Queen of Peace Catholic Parish
Parroquia Reina de la Paz

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

“Ustedes son la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad construida en lo alto de un Monte”. - Mt 5, 14
Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mt 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mt 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mt 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mt 7:24-30
Friday:1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mt 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mt 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
### Liturgical Schedule

**Date** February 15-16, 2020  
**Saturday, 4:00 pm**
- **Lector:** John Bedard  
- **Communion Ministers:** John Bedard, Becky Adams, Karen Buchanan, Joanne Dennis, Diane DeVine, Brad Bauler
- **Servers:** Adrian Gomez, Michelle Guzman, Andy Bauler
- **Ushers:** Jason Jensen, George Sutton
- **Sacristan:** Becky Adams
- **Musician:** Jim Reidy

**Sunday, 900 am**
- **Lector:** Bev Kane  
- **Communion Ministers:** Peggy Gress, Kim McBride, Leilani Early, Glenda Schmitz, Mickey McGrane, Bev Kane
- **Mass Servers:** Kaden Morgan, Karlie Morgan
- **Ushers:** Tom Milota, John Cordes, Don Frost
- **Sacristan:** Pat Brown
- **Musician:** Jazzin’ for Jesus Choir

**Sunday, 4:00 pm**
- **Lector:** Jim Rodgers  
- **Communion Ministers:** Jim Rodgers, Jack Black, Marlyst Mohr
- **Servers:**  
- **Ushers:** Dennis Nissen
- **Sacristan:** Jack Black
- **Musicians:** Grateful

### This Coming Week

**Monday, February 10**
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.  
- 7:00 pm K of C Council #11192 Mtg.  
- 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class  

**Tuesday, February 11**
- 8:00 am Quilting Club & Social  
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary Mtg.  
- 1:30 pm Bible Sharing Meet at Bridges Senior Living  
- 4:30-6 pm Community Meals  
- 6:30 pm Bible Class (Sp)  

**Wednesday, February 12**
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer for the World  

**Thursday, February 13**
- 6:30 pm Holy Land Trip Informational Mtg.  
- 6:30 pm Angels’ Choir Practice  
- 6:30 pm Learning English Class  

**Friday, February 14**
- 6:30 pm Learning English Class  

**Sunday, February 16**
- 6:00 pm Marriage Encounter Community Mtg.  

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 11**
- 12:05 pm +Floyd & Helyn Watters

**Wednesday, February 12**
- 12:05 pm +Angelina Quinto

**Thursday, February 13**
- 12:05 pm +Jedidiah Wilson

**Friday, February 14**
- 12:05 pm +Jose Alberto Mendoza

**Saturday, February 15**
- 4:00 pm +Katy Sansone

**Sunday, February 16**
- 9:00 am Queen of Peace Parish
- 12:00 pm +Jose Alberto Mendoza
- 4:00 pm Special Intentions of Linda & Josephine Navarro and Vickie Ecker

### Mass Intention Request

Having a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, is a wonderful expression of caring, compassion and thoughtfulness. The usual offering for a Mass is $5.00. Please stop by or call the parish office.

### Stewardship Week of

February 1-2, 2020 Total of all Masses English & Spanish:
- **Adult:** $ 8,625.00
- **Loose:** 1,882.82
- **Repairs:** 541.00
- **Endowment Fund:** 416.00
- **Religious Retire.** 25.00
- **Total:** 11,489.82
Bienvenidos, hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Hoy, celebramos el quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario.

Hoy, Jesús nos dice que nosotros, somos la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo y nos pide que brille la luz de Cristo en nosotros para viendo nuestras obras las obras, de la gloria a Dios. En concreto nos habla del testimonio que es muy importante en nuestra vida cristiana.

Si tomamos en cuenta que, desafortunadamente, pocos leen la Biblia y no muchos asisten a Misa ni tienen un contacto directo con el Evangelio, podemos afirmar que, nosotros, somos el único medio por el cual llega el Evangelio a estas personas, es decir, con nuestro testimonio de vida podemos ser un Evangelio llevado a la práctica para ellos.

Recuerdo una historia que cuenta de dos soldados estaban en el campo de batalla. Uno de ellos estaba mal herido y el otro no quería dejarlo solo. Así que se subieron a la misma manta a pesar de que hacia un frio terrible.

El soldado herido le decía que lo dejara morir ahí. Y el otro no quería abandonarlo.

