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Gentle Light and Salt

Jean Allen

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Last week I wrote about the beatitude of gentleness. This week, the Gospel speaks about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. I state my case: gentleness is salt and light.

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Not hiding our light under a bushel is mostly thought of as being willing to stand up and say, "Yes, I follow Jesus." That may be part of it but every time we give in to bad temper or aggressively and angrily insist on our own way or become verbally abusive in our quest for justice, we most effectively shove our light under a barrel and our saltiness is rendered totally flat. How can the world (or our fellow Christians and families) recognize the light of Christ when we are acting so entitled in the same way everyone else in the world acts?

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Imagine that the bushel barrel that Christ speaks of is the container that holds all the reactions to life and other people that the rest of the world habitually engages in. When we allow anger, aggression, resentment, retaliation, outbursts of bad temper and non-forgiveness etc. to take over our emotions, it's as if we dump this bushel barrel of garbage all over ourselves, crawl under the barrel and refuse to budge. The light is not only hidden but it's eventually snuffed out from lack of Kingdom air. Getting it rekindled is extremely difficult because living under that barrel is addictive. We want to be there. Then our saltiness has truly lost its flavor and is only fit for trampling on. It's completely void of usefulness.

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The gentle person does not react. The gentle one responds. The gentle one does not hold grudges and does not subject others to the abuse of anger but, rather, forgives and has compassion. The gentle Christian lives out the love chapter of 1 Corinthians 13. The gentle one's light softly glows for all to see and the light is inviting and warm. The salt of the gentle soul is a subtle and welcome flavor enhancer.

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Is being salt and light easy? Nope.

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It's just critical.



The Week of February 6 to February 12 in our Community

Monday February 6 St. Paul Miki And Companions, Martyrs - Memorial

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday February 7

6:00pm Mass

6:00pm Catechism Classes

Wednesday February 8

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass

Thursday February 9

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

7:30pm RCIA Journey Of Faith - Community Room

Friday February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin - Memorial

6:30am Mass + Mui Fong Kok - Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday February 11

World Day of the Sick

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving"

Choir - Sean and Jen

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday February 12 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass - Choir - Christian Rocks

6:00pm Mass- Choir - Angela Faber

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30 am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Easter Schedule coming soon

WATCH US ON YOUTUBE
5:00 PM every Saturday




Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent

at 7:00pm

Led by various Ministries

Feb 24 - Children's Religious Education - All children welcome

March 3 - CWL

March 10 - Proclaimers

Mar 17 - Development & Peace

March 24 - Youth Group

March 31 - St. Vincent de Paul

Mass With the Bishop

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Please Note:

Any changes will be posted at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/daily-masslivestreamed>

NO GREATER LOVE - A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Beginning Tuesday, **February 21st**, **Sacred Heart** will offer a six-week program entitled: "*No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion.*"

Participants may attend the course in-person in the **Sacred Heart** Parish Hall, **every Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm**, or through Zoom. The link will be provided upon registration and payment.

The Course includes fellowship, discussion, and an engaging video presentation by Dr. Edward Sri.

Participants will need to purchase a workbook for \$20.

The Workbook can be picked up from **Sacred Heart** Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday during office hours, or on the first night of the course.

Cash or cheque is accepted. Please note: cheques are to be made payable to "**Sacred Heart Parish**".

For more information, or to register, please email Catherine Minvielle, our Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, at cmaminvielle@gmail.com.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the **first Sunday** of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

Baptism Preparation will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers -also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at: 250-889-3761.



**The parish office regular hours of operation are:
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am to 3:30pm
(with the exception of stat holidays)**

Updated Music Ministry Covid-19 Prevention Plan from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and Bishop Gary Gordon, containing guidelines and best practices for parishes in the Diocese of Victoria during COVID-19 and the annual flu season. This information is posted online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0>

**Letter from Bishop Gary: Update COVID-19 dated October 6, 2022 can be found online at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0>**

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Bursaries Offered

The Catholic Women's League of Canada \$750 bursary will be awarded to a Catholic student graduating from secondary school. The student need not be related to a CWL member. Click on the links below to access the criteria and application forms:

[Freda Smith Bursary Application Form Criteria](#)

The Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is privileged to offer **fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00**, each to Catholic students across the Province of BC. For terms of reference go to our website: [kofcbc.org](https://www.kofcbc.org). Requests for application addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon

2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC
V3C 5T9

Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited.
We meet after Saturday Mass in the School Gym.

