

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Here are a few head-turning insights from different sources to make you smile or think in the middle of this dreary season:

1. We make a difference because we *are different*.
2. As Christians, we are to live by sacrifice, not by shortcuts, so if this does happen in the twinkling of an eye, it is always the latter.
3. I don't have time to worry about those who don't like me; I'm too busy appreciating the people who love me.
4. The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become. (Believe me, this is so true.)
5. The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It simply means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with.
6. We are always impatient, but God is never in a hurry. (*Pause for a moment now...for sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths*).
7. Prayer is a sneaky, hidden antibiotic needed precisely when it seems most useless.
8. Just because there is a little snow on the roof, it doesn't mean there isn't a fire downstairs (How you interpret this depends on how vivid your imagination is).
9. Humor is the incognito of the religious.
10. Only hardship softens the hardness of the human heart.
11. Never even try to replace God's strong comma with your shaky period.
12. If eternity truly exists, death is only a joke, because our hearts are greater than our wounds.
13. A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.
14. A long time ago, a philosopher asked this perennial question: "Why is there something rather than nothing?" (*Let that question really sink in, because it is not really a problem raised in an academic seminar, but rather a mystery stirring in our bones, in our very beings*).



Fr. Slawek

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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul *Turning concern into action*

Every time we pass by the Poor Box, let us remind ourselves of God's mercy and compassion. It is in showing kindness and compassion to those who are in need, that we can be His witnesses. Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. God's love is unconditional. Be sure that yours is too! Please remember the Poor Box on your way out of the Church.

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

2023 Tax Receipt

Attention all Parishioners: 2023 Tax receipts will be **mailed out the first week of March**. If you would like to pick up your receipt from the parish office before it is mailed out, the tax receipt will be **available for pick up February 26—29, 2024**.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS—Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

To the parishioner who has not picked up their 2024 envelopes you have until the end of February. As of March 1 the number assigned to you will be removed from the system and assigned to someone else.

Some people will only
"love you" as much as
they can use you.
Their "loyalty" ends
where the benefits stop...

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ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY

Please contact the parish office so
your records can be updated.
Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 6

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, February 7

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Thursday, February 8

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, February 9

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, February 10

4:30 p.m. Intention of Thanksgiving.

Sunday, February 11

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Dorothy Johns req. the Johns family.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



The Social will resume
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement

All parishioners welcome

SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase from the parish office.
Cost \$ 6.00

Monday -Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!