De pronto el soldado sano le dice al herido que le leyera la Biblia para hablarle de Dios. El soldado herido le dijo: “primero, dame algo de comer”. El otro soldado le dio el último pedazo de pan que tenía a pesar de que no comiera en dos días.

El soldado herido se lo volvía a preguntar que si quería que le leyera la Biblia para hablarle de Dios. El soldado herido le dijo que sí, pero que antes le diera a beber agua.

El soldado le dio el último sorbo de agua que traía en la cantimplora a pesar de saber que no tendría agua por mucho tiempo.

El soldado, al ver la gravedad del su amigo herido, le insistía en querer hablarle de Dios.

El soldado herido le dijo: “Tengo frío” y el amigo le dio su pedazo de manta a pesar de que hacía un frío terrible.

El herido le dijo: “Ahora sí, háblame de ese Dios que te hizo dar la manta a pesar de saber que no tendría agua por mucho tiempo. Pero que antes le diera a beber agua.

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Eso es, si me permiten la comparación, lo que el Señor nos pide: “Ser Luz”. Que la gente nos vea y que vea algo especial en nosotros la gente nos vea y que vea algo especial en nosotros.

“Ser sal” para dar sabor cristiano en nuestras conversaciones, para condimentar otras vidas con alegría, con esperanza y con fe en nuestro Cristo Salvador y Redentor. Que seamos sal para dar sabor en la vida de nuestros hijos y de nuestras familias y de nuestra comunidad con el amor de Dios.

Una cosa muy importante. Hay un dicho que dice: “Candil de la calle y oscuridad de tu casa”. Eso es lo que hay que evitar. Necesitamos ser íntegros, es decir, ser afuera como somos adentro. La autenticidad se nota. “La fidelidad es no traicionar en la oscuridad lo que se ha dicho plena luz” Dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II en una ocasión.

Fruto de Nuestro Trabajo
Sobres ......$8,625.00
Efectivo ....... 1,882.82
Reparaciones.....541.00
Endowment Fund 416.00


Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme. No permitas que me aparte de ti. Del mal enemigo, defiéndeme. En la hora de mi muerte, llámame. Y mándame ir a ti para que con tus santos te alabe, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.
La Chandeleur or Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas period coming exactly 40 days after Christmas Eve. This solemnity commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is customary for Christians to bring their candles to church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus as the Light of the World. I believe that it is something important to remind us from time to time: Jesus is the light of the World. This will keep us from falling into what happened in Western Europe some centuries ago: the Enlightenment. A group of thinkers gathered at that time and said: There are no moral laws written in the universe for us to follow. Enough of religious dogma, let’s dare to think for ourselves, it’s the age of reason, it has to be our only tool to arrive at knowledge. According to this reason based thinking, the more enlightened a person you become, the more you use reason to ground your belief in things, and the less you believe in a cosmic way that human beings must behave. With science we have to try to understand nature so that we can control it and use it to our personal benefit. But, this is the thing, human beings are also a part of nature. So it’s also easy to use reason to try to understand a person better so that we can control him as if he was a natural object. That being said, when this control of nature is applied to the control of a human being, that can easily devolve into any evil system like fascism, Nazism and others. And, you know, this is the explanation for how it was possible for the world to be technologically and culturally more advanced than ever in history only to devolve in the more inhumane crisis of human history, in World War II. All of that tells us that “reason” is great, but it has it’s limitations and tendencies. There’s no problem in using “reason” to best organize our society economically, but we have to be self-aware of these limitations and tendencies. The world should not follow the example of these arrogances of some people to put aside God in their quest for meanings, but unfortunately we don’t always learn from our past. Some people still think they can build a world without God, while, in reality, what they are doing is building it against the human species. Darkness seems to blanket our cultures.

Nevertheless, we don’t lose hope because today’s gospel, announces the coming of the light of the world, Jesus. It is an invitation to us Christians to shine, to love deeply and to live joyfully no matter how dark the world around us seemingly looks. In the busyness of the Jerusalem Temple’s activities, Simeon and Anna were able to recognize in this little baby the longed-for Savior. Their attitude reminds us to slow down in order to look deeper and recognize all the opportunities that lie around us. Don’t take anything for granted. It is so easy to live daily with other people for years and never notice the acts of care and kindness they provide! Discover and appreciate what you have around. You don’t have to behave the same way like everybody mainly when it comes to contradict a world indifferent to God. It’s a tough decision based on faith because God never manifests Himself the way we expected. Imagine yourself a Jew in the Temple that day, would you be able to see something special in this baby of a poor peasant couple from Nazareth? ...This way of acting of God tells us that He has a special fondness for humble people. If you take yourself too seriously, it can be difficult for you to experience his presence. May God be our light and shows us the way of humility! Our Lady Queen of Peace... pray for us!  