For more information, please contact
Ruth Real at:

SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism

Please visit the parish website for all
the
Catechism News

If you have questions, please email:
ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

We welcome all children Ages 4 (Preschool) to Ages 9 (Gr 4) to join us for this kid-centered approach to hearing what God is saying to us through the readings. We also are asking children **from Grade 5 and 6 to join us as helpers** with the smaller children.

Is your child enjoying Children's Liturgy ("Sunday School")?

Why not consider joining us?

Ready to sign up or want to learn more?

Please email Kate at:

kpettem@me.com

Thanks for considering!

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Anti-Sex Trafficking Workshop

**"THE EYE DOES NOT SEE
WHAT THE MIND DOES NOT KNOW"** Anonymous

*Please note: Workshop Date changed to March 4th

The fastest growing crime in Canada is sex trafficking! The most important first step anyone can take towards helping combat normalizing the horrors of sex trafficking is to know the facts! Sex trafficking can happen to anyone – children, youth, and young adults. Keeping our children/youth safe from sex trafficking begins with Awareness, Education and Action.

Respect Life Ministry and St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish Council will be offering an anti-sex trafficking workshop on ***Saturday, March 4th from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm** in the Seghers' Hall at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Doors open at 10:00 am.

Please contact St. Andrew's parish office to register: standrewscathedral@gmail.com or or 250-388-5571. Please contact Annette Turgeon at tcrmi1@telus.net if you have any questions.

*Date Correction

Fr. Ken Forster OMI Visiting Priest

***February 4 - 5 2023**

The **Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI)** includes friends and family who have a unique relationship with the Oblates and their missionary works, especially with the Province of OMI Lacombe Canada. We are called to be partners with the Oblates in serving the poor through our prayers, finances and participation in missionary activities.

This past year the OBLATE KENYAN MISSION CELEBRATED it's 25TH ANNIVERSARY. **On the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, *Feb 4th and 5th**, we will welcome a Missionary Oblate who was one of the founding Oblate Missionaries serving in Kenya, **Fr. Ken Forster OMI, to be with us to replace Fr. Alfie, who will be at the Cathedral.**

After the morning 10:00am Mass, those who want to know more about the Oblate Kenyan Mission are invited to the hall for a coffee and presentation by Fr. Ken. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a time together, watch a YouTube, listen, ask questions and celebrate twenty-five years of great partnership with the poor.

There will be no special collection for the mission, but we do invite you to consider membership in MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate).

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Only a few spots left!

**Called and Gifted Live Workshop
with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge:**

Location: Holy Cross Parish: 9am to 3:30pm.

Please register at:

office@holycrossvictoria.org

Click on links below to find out more:

[Charisms Brochure](#)

[Called & Gifted Brochure](#)

COFFEE/HOSPITALITY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION

We've been out of action since March 2019 and we are looking for a replacement for **Barbara Strong, who we thank for all her years of service and dedication** to this ministry. **Sunday coffee after 10:00 am Mass** is a time to get to know other parishioners on a more personal level. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Alfie at the office, 250-479-7413.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

It's that time once again to collect palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Please bring in your old palms and leave them in the basket in the church foyer.

Deadline: Sunday, 19th February 2023.

VOLUNTEER WITH A PARISH MINISTRY



We are in a new season as we move forward.

This is an invitation

for you to share your talent and time by joining one of our parish ministries.

Serving is a WIN for everyone involved.

Are You called to be a Proclaimer— Especially, for SJTW Sunday 6pm Mass?

As a proclaimer of the Word of God during Mass, you are entrusted with some of the most wonderful stories to come down through the ages. This ministry is important because it brings alive the scriptures in the hearts of the faithful. Do you have the ability to stand in front of people and be comfortable? Do you have public reading and enunciation skills? Are you at least 18 years of age? If you feel called to this sacred ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Training is provided.

