**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Today’s readings illustrate how God chooses his ministers. He reserves a special place for those who acknowledge their unworthiness. Knowing their call is a pure gift from the Lord, God’s servants then remain humble. May this celebration enkindle in us the desire to respond to God’s call to service.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

OVERVIEW

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God

and bow low before the God who made us,

for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord 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

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth’s kings shall thank you

when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord’s ways;

‘How great is the glory of the Lord!’ (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,

your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

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.

or

Shorter form

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

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

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

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.

or

Mt 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall have their fill.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — **Let us pray to the Father to guide us as we bear witness to our Christian calling despite our unworthiness. With humility and trust, we pray**

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and deacons may always be inspired to share their faith with unchurched persons through faithful witnessing and acts of charity,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the Holy Spirit may touch the hearts of political and civil leaders so that they may carry on faithfully Christ’s mission of mercy to all kinds of people,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That there may be more men and women who will accept the Lord’s calling despite their inadequacies and human weakness,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That when making choices involving another’s life or death, we may always be aware that we will be held accountable for our choices

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

 **Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

 **May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Loving Father, you have chosen us in Christ to be your faithful people despite our sinfulness. May our prayers bring us closer to you who lives and reigns now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.