Fr. Pierre
CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPS THE MOST VULNERABLE
- Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget – every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52001 or by going to www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

CEDAR VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME
Cedar Valley Catholic Schools is now accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame. Do you know someone that has dedicated their life to Catholic Education in the Cedar Valley? Does this individual or couple live the mission of CVCS by leaving a legacy of Faith, Discipline, Knowledge, and Service? Honor their dedication by nominating them for the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Hall of Fame. Nominations can be submitted by visiting cvcatholic.org/halloffame and must be submitted by March 6, 2020. Contact Sarah Smith at ssmith@cvcatholic or 319-232-1422 with questions.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL
ADORERS ARE NEEDED...
"The time spent for the Glory of God is never poorly spent." (St. Padre Pio) We will not know in this life the incredible ramifications of time spent in the adoration of God at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Available 24/7. Specific needs at this time are Mondays at 2 am, Tuesdays at 3 pm and Saturdays at 4 am & 5 am. If interested email cvadoration@gmail.com or call William Brandle at (319)939-9000.

Adult Formation
DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE LOSING YOUR FAITH?
Like physical and emotional growth, faith grows and changes over time. Adults and young adults often feel like they are "losing their faith" when in fact they may be growing into a new phase or stage of faith. You can learn more about stages of faith by contacting Dave Cushing at dbqwcmaf@dbqarch.org or visiting our website at: waterloocatholics.org/faith-losing-my-faith or: waterloocatholics.org/stages-in-faith-development

LET'S MAKE PLANS FOR LENT—Lent is traditionally a time when Catholics focus on growing in our faith, our relationship to Jesus Christ, or our participation in the church. Here's an opportunity to talk about what you’re planning for Lent and to learn more about faith formation, enrichment and spiritual growth opportunities sponsored by the Catholic Parishes in Waterloo. Join us for refreshments and conversation on Monday, February 17, 6:00-7:00pm at COR, 220 E. 4th Street in downtown Waterloo. If you’re interested, but unable to join us, contact the Faith Formation Center at 319-233-0498.

SPIRITUAL SEEKERS DISCUSSION –
Wednesday, February 19. 7:00pm. COR at 220 E. 4th St. The Catholic Parishes in Waterloo host this discussion for active and inactive Catholics who feel disconnected from the church, who feel "spiritual" but not "religious," or are searching for a deeper sense of faith in their lives. This is an opportunity to discuss your past, present or future relationship to the Catholic Church in a safe, nonjudgmental environment.
- For information, contact Dave Cushing at 319-234-9912 (email: dbqwcmaf@dbqarch.org)
- Learn more online at waterloocatholics.org/faith-losing-my-faith

CANTERBURY FORUM – Sunday, February 23. 7:00pm. Will Hall, St. Luke Episcopal Church, Cedar Falls. Dr. Francis Degnin of UNI's Department of Philosophy and World Religions, will discuss the nature of spirituality and why spirituality is fundamental to all of our lives. Canterbury Forum is a venue for the discussion of social religious issues in the mainline faith traditions. Free and open to the public. Information online at canterburyforum.net.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS – Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering enrichment weekends for married couples for over 40 years. These weekends are designed for couples who desire a richer, fuller married life. During the weekend couples learn to communicate in a deeper and more enriching way, free from the distractions and interruptions of daily life. Weekends are held at retreat centers or hotels. Advance registration is recommended. Weekends are currently scheduled for March 6-8, 2020 in Black River Falls, WI.; May 29-31, 2020 in Dubuque, IA; and September 25-27, 2020 in Cedar Falls, IA. Information and registration is available online at www.iowa-wwme.org.

CATHOLIC WITNESS HOUR – Monday, February 24. 6:30-7:30pm. Church Hall, St. Edward Parish. Cedar Valley Catholic Evangelization Outreach hosts this opportunity for Catholic adults and young adults who want to be inspired in their practice of the Catholic faith. Enjoy a free supper before, during or after the witness talk. Open to the public. No pre-registration. Invite a family member, friend or colleague who might appreciate this opportunity. Information at 319-233-0498 and online at https://waterloocatholics.org/catholic-witness-hour

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More information about opportunities for adults is available online at: waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board.
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