

Light to the Nations  
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# At Home with Faith

**The Magi show us how a close and careful study of the beauty of creation will lead us to our Creator.** Take a moment to share your own love for the beauty and order of God's creation.



## 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](http://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 Holy Spirit 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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<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>