From the Diocese



World Day Of The Sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an annual observation started by Pope John Paul II in 1993. The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. Pope Francis' message for this 31st World Day of the Sick is entitled *"Take care of him' – Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing"*. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites "all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." To read Pope Francis' message, please visit:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

An Invitation to Experience Franciscan Life

Young men aged 18-40 who are in a period of discerning their vocation are invited to come and experience Franciscan life at **St. Francis Friary in Edmonton, AB from February 23-26**. The experience will include Masses, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, personal prayer time, walks in the river valley, visits to Newman Theological College, inner city experiences, and interaction with the Franciscans. There is no cost for this experience and all meals are included. For more information or to register, please email Fr. Dan Gurnick OFM at friardan47@gmail.com.

Faith-Based Measures for Catholic Investors

The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences has recently released "Mensuram Bonam: Faith-Based Measures for Catholic Investors: A Starting Point and Call to Action." This document is intended to assist Catholic individuals and institutions in the management of financial assets or investing through measures consistent with the Catholic faith and Catholic social teachings. To read the document, please visit https://www.pass.va/en/publications/other-publications/mensuram_bonam_eng.html.

Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has also released Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief. This guide reflects on how we treat the bodies of the deceased and how we live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one. It deals with death and the various forms of bodily disposition, as well as the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process. A copy of the guide is available on our website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/funerals-and-burials>.

Study Guide about Human Trafficking now available

All are invited to the online launch of "Working Towards Freedom", a new study guide about human trafficking. The guide was developed jointly by the Diocese of Victoria, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and is based on the CCCB's recent Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Canada. Through prayer and education, the guide leads participants to become more aware of the human trafficking that is occurring in our midst, and helps them learn how to bring to light situations where people may be in danger. The webinar will provide an overview of each section of the guide and recommendations on how to use it. The webinar is free, but advance registration is required at:

<https://form.jotform.com/222704961965262>

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Deacon

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Eucharistic Ministry Contact

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

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Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

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Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

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Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

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Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

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Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

looking for a coordinator

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Mark 12: 41-44

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Please reach out to President Stephanie Peters!

stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853



The Knights of Columbus council 13356 would like to express our appreciation for all the ways you have rallied behind the Knights in their mission of Unity, Charity and Fraternalism. May the blessings of the New Year, the peace and joy remain with you always, each day in the year.

Michael O'Rielly,
Grand Knight, Council 13356

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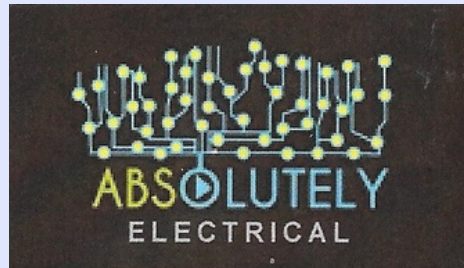
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Community Services

A Message from your Catholic Students' Association

Ski Day at Mt. Washington on **February 11th** is sold out. However, there are a few seats remaining, please contact lfoch@rcdvictoria.org to reserve a spot. Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/484484755947>

The Kairos Blanket Exercise is coming to Multifaith on **March 11th** from 11am-2pm. This exercise is a teaching tool to share historic and contemporary relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, while building awareness and an increased understanding of our shared history. If interested, please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/501407973747>

There will be many more opportunities available for students who are looking for a community of faith and fun-filled young adults. Mass and meals, ladies' and men's evenings, a March retreat on Salt Spring Island, Movie and Games Nights, an opportunity to serve the homeless and much more. For any information, please contact Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org.

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The Bible In A Year



A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints, from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



You are invited to join us in listening to "The Catechism in a Year" podcast, starting January 1st! This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension (ascensionpress.com)

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The Zoom link will be emailed
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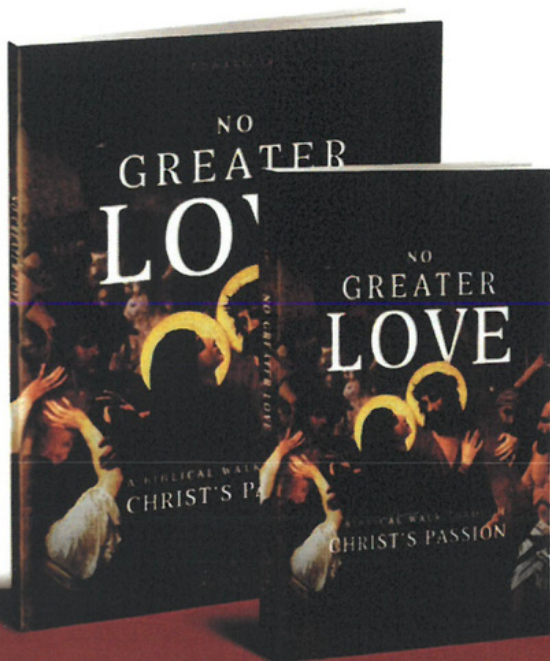
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cmaminvielle@gmail.com

