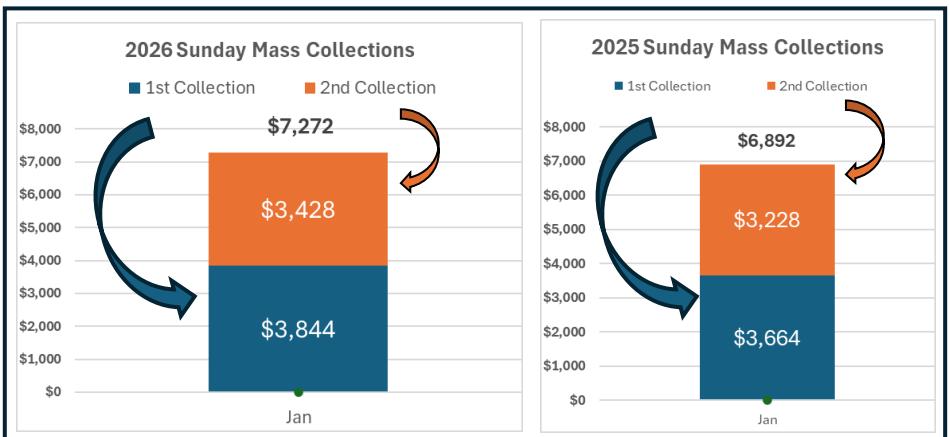


DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 9	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I	1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56.	5:30 PM
Tues 10	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I St Scholastica	1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7: 1-13.	5:30 PM
Wed 11	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I	1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7: 14-23.	5:30 PM
Thu 12	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I	1 Kgs 11: 4-13; Mk 7: 24-30.	5:30 PM
Fri 13	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I	1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mk 7: 3-37.	12:15 PM
Sat 14	5 th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week I SS. Cyril & Methodius	1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8: 1-10	5:30 PM
Sun 15	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eccl 15: 15-20; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37 (or 5: 20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10;
Responsorial Psalm: 111: 4-9;
Reading II: 1 Cor 2: 1-5;
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16.

Revised Roman Missal: 498 (Bahasa 945)



REFLECTION: Salt and Light

"Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn..." These words are taken from today's first reading, where God's call to action compels us to engage in practical acts of love and compassion towards others. By responding to these needs, we let our inner light shine brightly, revealing His presence to those around us. God values genuine love over outward, public religious displays. Today, let us serve those in need and become agents of justice and hope.

In the gospel, Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt, quietly preserves, gives flavour, and prevents decay, much like our faith should add meaning to life and help fight indifference and injustice. Light reveals hope in darkness, reminding us that our good works should lead others to glorify God. Being Salt and light is not about extraordinary actions but being faithful in everyday moments by choosing kindness, justice, and compassion. Through these small acts, we make God's presence tangible in the world.

Reflective question:

What is one concrete step I can take to be salt and light for someone?

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Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Priest Retirement Fund.

Liturgy Committee Meeting (8th February)

The meeting of Liturgy Committee members will be held today at 10:30AM in Fr Robert's office.

Fr. Paul's birthday (9th February)

Our dear Fr. Paul's birthday is on 9th Feb. Please don't forget to say a prayer for him and/or send him a birthday greeting on that day.

34th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (11th February)

The World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on Wednesday, 11th Feb at 5:30PM. The Anointing of the Sick will be given at the end of the Mass. If you know anyone who is sick and unable to attend the Mass, please inform the Parish Office or Fr. Robert, so that he may visit them on this day.

OCIA Rite of Election Rehearsal (15th February)

The OCIA Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names will take place on 22nd Feb, 1st Sunday of Lent during the 8:00 AM Mass. The rehearsal for the Rite of Election will be on Sunday 15th Feb at 10:30AM in the church.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS (17th February)

Chinese New Year Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM on 17th Feb.

ASH WEDNESDAY (18th February)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Wednesday 18th Feb.

LENTEN BOXES (22nd February)

Lenten Boxes will be distributed on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 22nd Feb and to be returned on Palm Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & FRIDAY MASS DURING LENT

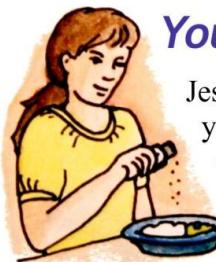
Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:15 PM on Friday, 20th Feb and will continue every Friday thereafter during Lent. Mass will follow immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Please note that there will be no Holy Hour during Lent. All are invited to join the soup fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Infant Baptism (28th February)

Infant baptism is scheduled for Saturday, 28th Feb at 2:00 PM. Parents are kindly requested to register with the parish office by 24th Feb. The pre-baptism class for parents and godparents will be held on the Wednesday 25th Feb at 7:30PM. Attendance at this class is compulsory for parents and godparents.

Chinese New Year Dinner (1st March)

This year, the Chinese Group will be hosting a Chinese New Year Dinner at Cheng Wah Restaurant on 1st Mar at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$19 per person, and seating is limited to 100 persons. Those who are interested may reserve their seats through the Parish Office. The closing date for registration is Thursday, 19th Feb.



You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.

