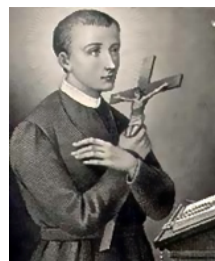


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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) — Sunday, 6th February, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, February 7 to Saturday, February 12, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 7th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, go up to the place of Your rest!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 8th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Turn my heart to do Your will; teach me Your law, O God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 9th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 10th, 2022 - Saint Scholastica

Entrance Antiphon: I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: One thing is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 11th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: I am the Lord your God: hear My voice.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - February 12th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Samuel Lamble
(Birthday Thanksgiving)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, February 6th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Peter Shannahan
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo
Sofia & Isabella Alzona
(Thanksgiving)

12:00pm Baptism Congratulations
Chloe Sironi & Chidubem Ejekwu

Mass 5:30pm Angelina Peluso
(Anniversary of Death)

Monday, February 7th

Mass 9:15am Gladys Pentony
(Recently Deceased)

Tuesday, February 8th

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, February 9th

Mass 9:15am Hilton Foenander
(Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, February 10th - Saint Scholastica

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions of the Parish

Friday, February 11th

8:10am Adoration until 9am

Mass 9:15am Lontok - Alzona Family
(Thanksgiving)

Saturday, February 12th

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions of the Parish

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Rosemary Zaher, Allan Welsh, Kusum and Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Simone Valadon, Angelo Sciacca, Doreen Oliver, Antonette Vettivelu, Claris, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Melvina Extross, Clita Martinelli

The recently deceased: George Lawrence Gonzalves, Pasquale Richetti, Very Rev. Fr. Emile Mayoraz msfs, Rev. Sr. Showri Deepthi, Rev. Fr. Fritz Neuhauser mhm, Gladys Pentony

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Raffaelina Marotta

Reading Roster

February

Sat. 12th 5:30pm	B. Collins
Sun. 13th 8:30am	G. Van Hees
10:30am	D. Naidoo, Sn
5:30pm	J. Abraham

February

Sat. 19th 5:30pm	J. D'Souza
Sun. 20th 8:30am	G. Dos Remedios
10:30am	M. Jose
5:30pm	M. Yallapa

Church Cleaning

Saturday 12th February, 2022

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday 19th February, 2022

Knights of the Southern Cross

Catechist Children

Enrolments for State School children are open. Enrolments will be taken up until 15th February. Please contact the office on 9792 4422 to register your child. Classes will begin on Tuesday, 15th February, at 4pm in the Church. Please contact the parish office, for more information.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Catholic Care Victoria - Chaplaincy Appeal

The Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be held on the weekend of 12th and 13th February. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/Aids. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available on the table in the foyer of the Church or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513.

Adoration

Adoration recommenced on Friday, 4th February. Adoration will be held each Friday at 8:10am until 9am, and Mass will then be held at 9:15am. Please check the bulletin weekly for any changes.

Return of blessed Palms

Please return your palms in these coming weeks in preparation for Ash Wednesday (2nd March).

Knights of the Southern Cross District 9 Information Night (Including Oakleigh & Dandenong North Branches)

Being held on Monday 7th February 2022 to provide information to prospective new Members who wish to learn about the works of the KSC. At St Peter's Community Hall (At the top of the car park), Mary Street, Clayton, from 7.30PM. Contact Neil Daly 0428 794 002 if you have interest in attending.

Into the Deep: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world. No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognises in today's Epistle. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service.

In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live (see Exodus 33:20). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word.

God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord. Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (see also Revelation 4:8).