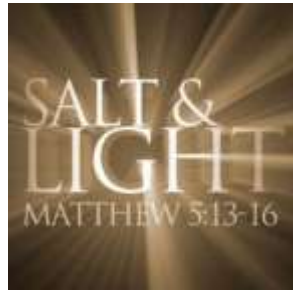


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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

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."

Sacraments of Initiation Classes

Classes have resumed this month on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45pm at St. Dennis for the Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, & First Eucharist) and will run through the first week of April. If you'd like to register your child, please talk with one of the priests or with Brother Jerry.

No Infant Baptisms During Lent (2/22-4/9)

Additionally, there's a mandatory class for parents and godparents on the first Saturday at 10:30 AM at Saint Dennis Parish Hall. **The next class is Saturday, April 1st, 2023. Baptisms will resume in the Easter season.** Please contact any of the priests to register before the class. More info at crowcatholicparishes.com

St. Dennis Bingo Wednesdays, 6:45 / Concessions Sign-up

We have a new sign-up sheet for volunteers to do the concessions in the foyer, or you can contact us by phone/email to get on the list. Volunteers are asked to bring a main dish to sell, while the church supplies everything else.

Commitment Weekend

We encourage all of our Catholic family to pause for a moment this weekend and reflect on all the God given gifts in your life. Then, take the time to extend your gratitude to God in prayer. As you reflect, we hope that you will see your parish, priest and our Diocese as a part of those blessings - and that you have prayerfully considered a gift to support the work of the church in Eastern Montana.

Our goals are to reach \$1.7 million to fund the ministries and programs of the Diocese through gifts from 100% of our Catholic families. Please complete your gift or pledge this weekend.

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Opening Song:

Traditional Crow Indian hymn and melody attributed to John Well Known, c1920



E - HE-LA YA-HE - HE-LE Baa - ku-kkoo-lak HE - HE-LE
He is in heaven.

Je - sus baa - ku - kkoo-lak. HE HE-LE
Jesus is in heaven.

Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE
Be my protector. Be my protector.

Baa baat-chaa - che iis - chii - saa - lee - tak. HE-LE
Almighty one, before whom there is no one,

Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE (Optional ending here)*
Be my protector.

Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE
Be my protector.

Closing:



Ak-baa-tat-dí - a I - láax baax-peesh a-lá-kaa - ssaa -la-htaa
God's Holy Spirit, even if you don't see Him,

Dáh-ka - la-tche-lak ii baa koot-kaá-sheesh koók. HE HE-LE
If you believe in Him, then all things are possible.

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CONFESSIONS before mass and on request.

Sunday Mass Schedule:

9:30am – Saint Dennis
10:30am – Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00pm – Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 pm – Saint Francis Xavier

Daily Mass Schedule:

6 PM @ Saint Dennis – Tues/Wed/Thurs
6 PM @ Our Lady of Loretto – Fridays

Parish Hall:
Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6pm, Meeting Room in Small Hall
Wednesdays: St. Dennis Cash Bingo @ 6:45pm, Main Hall

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OPENING SONG – Báakukkoolak Jesus

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MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG – Akbaatatdía Iláaxbaaxpeesh alákaassalahtaa

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