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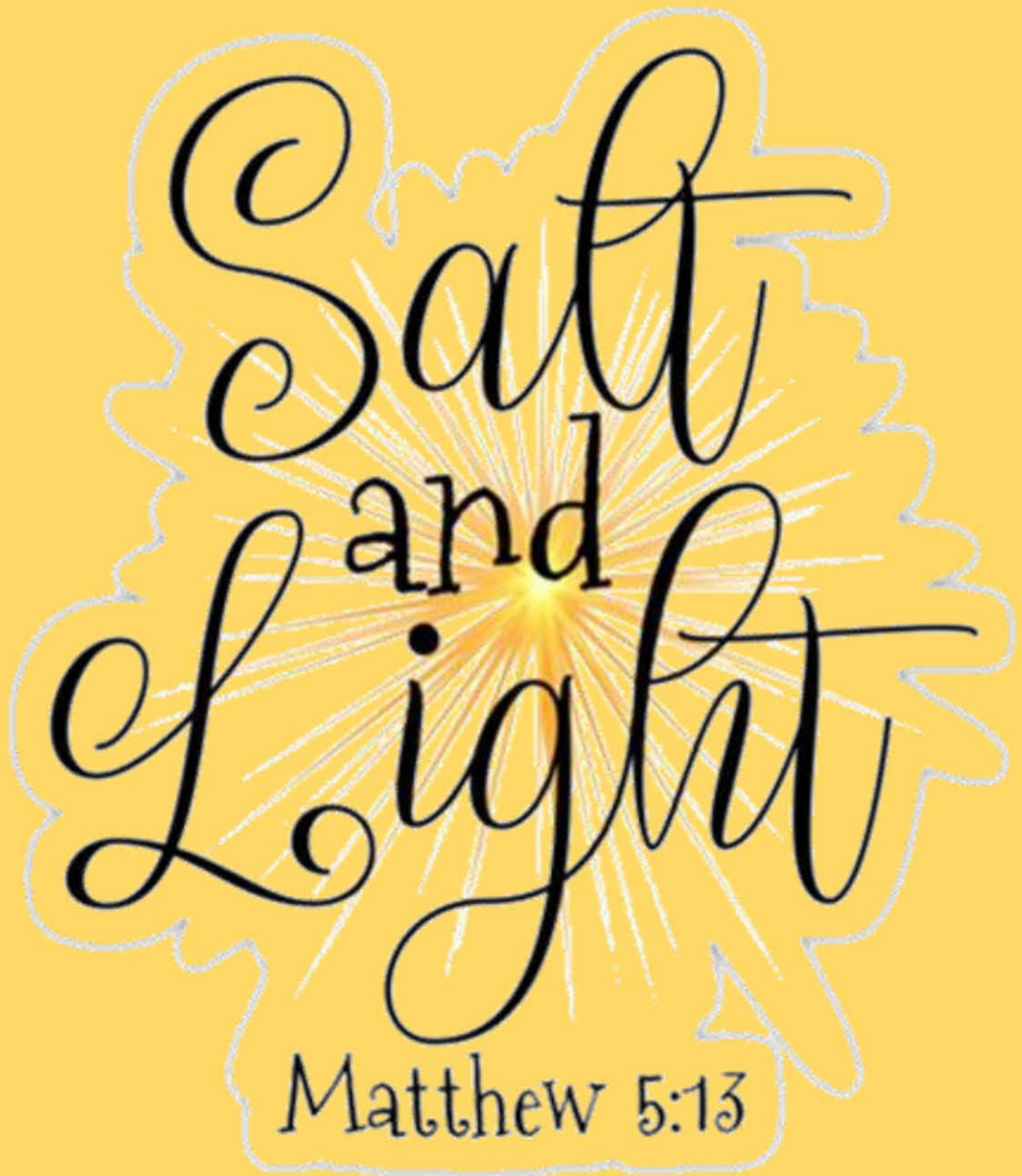


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Registrations open December 1st