

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1ST. READING (Is 58,7-10)

Thus says the Lord: share your food with the hungry, bring to your house the homeless, clothe the man you see naked and do not turn away from your own kin. Then will your light break forth as the dawn and your healing come in a flash. Your righteousness will be your vanguard, the Glory of Yahweh your rearguard. Then you will call and Yahweh will answer, you will cry and he will say, I am here. If you remove from your midst the yoke, the clenched fist and the wicked word, if you share your food with the hungry and give relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise in the dark, your night will be like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 112)

He is for the righteous a light in darkness,
he is kind, merciful and upright.
It will be well with him who lends freely,
who leads a life of justice and honesty.

For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered and loved forever.
He has no fear of evil news,
for his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is confident, he needs not fear,
he shall prevail over his foes at the end.
He gives generously to the poor,
his merits will last forever
and his head will be raised in honor.

2ND. READING (1 Cor 2, 1-5)

As for me, brothers, when I came to reveal to you the mystery of God's plan I did not count on eloquence or on a show of learning. I was determined not to know anything among you but Jesus, the Messiah, and a crucified Messiah. I myself came weak, fearful and trembling; my words and preaching were not brilliant or clever to win listeners. It was, rather, a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might be a matter, not of human wisdom, but of God's power.

GOSPEL (Mt 5, 13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if salt has lost its strength, how can it be made salty again? It has become useless. It can only be thrown away and people will trample on it. You are the light of the world. A city built on a mountain cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and covers it; instead it is put on a lamp-stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before others, so that they may see the good you do and praise your Father in heaven.