

LECTOR WELCOME
February 4 -5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

LECTOR: Good Afternoon / Good Morning

We welcome you as we gather to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the first reading, Isaiah tells the Israelites that their *light shall break forth like the dawn* when they remove oppression, lies, and malicious speech from their midst and care for the hungry, the naked, and the homeless.

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says he relies on the power of God to announce the mystery of Christ crucified. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. They must shine before others; their good deeds will glorify God.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the parish of Saint Bernardine in Baltimore, please join me as we pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
did instruct the hearts of your faithful.
Grant that by the same Spirit
We may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen