian S L	Richelle C Alister R Glenda A	Hilda D S Divina N Wynna D	Roger S J Rency C Marilou S J	Tonnette S Maria Sulfaro Diana T	Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Grace S L Antonietta C Ernesto C	Richelle C Stefan P	Loirenz N Ronald D Dulce T Ferdinand T	Anna C Don C Cathryn D Nonie G	Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Candida D S Ian H	Roland D Joe C Michael D Rafael V
Altar Servers	George E MWFF with LHMM Sisters	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry MWFF with LHMM Sisters	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jepicho Jude Jherizelle
Choirs		AHFI	Holy Redeemer		Lea Lapid	CFCFA

NEXT WEEK: 15 February 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader	Carina F Antonietta C Jennifer S	Alister R Deepak J Susan C	Perly C Kumudu M Gynn D	Julie Ann M Jennifer G Greah P	Tami M Marvin D Kirk D G R	Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Joan S Paul M Grace S L	Stefan P Alister R	Teo C Rukmal M Shirley T Cedric B	Alvin G Frollan M Nellisa D Maria Mizzi	Jacqueline R Emmanuel C Gloria T Oliver T	Maria Sulfaro Roland D Joe C Diana T
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jepicho Jude Jherizelle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	MWFF with LHMM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Externaz

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Ramon Resngit, Jose Nonito Ebuna, Ronnie Zammit, Margaret Cremona, Roko Koprivanac, Salvino Cremona, Lovetta Vicky, Antonete Kinitis, Maria Camilleri, Nicholas Caruana, AJ Roberts, Adelina, Angelo Debrincat, Cornelia Nepomuceno, Tony Cordina, Maria Peto, Joseph Cini, Nicanor Manugas, Silia, Philomena & Magdalen Asango, John Bosco Oluka, Francis Oriada, Joe Vella, Joseph Grima, Yolanda Ortiz, Vincenzo Schiripa, Dominador Tagala Sr, Priscila Tagala, Cecilia Milan, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Aggie Mayoralgo, Nelly Del Rosario, Maria Emily Penaranda, Cue Fo Vom, Victor Felsingher

SPECIAL INTENTION: Tobias Benere, Janet Estrada & Family, Muscat family, **HEALING:** Maria, Elijah & Angelo, Helen, Ta Ping Wu, Adam Pitt, Que Siang Lai, Teresa Calvio, Ursuly Leveque, Rizalina Dayrit, Rolando Dayrit

THANKSGIVING: Gilbert & Rose Milan, Carolina Milan

Ash Wednesday. 18 February
Imposition of ashes in all Masses:
7:00 am; 8:30 am; 12:00 pm and
7:00 pm

Novena of Mother of Perpetual Help on Ash Wednesday will start at 6:30pm followed by 7pm mass

Sacramental Program. Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, for Students attending State School, information night is on Monday, 9th February 2026, 7:30pm, SPC Hall (Karmel hall). Please call the Parish office if you have other queries.

Memorial. St Scholastica. Tuesday, 10 February

Work With Children Check. A friendly reminder to all new volunteers to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC. Thank you

Next Week: 15 February 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

IMPORTANT REMINDER.

A gentle reminder to all, to please **DO NOT LEAVE** any valuables in your car and ensure your car doors are locked. Thank you.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."