



**05 February 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**INTRODUCTION:** We continue listening to Mathew's narrative of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We are reminded of the uselessness of salt that has lost its saltiness and light that is hidden away. Our Christian identity lies, in others seeing our good works and giving glory to the Father.

**READINGS:**

First Reading:	Isaiah 58: 7-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8a & 9
Second Reading:	1 Cor 2: 1-5
Gospel:	Mathew 5: 13: 16

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:**

We ask the Lord for grace and strength to make our lives fruitful, as salt of the earth and light of the world, as we say:

**RESPONSE: Lord hear our prayer**

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious: that spreading light and spiritual flavour in the communities they guide, they may bring joy and hope to all, through the witness of their lives. We pray...

For all consecrated men and women: as we celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life, that the Lord may give each of them the grace of joyful fidelity in living their vocation to serve others, till the end of their lives. We pray...

For all Christians: that they may be attentive to the values Jesus proposes in his Sermon on the Mount, thus finding fulfilment in the way they live their lives, contrary to the values of the world. We pray...

For an increase in good vocations: that more youngsters may generously spend their lives answering God's call to married life, priestly or religious life, that brings valuable meaning to the plan of God for them. We pray...

For each of us participating in this Eucharist: that we may always be convinced that our celebration sends us out on a mission, to carry Jesus into our world, wherever the Lord may place us. We pray...

For our personal needs and intentions. We pray... (Pause)

**CELEBRANT:** We thank you for the gift of your life giving Word that challenges us to be loving and caring towards others. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen