

Light to the Nations
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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At Home with Faith

Through Baptism and Confirmation, God provides each of us special gifts or charisms for the good of the Church and the world. Let's explore these gifts together and discover how we can use them for good



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

In this Sunday's First Reading, God tells us through Isaiah, "It is too little for you to be my servant . . . I will make you a light to the nations." (Isaiah 49:5-6) God calls us as people of faith to be a light to all the peoples of the world.

In *Lumen Gentium* (Light to the Nations) the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, we learn about how every baptized person is called, like Isaiah, to be a light to all the people around us. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we received charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church and the world.

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

It is too little for you to be my servant, I will make you a light to the nations.

Psalm 40

I waited for the Lord and he put a new song in my mouth.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

You have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy.

John 1:29-34

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

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Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

From Deacon Eric Paige:

Take a moment to share with your child something you observe about a gift that God has granted them as part of their personality. Let them know that you think God granted them that gift for the good of the Church and/or the world.

For example, my daughter Olivia is uniquely perceptive. Because of her perceptiveness, she has a unique ability to brighten someone's day by offering a kind word or small gesture to other people in a way that really touches them. I'll tell her this and suggest that this may be a gift God granted her, through which he intends to offer a light to other people.

Do the same for your child so they too can be a light for the nations.

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Learn more about how God calls and equips us to become a light to the nations:

Read these articles to learn more about charisms:

What Is a Charism? Understanding Our Holy Traditions (Busted Halo)

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/what-is-a-charism-understanding-our-holy-traditions>

Charisms FAQ (Catherine of Siena Institute)

<https://siena.org/charisms-faq>

Watch this 10-minute video by Bishop Robert Barron where he comments on the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Barron on the Sacrament of Confirmation

<https://youtu.be/f-UuMAU7qT0>

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