

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.*

— *Psalm 25:4*

### THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### PRAYER IN TIME OF ILLNESS

*Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have Your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things You have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that You would send forth Your Spirit to refresh and revive me as You have always done in the past. May I continue to witness to Your goodness in this life so that I may be with You at the heavenly banquet table in eternity. Amen.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Agatha  
**Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions  
**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita  
**Saturday:** St. Scholastica

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** Jack's Cathy 5th Anniversary & 73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday †  
**Tuesday:** Paco 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Hagee Smith Birthday †  
**Wednesday:** Pete Jason 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Maggie Taylor 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
**Thursday:** In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
High  
Jimmy Gorman  
Bryan Jude Carroll  
Johnny Shack Riley Birthday †  
For a Special Intention  
**Friday:** Hughie Burke 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary †

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. "Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. "Lead us not into temptation."

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,621.00	\$1,612.00
Number of Families contributing	83	56
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (4 Weeks)	\$13,331.00	\$13,404.00
Received to Date	\$9,959.00	\$7,533.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,372.00	\$7,533.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$318.00	\$1,201.00

30 ladies contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$50.00	\$280.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$76.00.

10 CHILDREN contributed \$56.00

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Bryan, Leanne, and Stetson in thanks for Cash McNalley on his 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### BE WISE

*Don't approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back, or a fool from any side.*

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE St. Blaise is the patron saint of those with throat maladies. We shall celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats during the masses this weekend.

### WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

#### MONEY SAYS

*"Earn me, forget everything."*

#### TIME SAYS,

*"Follow me, forget everything."*

#### FUTURE SAYS,

*"Struggle for me, forget everything."*

#### GOD SAYS,

*"Just remember me, I'll give you everything."*

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS The second collection this weekend will be for the *Catholic Appeal of South Carolina* and the second collection next weekend will be for the *Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*. Please be generous in these collections.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

## READERS

**Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Paris & Mary Martha  
**Sun. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

**Sat. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Natalie  
**Sun. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Reed  
**Tuesday** - Mary Martha  
**Wednesday** - Katsyn  
**Thursday** - Willie's Rita  
**Friday** - Josie

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Right** Theresa Hun  
**Left** Cathy Carroll

## Sunday 10:00 A.M

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie

## FAMILY

*There's nothing like a family  
A good, old family tree...  
Parents – children – grandparents  
Sharing – caring – joyfully  
Uncles – aunts – cousins  
Though some are far apart,  
The love of all the family  
Stays in every heart.  
We send a note or card,  
Just to keep in touch,  
To let all members know  
They are thought about so much.  
Some friends are just like family,  
Such togetherness is planned.  
All the members of the family of God,  
Held in His mighty hand.*

