



"You are the light of the world!  
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But if that light is under a bushel,  
It's lost something kind of crucial  
You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world."  
— Godspell

Dear Friends -

These words, adapted from Matthew 5:14, remind us in a fun way that, although our light may be shining, "something kind of crucial" is lost if we don't bring the light we have out into the world. This past year, I have seen that light demonstrated joyfully both within the parish and in the world. We feed people, we launder people's clothes, we supply school children with their needs and we offer radical holy hospitality to several secular and religious groups. We make a difference in this little corner of God's Kingdom.

St. David's generosity is what makes us able to make that difference. When we bring our light out into the world, we express our gratitude, confidence and willingness to take risks as Jesus' hands and feet in the world. In making our light visible, we keep our salt flavorful, as Jesus puts it in these words from The Message:

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this!"

Indeed, our work, our prayers and our giving are all about making God's flavors, God's presence, and God's love visible to the world. As you consider how you will support this valuable ministry of ours, please reflect on the gifts you've received and how God is calling you to "flavor" the world with your time, talents and treasure. Please join me in giving abundantly next year as you always have, so that we can continue to bring light into the world around us.

Faithfully,

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