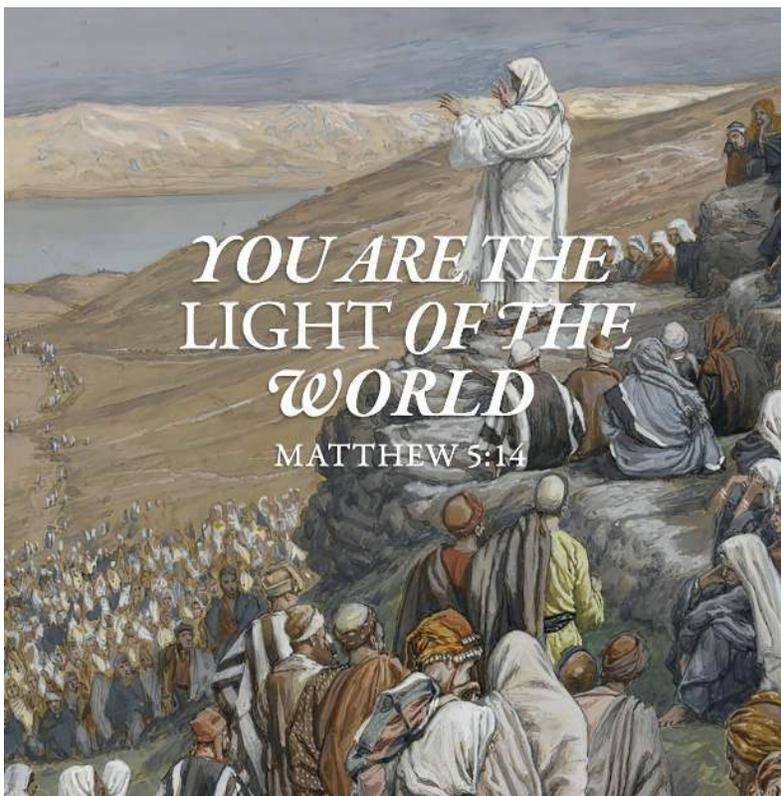


Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.



call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on,

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus'

we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Holy Mass Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

**"I am the light of the world says the Lord:
Whoever follows me will have the light of life."**

John 8 : 1-12

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Aida Deases by Yolanda Pena
†David Tajchman, Sr. by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink
†JoAnn Dominguez by the Robert Dominguez Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †Diana Flores by Javier & Gianna Flores

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Patricia Nemeec by Fred Nemeec
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Brian and Sharla Dee (Wedding Anniversary) by Susie Tajchman
†Steve Kurtz (AOD) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†Linda Bodie (AOD) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †Lydia Gonzalez by John & Annette Freeman

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin; **Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes;

Saturday: St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop,
St. Valentines Day.

Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them.



Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemeec, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Ruthie Weathersby, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Rose Pfeiler, and Delia Moya,

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Ann Clarke
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Rosa Trevino, Matt Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Barbara Rychetsky, Karen Vaughan, Tony Nelson

ALTAR SERVERS for FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel, Casey Gwynn
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Carlos Camacho, Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola
Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Gonzalez, R. Garcia, D. Bluntzer, J.R. Sanchez

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ADULT CONFIRMATION SPRING 2026

The Adult Confirmation Mass will be held on **Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 AM** at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Please note that this Adult Confirmation celebration is only for catechized adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but have received Baptism and First Holy Communion. The sacramental catechesis of the candidate for Confirmation is the responsibility of the parish of the candidate.

Diocese of Corpus Christi

♥ *Happy St. Valentine's Day* ♥

INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290: Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

Knights of Columbus Council #9318: Contact Tony Arredondo, Grand Knight at Tonyent62@gmail.com or 361-947-8036.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:13-16)

FAMILY CONNECTION: The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

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